

Memo from Chief of Staff and President/CEO to ALL Staff

Date: **UPDATED March 18, 2020**

There have been a number of questions in recent days about travel given the spread of COVID-19 and also changing Provincial direction on this issue.

As we previously stated our goal is to minimize potential risk to our patients and fellow staff members and to operate with an abundance of caution. It is difficult to be crystal-clear when there is so much changing. However, it is important for you to know what our position is at this time.

Non-essential travel outside of Canada has been prohibited by the Government of Canada.

Travel Outside of Canada

ALL staff (employees and professional staff) who travel outside of Canada at any point MUST **self-isolate** on their return for at least 14 days **from their return date** to Canada. This **does not** apply to “day trips” or staff living in Michigan and travelling to work at WRH.

Those staff at work currently who now must self-isolate – please talk to your supervisor before you leave the hospital to ensure proper handover happens.

The following is a link to a document showing what “self-isolate” means
<https://www.publichealthontario.ca/-/media/documents/ncov/factsheet-covid-19-how-to-self-isolate.pdf>

The following is a list of Employee Health Nurses numbers to call:

- Monday to Friday 8 am to 4 pm: 519-254-5577 Extension 52588 or 32525
- After hours: (519) 995-1854 or (519) 995-0324

