

COVID-19 UPDATE

Keeping You Safe



To: All Staff, Professional Staff, Volunteers and Learners

From: Dr. Peter Voros, Executive VP, Patient Care Programs, Regional VP, Cancer Services, North West Regional Cancer Program

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RE: **Travel Guidelines for Vaccinated and Unvaccinated Staff**

While vaccination rates in our community and among our Hospital staff are high, COVID-19 remains a public health concern, locally, in other areas of the country and around the world. Those who choose to travel are strongly encouraged to follow all public health measures to keep themselves and others safe.

Vaccinated and unvaccinated Hospital staff and Professional staff are asked to adhere to the following travel and return to work guidelines:

Travel Within Canada

Fully Vaccinated and Unvaccinated Staff: Travel within Canada is permitted without restrictions. Those who are unvaccinated must continue to follow the required antigen testing prior to working upon return.

International Travel (in alignment with Federal guidelines)

Fully Vaccinated Staff: A travel form must be submitted to your Manager and Occupational Health and Safety (OHS) prior to travel. Request for time off must be sufficient to cover the ArriveCAN clearance process. Remote work will not be offered as an alternative to any required isolation resulting from travel. Vaccinated staff must ensure that their time off request covers at least five days from their date of return to Canada before their next scheduled shift in order to ensure sufficient time for the ArriveCAN process to clear them. If this process takes less than five days, staff may be able to return to work if shifts are available.

Unvaccinated Staff: Federal restrictions will not allow unvaccinated individuals to travel by air. If unvaccinated staff do travel outside of Canada, they must follow all ArriveCan guidelines upon return, which at present will require 14 days of isolation. As such, travel requests must include this 14-day isolation period.

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

Link to Travel Form: <https://comms.tbrhsc.net/wp-content/uploads/2021/10/Travel-Form-October-2021-1.pdf>