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# Media Release



## **Discontinuation of Travel Vaccine Services August 25, 2023 - For immediate release**

As the Timiskaming Health Unit (THU) strives to meet the requirements stipulated by the Ontario Public Health Standards (OPHS) and to better align with other public health services across the province, effective September 30, 2023, THU will no longer offer travel vaccine to the district.

“We understand the impact this may have on individuals planning trips abroad or for workers requiring specific vaccines to work in other countries,” said Dr. Corneil, Acting Medical Officer of Health and CEO for the Timiskaming Health unit. “To facilitate continued access to travel vaccines, we encourage clients to discuss with their local pharmacy, health care providers or seek services from travel clinics such as the clinic in [Sudbury](#).”

Most Public Health Units in Ontario have moved away from offering travel vaccines to their communities due to various factors, including changes in funding allocations and a shift in the priorities to align the work more closely to the mandates stipulated in the OPHS.

As a reminder, immunizations can take several weeks to protect you against a disease. You should consider this when planning for travel and schedule your travel vaccine six to eight weeks before your trip to allow enough time for the vaccine or immunizing agent to take effect.

For more information on Travel Vaccines, please visit: <https://travel.gc.ca/travelling/health-safety/vaccines>

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