

Groote Archipelago COVID-19 ADVICE #103 – 16 November 2021 - COVID-19 Update: Positive cases in the NT, lockdowns in Katherine, Robinson River and surrounds.

Dear All

The Security and Emergency Management Committee (SEMC) yesterday afternoon made the decision under the Northern Territory (NT) pandemic plan to lockdown parts of the NT following two positive cases of COVID-19.

The Chief Minister made the following COVID-19 announcements yesterday afternoon:

Positive Confirmed Cases

Two positive cases have been identified in the Northern Territory. The first case is a 43 year old fully vaccinated Aboriginal male. He lives with seven other individuals in Katherine and has been infectious since November 10th.

The second positive case is a 30 year old unvaccinated Aboriginal female who is a household contact of the first positive case and resides in Robinson River. The second case flew into Robinson River on November 11th. She has been infectious since November 11th.

Lockdown Arrangements

From 6pm tonight, greater Katherine and Robinson River (including surrounding homelands) will go into a lockdown for 72 hours. Individuals will only be able to leave home for the following reasons:

- Medical treatment
- Essential goods and services
- Essential work
- One hour of exercise a day no further than 5km from home
- To provide care to a person who cannot support themselves.

Vaccination and Testing Arrangements

A Rapid Assessment Team has been dispatched to Robinson River and the Public Health Plan has been enacted. Work is underway to vaccinate all Robinson River residents over the coming days. Extra vaccinations are also being made available in Borroloola.

Please go to the [NT Coronavirus website](#) for updates on the COVID-19 situation in the NT.

Kind Regards

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