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**Topic: Foster Parent Travel UPDATE**

The health of our children in care and our foster parents remains important as we continue to respond to COVID-19. New guidelines for travel have been released by Manitoba's public health officials, so we are providing an update.

As of June 21, Manitoba foster parents are now permitted to travel to designated western Canadian jurisdictions (British Columbia, Alberta, Saskatchewan, and the Yukon, Northwest and Nunavut territories) or northwestern Ontario (defined as west of Terrace Bay). Travelers no longer have to self-isolate after returning to Manitoba if they have no symptoms and no known exposure to COVID-19.

Some First Nation communities remain closed and local community restrictions should be followed.

Travel by children in care must be discussed and approved (as necessary) by the guardian CFS agency.

Foster parents must continue to follow public health orders and ensure precautions are in place for safe travel such as:

- taking supplies to avoid additional stops and shopping,
- practicing social distancing,
- limiting contact with outside persons, and
- practicing good hand hygiene.

Travel to areas outside of these designated jurisdictions remains prohibited.

The most up-to-date information on COVID-19 can be found at [www.manitoba.ca/covid19](http://www.manitoba.ca/covid19).

If you have any other questions, please contact your organization or agency and seek guidance.

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