

## Guideline: Travelling HD Patients & Visitors to HD Units During COVID-19 Pandemic (BC, Phases 2 & 3)

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### 1.0 Travelling HD Patients

#### Scenario 1: BC HD Patients Wishing to Travel within or outside BC

	BC Phase 2 <sup>1</sup>		BC Phase 3 <sup>1</sup>		
	Travel within BC	Travel outside BC (within or outside Canada)	Travel within BC	Travel within Canada (outside BC)	Travel outside Canada
<b>Approve to travel?</b>	Essential travel only*  Essential travel discouraged if: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• There is an active outbreak (≥1 COVID-19 patient) in the sending or receiving HD unit; OR</li> <li>• Patient has been in contact with a COVID-19+ person in the past 14 days; OR</li> <li>• Patient is from or travelling to a high incidence COVID-19+ area (discuss with HA IPAC)</li> </ul>	Essential travel only*  Essential travel discouraged if any of the conditions listed under “phase 2, travel within BC” are present  NOTE: Known COVID-19+ patients will not be approved to travel until cleared/ deisolated unless transfer to another facility is medically required	Yes (Essential & Recreational travel)  Travel discouraged if any of the conditions listed under “phase 2, travel within BC” are present.	Yes (Essential & Recreational travel)  Travel discouraged if any of the conditions listed under “phase 2, travel within BC” are present.	Essential travel only*.  Essential travel discouraged if any of the conditions listed under “phase 2, travel within BC” are present

<sup>1</sup> [www2.gov.bc.ca/gov/content/safety/emergency-preparedness-response-recovery/covid-19-provincial-support/bc-restart-plan](http://www2.gov.bc.ca/gov/content/safety/emergency-preparedness-response-recovery/covid-19-provincial-support/bc-restart-plan)

\*Travel for medically necessary appointments and for compassionate reasons (e.g., very sick or dying relative)

\*\*Yes if symptoms present

		BC Phase 2		BC Phase 3		
		Travel within BC	Travel outside BC (within or outside Canada)	Travel within BC	Travel within Canada (outside BC)	Travel outside Canada
<b>Approve to travel? cont'd</b>		NOTE: Known COVID-19+ patients will not be approved to travel until cleared/ deisolated unless transfer to another facility is medically required		NOTE: Known COVID-19+ patients will not be approved to travel until cleared/ deisolated unless transfer to another facility is medically required	NOTE: Known COVID-19+ patients will not be approved to travel until cleared/ deisolated unless transfer to another facility is medically required	NOTE: Known COVID-19+ patients will not be approved to travel until cleared/ deisolated unless transfer to another facility is medically required
<b>Prior to travel</b>	<b>COVID-19 test?</b>	No**	Receiving site to advise	No**	Receiving site to advise	Receiving site to advise
<b>Upon return to home unit</b>	<b>COVID-19 test?</b>	No**	No**	No**	No**	No**
	<b>Screening?</b>	As per established guidelines	As per established guidelines	As per established guidelines	As per established guidelines	As per established guidelines
	<b>Precautions?</b>	Routine precautions unless additional risk factors are present.  If additional risk factors present, droplet/contact precautions X 14 days: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Patient known to be COVID-19+; OR</li> <li>• Outbreak (&gt;1 COVID-19+ patient) present on the sending HD unit; OR</li> <li>• Patient has been in contact with COVID-19+ person in the past 14 days; OR</li> <li>• Patient is returning from a high incidence COVID-19+ area (discuss with HA IPAC)</li> </ul>	Droplet/contact precautions X 14 days	Routine precautions unless additional risk factors are present.  If additional risk factors present (see “phase 2, travel within BC”), droplet/contact precautions x 14 days.	Droplet/contact precautions x 14 days	Droplet/contact precautions X 14 days  HD must be part of approved quarantine plan (discuss with public health in advance)

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\*\*Yes if symptoms present

## Scenario 2: Patients from Outside BC Wishing to Travel to BC

		BC Phase 2		BC Phase 3	
		Pts from Within Canada (not BC)	Pts from Outside Canada	Pts from Within Canada (not BC)	Pts from Outside Canada
<b>Accept these patients?</b>		Essential travel only*  Essential travel discouraged if: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• There is an active outbreak (<math>\geq 1</math> COVID-19 patient) in the sending or receiving HD unit; OR</li> <li>• Patient has been in contact with a COVID-19+ person in the past 14 days; OR</li> <li>• Patient is from a high incidence COVID-19+ area (discuss with HA IPAC)</li> </ul> NOTE: Known COVID-19+ patients will not be accepted in BC units until cleared/deisolated	Essential travel only*  Essential travel discouraged if any of the conditions listed under “phase 2, patients from within Canada (not BC)” are present  HD must be part of approved quarantine plan (discuss with public health in advance)  NOTE: Known COVID-19+ patients will not be accepted in BC units until cleared/deisolated	Yes (Essential & Recreational travel)  Travel discouraged if any of the conditions listed under “phase 2, patients from within Canada (not BC)” are present  NOTE: Known COVID-19+ patients will not be accepted in BC units until cleared/deisolated	Essential travel only*  Essential travel discouraged if any of the conditions listed under “phase 2, patients from within Canada (not BC)” are present  HD must be part of approved quarantine plan (discuss with public health in advance)  NOTE: Known COVID-19+ patients will not be accepted in BC units until cleared/deisolated
<b>Prior to travel</b>	<b>COVID-19 test?</b>	No**	Yes, COVID-19 neg test result required within 72 hrs of travel. If test result is COVID-19+, travel must be cancelled. If COVID-19 testing not available, seek advice from HA ICP	No**	Yes, COVID-19 neg test result required within 72 hrs of travel. If test result is COVID-19+, travel must be cancelled. If COVID-19 testing not available, seek advice from HA ICP
<b>Upon arrival</b>	<b>COVID-19 test?</b>	No*	No*	No*	No*
	<b>Screening?</b>	As per established guidelines	As per established guidelines	As per established guidelines	As per established guidelines
	<b>Precautions?</b>	Droplet/contact precautions X 14 days	Droplet/contact precautions X 14 days	Droplet/contact precautions X 14 days	Droplet/contact precautions x 14 days.

\*Travel for medically necessary appointments and for compassionate reasons (e.g., very sick or dying relative)

\*\*Yes if symptoms present

## 2.0 Visitors to BC HD Units

	BC Phase 2		BC Phase 3	
	Essential Visitors*	Non-Essential Visitors**	Essential Visitors*	Non-Essential Visitors**
<b>Allowed?</b>	Yes	No	Yes	No
<b>Limit #?</b>	1	N/A	1	N/A
<b>Screening on arrival to unit?</b>	Same as pts	N/A	Same as pts	N/A
<b>Precautions while on unit?</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Wash hands/use hand sanitizer upon entry to the unit &amp; when in contact with surfaces, equipment &amp; people</li> <li>Wear non-medical mask</li> <li>Keep as much distance as possible from other pts</li> <li>Remain at bedside of patient</li> </ul>	N/A	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Wash hands/use hand sanitizer upon entry to the unit &amp; when in contact with surfaces, equipment &amp; people</li> <li>Wear non-medical mask</li> <li>Keep as much distance as possible from other pts</li> <li>Remain at bedside of patient</li> </ul>	N/A

\*Refer to HA guidelines. In general, this refers to visits for compassionate reasons (e.g., very sick or dying relative) and visits essential to patient/client care (such as assistance with mobility and personal care).

\*\*Decisions to be made locally and align with HA visiting policies.

## 3.0 Sponsors

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