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**Oral Question 407-19(2): Self-Isolation Exemptions**

This letter is in follow up to the Oral Question you raised on October 27, 2020 regarding Self-Isolation Exemptions.

Unless the nurse specifically gives consent to share information with the Member, the *Public Health Act* and the *Health Information Act* does not provide for the disclosure of personal health information in this situation.

However, I would like to reiterate that the Chief Public Health Officer conducts a risk assessment to ensure that the health care provider has demonstrated their capacity to mitigate risk if their employer determines that they must work within the first 14 days of entry into the territory. If there is an operational or community need and the health care provider's application to work is approved, they must follow various requirements outlined in their permission to work letter.

These include following the social distancing protocol for Essential Service Workers, as well as the Self-Isolation Protocol, both of which can be found on the GNWT's COVID-19 Response website. Further, health care providers must self-isolate when not working, are not permitted to travel within the Northwest Territories unless required by their work, and must submit the symptom check form to ProtectNWT on the 2<sup>nd</sup>, 6<sup>th</sup>, 10<sup>th</sup> and 14<sup>th</sup> days following entry into the territory.

In addition, all Northwest Territories Health and Social Services Authority facilities have a continuous masking policy. All essential healthcare workers are required to have COVID-19 test either completed or scheduled before start of shift, and workers in small communities are also recommended to notify community leadership prior to entry.

Thank you.

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