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**Date:** Thursday, February 11, 2021

**Topic:** **Interprovincial Travel Restrictions – Further Clarification**

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The Division has reviewed the latest Manitoba Provincial Health Orders and has followed up with the Medical Office of Health for PMHA as well as a provincial health inspector for further clarification regarding the travel restrictions.

The restriction on out-of-province travel includes an exemption for shopping for essentials. The intent of this exemption is for the purchase of essentials that are not readily available in or near the home community and within Manitoba. For example, while groceries are defined as essential items, shopping in Saskatchewan for groceries would not be considered essential if you can do the same shopping at home or nearby within the province.

The provincial health order Section 2(1)(i)(iii) also states that anyone one traveling out of province for an essential purpose must “limit their use of local services to the minimum required given the circumstances of their visit”. For example, if you are travelling to Saskatchewan for an essential medical appointment you should not include grocery shopping or a dine-in restaurant visit with your trip.

Any school-aged child or staff member who travels outside of Manitoba for non-essential purposes must self-isolate for 14 days following their return. Any families who have children self-isolating are asked to contact the school principal to make arrangements to receive any materials. If a household member has travelled to a restricted area, any children who remained in Manitoba may still attend school if they are asymptomatic.

The official provincial health order regarding travel may be found at:

[https://www.gov.mb.ca/asset\\_library/en/proactive/2020\\_2021/orders-soe-selfisolation-01282021.pdf](https://www.gov.mb.ca/asset_library/en/proactive/2020_2021/orders-soe-selfisolation-01282021.pdf)

The Division advises families to comply with these health directives as it is our continued goal to keep staff and students safe. Thank you for your understanding.

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