

Groote Archipelago COVID-19 ADVICE #14 – 4 June 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 importantly there are still zero active cases in the NT. All cases were related to interstate and overseas travel and the NT managed to avoid community transmission. 8,591 tests have now been conducted in the NT.

Please continue to check <https://coronavirus.nt.gov.au/current-status> for up to date NT data.

Roadmap to a New Normal

Stage 3 will begin Friday 5 June 2020 at 12pm. Please see full details here (<https://coronavirus.nt.gov.au/steps-to-restart/roadmap-new-normal>). Everyone should still maintain a 1.5m distance from people that are not from your household and continue to observe good hygiene practices such as regular handwashing and covering your nose and mouth when coughing or sneezing.

There is no longer a two hour limit for licensed venues and alcohol no longer needs to be served with a meal. We understand that the Golfie will open under these new arrangements, however the ARC will remain closed to the public and the Lodge has confirmed that they will remain delivery only at this stage.

Biosecurity Act Determination to be lifted 5 June 2020 and Removal of ALC Permit Process

The Biosecurity Act Determination Arrangements will be lifted at 12pm Friday 5 June 2020. This means that people currently in the NT will be able to move around without any quarantine requirements. Interstate arrivals will still be required to quarantine at their own cost until 15 June 2020, at which time the NT will move to self-quarantine at a hotel or residence. We are awaiting further details on the 15 June arrangements and will release an update closer to the date.

At this stage, the ALC has decided that they are not going to implement any extra permit requirements. Please note that this may change if there are changes made to the interstate border situation.

Approved Remote Essential Worker cards are no longer required however we suggest staff that have them continue to carry them.

GEMCO Update

GEMCO has decided that at this stage they will retain current separation arrangements between their FIFO and residential workforce. Further updates will be provided if this changes.

Please continue to check the GEMCO Community Facebook page for their latest updates, due to their FIFO segregation arrangements they are not re-opening some of their facilities at the same pace as the NTG roadmap stages.

Business Update

Please see attached guidance for Businesses from Developing East Arnhem Limited, including information around the Safety Plan checklist for Businesses. Please note that we have received advice that all businesses should complete this checklist, not just those re-opening on June 5 2020.

More Information

More information is available at coronavirus.nt.gov.au, www.secureNT.nt.gov.au, www.health.gov.au and 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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