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**NT Chief Minister Office update on worker cases on Groote Eylandt
Second case identified 30th December 2021**

Source: Liam Flanagan, Department of the Chief Minister and Cabinet, NT Government (via email)

There has been a second confirmed COVID-19 Case on Groote Eylandt.

A member of the GEMCO workforce arrived on Groote Eylandt having following all NT Border Entry and GEMCO COVID requirements. Once on Groote Eylandt, the person began experiencing symptoms and immediately went into isolation and reported their symptoms as per GEMCO's COVID plan.

The person was immediately tested by GEMCO and returned a positive COVID-19 test. This result was confirmed by NT Health, with the worker returning another positive COVID-19 PCR test.

GEMCO have worked with the NT Centre for Disease Control (CDC) to identify and isolate all contacts from both the plane and the persons limited time on site. These contacts are all now in isolation and participating in testing regimes as appropriate.

Both this impacted worker and the person from yesterday's update have now been successfully transferred to the Centre of National Resilience in Darwin for treatment.

GEMCO will continue to employ COVID controls including masks on buses, social distancing whenever possible and hand hygiene.

The best defence against COVID-19 remains vaccination. All three clinics on Groote Eylandt continue to offer vaccinations and are open during business hours. The Alyangula clinic requires you to book an appointment via phone on 89876255 and the Angurugu and Umbakumba clinics have capacity to support walk in appointments.