

# COVID-19 UPDATE

## Keeping You Safe



To: All Staff, Professional Staff, Learners and Volunteers

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RE: **Update: Testing and Isolation for COVID-19 In-Patients**

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To ensure alignment with current guidelines from Thunder Bay District Health Unit (TBDHU), the Ontario Government and our Hospital's (TBRHSC) internal response level (green), **the guidelines for "COVID-19: When to test and when to isolate" have been updated.**

Currently, patients admitted to TBRHSC who have travelled within the past 14 days outside of Northwestern Ontario but within Canada are tested for COVID-19 and isolated under a minimum of Droplet/Contact precautions for 14 days. Also, patients admitted to TBRHSC who have travelled within the past 14 days outside of Canada are tested for COVID-19 and isolated under a minimum of Droplet/Contact precautions for 14 days.

**Effective August 4, 2021, the guidelines have been updated to the following:**

- Patients admitted to TBRHSC who have travelled within the past 14 days outside of Northwestern Ontario but within Canada, and are asymptomatic, will no longer be required to isolate.
- Patients admitted to TBRHSC who have travelled within the past 14 days outside of Canada, are tested for COVID-19 and will require isolation under a minimum of Droplet/Contact precautions for 14 days. If the patient is fully vaccinated and can provide proof of completed vaccination, Infection Prevention and Control (IPAC), will assess to determine the removal of isolation status removing isolation.

Please review the attached Guidance Document for more information.

All Hospital COVID-19 updates and resources are also available on the iNtranet at <https://comms.tbrhsc.net/covid-19-information/>.