



Renfrew County and District Health Unit

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Dear employer,

As the number of cases of the novel coronavirus (COVID-19) continues to rise around the world, more guidance has been issued by the federal and provincial governments for returning travelers. As a result, we all need to take additional measures to ensure the safety of our community.

We appreciate your cooperation in excusing your employees from work or accommodating alternative work arrangements (if an employee is well enough, and able to work from home) under the following circumstances:

1. Any employee who has travelled outside of Canada, including the United States of America, are being asked to [self-isolate](#) at home for 14 days upon their return;
2. Any employee who has tested positive for COVID-19;
3. Any employee who is suspected to have COVID-19;
4. Any employee who has respiratory symptoms (fever, cough, or shortness of breath) that started within 14 days of travel outside of Canada.
5. Any employee who has respiratory symptoms (fever, cough, runny nose, sore throat, or shortness of breath) regardless of travel should self-isolate for 14 day or until further notice.

As we know, health care workers (HCW) are not only essential to combatting the COVID-19 pandemic BUT EQUALLY they are the most-risky vectors for disease spread. As a reminder:

We would like to remind employers that all residents are being asked to self-monitor for symptoms. If they experience symptoms, they are being asked to self-isolate at home for 14 days.

Please treat this letter as a sick note based on the criteria listed above and continue to check our webpage for more information and guidance: www.rcdhu.com.

We appreciate your hard work and thank you for your understanding in these challenging times.

Thank you,
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