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**Groote Archipelago COVID-19 ADVICE 11 – 30 April 2020**

Hi All

Please see below for an update of key COVID-19 information and how it relates to Groote Eylandt. Thanks to everyone for your continued efforts in keeping Groote Eylandt safe. Please be aware that this email advice is based on the most up-to-date information but the situation is rapidly changing. Further advice will be provided as required. Continue to check <https://coronavirus.nt.gov.au/>

***Territory Situation Update***

There continues to be no known cases of COVID-19 in the Groote Archipelago, and it has been three weeks since a new case was recorded in the Northern Territory.

There are currently 28 confirmed cases of COVID-19 in the NT from 4,421 tests that all relate to interstate or international travel. 25 of the 28 cases have recovered and the other 3 are in isolation and receiving treatment. Promisingly, there are currently no cases in the NT requiring ICU treatment. Please continue to check <https://coronavirus.nt.gov.au/current-status> for up to date case, testing and recovery numbers in the NT.

***Roadmap to a new normal***

You may have seen today that the Chief Minister has announced the way forward to ease certain restrictions. Please note that 1.5m of physical distancing from people who are not from your household is still required in all situations. There will be a three stage approach, beginning tomorrow from 12pm. Please see full details here (<https://coronavirus.nt.gov.au/steps-to-restart/roadmap-new-normal>).

In addition to what is currently allowed, Stage One allows the following (I have removed some things from the website list that aren't relevant to Groote):

- Exercise outdoors with other people such as yoga and bootcamp.
- Participate in non-contact, non-collision outdoor sports such as athletics, golf, tennis, swimming, shooting, archery, badminton, geocaching, paddling and lawn bowls. (Note: You cannot use a clubhouse facility to consume food or drink).
- Meet up with people in outdoor areas, including gatherings like markets, weddings and

funerals.

- Conduct and attend outdoor religious gatherings.
- Go fishing, boating, sailing with other people.
- Attend a public swimming pool, water park or recreational lake for swimming or water sports.
- Use a skate park, outdoor public playground or outdoor gym equipment.
- Have visitors to your home (NTG is asking you to limit groups to 10).

Please be aware that individual organisations that operate services (such as GEMCO) will need to make decisions about their facilities, please follow the GEMCO Community Facebook page for their latest updates.

It is important to note that there has been no date given for the lifting of interstate border restrictions and that this will likely be the last thing lifted. Biosecurity Act Determination provisions requiring two-week self-quarantine before travelling to Groote Eylandt are still in place until 18 June 2020. The decision on whether or not to continue this will be made by the Commonwealth Government in conjunction with the ALC.

### **Travel Advice**

NTG, Commonwealth and ALC advice continues to be that travel should only be undertaken for essential or emergency purposes. Interstate travel is still subject to forced quarantine at the cost of the traveller.

Anyone leaving the Designated Biosecurity Areas (including Traditional Owners) will be required to serve a 14-day quarantine period before they will be allowed to travel the Groote Archipelago and at this stage you must apply and be approved for a Groote Archipelago & Community Access Permit or Approved Remote Essential Worker (AREW) status prior to travelling.

TOs requiring assistance to complete a 14-day quarantine period in Darwin can contact Larrakia Nation on 1800 PATROL (1800 728 765) and non-Indigenous people can contact the Remote Travel Hotline on 1800 518 189 for assistance.

### **More Information**

More information is available at [coronavirus.nt.gov.au](https://coronavirus.nt.gov.au), [www.secureNT.nt.gov.au](https://www.secureNT.nt.gov.au), [www.health.gov.au](https://www.health.gov.au) and [anindilyakwasafe.net](https://anindilyakwasafe.net)

This is a rapidly evolving situation and I thank you all for continuing to stay informed and thanks to each and every one of you for taking the necessary steps to keep the Groote Archipelago safe. As always, if you would like to discuss anything further please contact me on 0438 304 647.

Stay safe.

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