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### **POSITIVE CASES AND EXPOSURE SITES**

There have been 7 new confirmed positive cases for Groote Eylandt since the last update. There are also a further 4 positive Rapid Antigen Test results currently subject to confirmation with PCR testing.

This brings the total positive cases of COVID-19 confirmed in Groote to 9 with a further 4 cases likely soon to be confirmed. All cases are in isolation and there is no current evidence of any community transmission on Groote Eylandt.

There are no exposure sites identified from the positive cases. Everyone is encouraged to regularly [review exposure sites](#), which are updated regularly.

### **TERRITORY WIDE LOCKOUT**

From 1pm yesterday until midday on Monday 10 January 2022 the Northern Territory has entered a lockout.

During this lockout:

- Fully vaccinated people are able to live normally (including complying with the mask mandate) and access all services with proof of their vaccination status. They are also permitted to travel across the Northern Territory as required. (Note, for the purposes of lockout, someone is 'fully vaccinated' if they have had at least two doses of a COVID-19 vaccine; the vaccination requirement does not apply to people under the age of 16 years.)
- Unvaccinated people (16 years and over), including people who have received only their first dose of a COVID-19 vaccine, must stay at home for the lockout period, and
  - Are only permitted to leave for the following three reasons:
    1. Medical treatment, including COVID-19 testing or vaccination
    2. For essential goods and services, like groceries, medications and electricity tokens
    3. To provide care and support to a family member or person who cannot support themselves. In case of an emergency.
  - Must stay within a 30km radius of their home, or the nearest practical destination if they need to leave for any of the three reasons.
  - Are not able to undertake exercise outside of the home, or attend their workplace.
  - Unvaccinated parents are permitted to drop their children off at childcare or school holiday programs.

### **PROOF OF VACCINATION**

The CHO Directions for the current lockout also require non-essential businesses and service providers to check whether a person entering the place or premises is vaccinated.

Proof of your COVID-19 vaccination status includes:

- The Territory Check-In App with a linked COVID-19 digital certificate ([instructions to do this are available online](#))
- A COVID-19 digital certificate, stored on a phone or printed
- An immunisation history statement, either stored on a phone or printed

Further [information about proof of vaccination](#) status or ways to access your COVID-19 vaccination certificate is available online. For East Arnhem-based businesses with further queries, please contact 0472 721 321.

Anyone having difficulty getting their vaccination certificate or immunisation history statement online may call the Immunisation Register (freecall) on 1800 653 809 or visit a Services Australia service centre or agent in their community.

### **NT VACCINE PASS**

From Monday 10 January 2022 (when the current lockout is intended to end), a 'Vaccine Pass' system will come into effect. It will require all people in the Northern Territory to show proof of their vaccination status to enter high risk hospitality venues pubs, clubs, casinos, restaurants, cinemas and ticketed events for over 500 people in urban centres and over 100 in non-urban centres.

Businesses, venues, activities and services must make sure all members of the public who attend are fully vaccinated. [Information for businesses about the NT Vaccine Pass](#) is available online. For East Arnhem-based businesses with further queries, please contact 0472 721 321.

### EXCLUDED COMMUNITIES

Only residents and essential workers can enter [excluded communities](#) (also called 'exclusion zones') in the Northern Territory and are required to have a negative Rapid Antigen Test on the day of entry. In the Groote Archipelago only the community of Angurugu is currently classed as an exclusion zone.

**If residents of Angurugu, or essential workers required to travel to Angurugu, need to access Rapid Antigen Tests, they may collect them from the Alyangula Clinic during business hours. This weekend the Alyangula Clinic will be open from 2pm to 3pm on both Saturday and Sunday to ensure essential workers and returning residents can access a Rapid Antigen Test kit.**

Generally, testing sites will only be able to provide one Rapid Antigen Test per person, per day for this purpose to ensure that there are sufficient supplies for everyone.

For those travelling to excluded communities from other parts of the NT, Rapid Antigen Tests can be collected from [NT Testing and Distribution Centres](#).

### WEAR MASKS

A reminder that the Territory-wide mask mandate is in place. It is a requirement that all people across the Northern Territory wear masks whenever they are inside unless they are eating, drinking or 1.5m away from others. Everyone must wear a mask while inside any premises, vehicle or vessel where they cannot maintain a distance of 1.5 metres from other people. This includes pubs, clubs, restaurants, shopping centres, hairdressers, workplaces, public transport and taxi cabs.

Everyone is also strongly encouraged to wear a mask when they are outside if they cannot physically distance.

On the Gove Peninsula, masks can be purchased at Gove Pharmacy (Amcal) and at Gove Warehouse. Mask stations are also available in Nhulunbuy at Woolworths, the Walkabout or BP during trading hours. Yirrkala and Gunyangara community stores also have some stock of masks.

Masks are available from community stores in Galiwin'ku, Gapuwiyak, Milingimbi and Ramingining during trading hours.

For more information about on masks please visit <https://coronavirus.nt.gov.au/stay-safe/slow-spread/information-about-face-masks>

### CHECK-IN

Use the Territory Check-In app every time, everywhere. This will be a vital way of contacting you if you have been to an exposure site.

To reduce the risk of COVID-19 spreading in our communities, it is important for everyone to follow all the health directions.

- Book your [COVID-19 vaccine](#)
- Check in using The Territory Check In App every time, everywhere
- If you have symptoms, stay away from others and get tested for COVID-19
- Wash your hands with soap and water and use hand sanitiser regularly
- Wear a mask indoors and outdoors if you can't physically distance.
- Do not go to work if you feel sick
- Maintain a physical distance of 1.5 metres where possible.

### WHERE TO GET VACCINATED

The clinics in Alyangula, Umbakumba and Angurugu are open and vaccinating 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.

### GET TESTED

On Groote, [contact](#) the Alyangula, Angurugu or Umbakumba Clinics to arrange testing.

Regards,

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