

**31st December 2021**

**GEMCO update on worker cases on Groote Eylandt  
Second case identified 30th December 2021**

**Source: GEMCO Facebook page <https://www.facebook.com/GEMCOcommunity/>**

On 30 December, two members of GEMCO's workforce were flown from Groote Eylandt to the Howard Springs Quarantine Facility in Darwin after returning positive COVID-19 tests.

Both people who returned positive COVID-19 tests are fully vaccinated and were in isolation following detection of the cases.

A small number of people, deemed to be close contacts, are in isolation on Groote Eylandt and are subject to further testing.

Our priority is to protect the health and wellbeing of Groote Eylandt's communities and our workforce.

GEMCO continues to operate under controls and protocols designed to protect the Groote Eylandt community and our workforce from COVID-19.

These controls include mandatory, pre check-in rapid antigen testing for all workers flying to Groote Eylandt and additional Northern Territory border entry testing for those travelling from interstate.

Our workforce also undertake pre-shift temperature checks, mandatory mask wearing in indoor settings, practise social distancing and good hand hygiene.

GEMCO continues to work closely with the NT Government to assess our controls and protocols.