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Here in Newfoundland, a big part of our work force is in health care. Many of us are also involved in rotational work, travelling to other parts of Canada for weeks at a time. When you combine these two things in one household, you can have a tricky situation when it comes to pandemic guidelines.

Steve Brake lives in Corner Brook but has worked in Fort Macmurray for the last 8 years. His fiancée Erica works at the hospital in Corner Brook. When Steve would come home from out West, Erica says that her coworkers were dubious.

Erica: “It would make them kind of want to stay away from me. I’ve had coworkers say, “I don’t think she should be here.’”

Even with her coworkers being skeptical, Erica and Steve say that they were abiding by the proper guidelines.

Erica: “My manager said ‘she reports to work, business as usual, unless she shows symptoms.”

Some folks have experienced more than just workplace skepticism. Tylor Reid lives in Corner Brook and works rotations in Manitoba. His fiancée is a nurse in long-term care.

 Last month when he came home from work, he says he read the guidelines well.

Tylor: “I got home, I read the rules and highlighted them and what I was allowed to do.”

Tylor went for a ride with a friend – separate machines. Two weeks later when he was back out West, the RNC came knocking at his Corner Brook home. Someone had reported Tylor for breaking guidelines.

Police said that the complaint was mistaken, but Tylor says that people who repeatedly face accusations can start to feel unwelcome in their own province.

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