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CHO Direction 3/2022 (relating to travel to exclusion zones) requires that all residents and essential workers entering Angurugu are required to have a negative Rapid Antigen Test on the day of entry due to Angurugu's current status as an Exclusion Zone. This was communicated in the public information update circulated yesterday.

In the time since that update was provided, the Chief Health Officer has reviewed the situation in Groote Eylandt based on feedback raised through the Local Emergency Committee. Whilst CHO Direction 3/2022 was intended to protect vulnerable communities from the increased risk from interstate travellers and from Territory wide movement, it was not intended to limit residents and essential workers from moving freely between small communities and service hubs within regions.

**While the CHO direction is adjusted to address this, the CHO and EOC have confirmed that residents of Angurugu can move in and out of Alyangula and other Groote communities without undertaking a RAT test, and essential workers can move to a weekly RAT testing regime.**

For this reason, the Alyangula Clinic will no longer be open from 2pm to 3pm on Saturday and Sunday this weekend to provide Rapid Antigen Test kits.

When the new/updated direction is published, this information will be shared.

Regards

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