



COVID 19 TRAVEL RESTRICTIONS – TBDHU recommendations Nov 25, 2020

The health and safety of our childcare centre is very important to us, and is essential to the continuum of childcare services allowing parents to work & go to school.

Due to the increase in COVID-19 cases in our region, Footsteps Family Centre is advising all staff & families that effective immediately, **anyone who travels outside of Northwestern Ontario will be unable to access the Centre for at least 14 days following their return.** Please see the map that has been provided on the TBDHU website which they identify as Northwestern Ontario. Posted on their website www.thdhu.com/travel

TBDHU recommends cancelling or postponing any current plans for non-essential travel and consider other options, including connecting or participating virtually.

If staff or families attending Footsteps must travel for urgent or essential reasons, TBDHU recommends staying home for 14 days after returning to self-isolate, no interaction with others including not having visitors into your home. Travel should also be considered to include having guests in your home from outside Northwestern Ontario.

Urgent or essential reasons for travel include: accessing needed medical service outside the region, urgent family issues, and essential workers requirement to travel for work. If you believe you or your child may have to travel for extenuating circumstances, you are encouraged to reach out to the centre's Director to make arrangements for a safe return.

Footsteps Family Centre advises families choosing to travel *against* the travel advisory will continue to be responsible for childcare fees during the 14-day isolation period prior to returning to the centre.

Our decision to implement the travel advisories are based on current medical advice. Our messaging will remain consistent with recommendations and advisories from the Thunder Bay District Health Unit as updated.

Footsteps Family Centre – December 1, 2020