

[from Groote Eylandt Police, 9th August 2021]

GROOTE EYLANDT community advice - COVID.

A Taxi driver in Cairns tested positive for COVID, and as a result Cairns has also been declared a Hot Spot.

ANYONE WHO'S ARRIVED ON GROOTE FROM CAIRNS SINCE 29TH JULY (Thursday two weeks ago) MUST STAY AT HOME UNTIL THEY'VE BEEN TESTED FOR COVID. For anyone who's flown from Cairns to Groote via Darwin or elsewhere (that is, not on a direct flight) - please contact Alyangula Health Clinic to give your details: 89876255.

After testing, if the result is 'negative' (no virus detected) there is no need to isolate or restrict any movements.

There is a team of health workers arriving on Groote this morning, who will contact and arrange testing for all people who've travelled from Cairns to Groote on any flights. They will be seen in our townships in the blue protection clothes and masks, attending houses to test travellers. Please reassure your friends and family that this does not mean we have COVID on Groote. This testing is precautionary only. There is NO information that anyone on Groote has been infected with COVID, or has been in contact with an infected person. There is no need for lockdowns or the closure of any facilities on Groote.

For more information please check out the link:

<https://coronavirus.nt.gov.au/travel/quarantine>

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