

# COVID-19 UPDATE

## **COVID-19 UPDATE - NEW REQUIREMENTS INTERNATIONAL AND DOMESTIC AIR TRAVEL**

The situation around coronavirus (COVID-19) continues to evolve and this information is correct as at 11am, 19 January 2021.

For up-to-date information, please go to [coronavirus.nt.gov.au](https://coronavirus.nt.gov.au)

The NT Chief Health Officer will introduce new Directions outlining strict health and hygiene practices for international and domestic travel to bolster our defence against COVID-19 in the Northern Territory and across Australia.

**The health directions are in line with a new national approach and come into effect at 12.01am on Wednesday 20 January 2021.**

One of the key Directions make it mandatory for face masks to be worn at all major NT airports and while on board an aircraft. Masks must be worn when inside the Darwin, Alice Springs, Yulara, Gove and Groote Eylandt airports and when on the airfield. Children under the age of 12 and people with a specified medical condition are not required to wear a mask. It is the responsibility of individuals to supply their own masks.

Under the CHO Directions, international and domestic air crew are now required to have a COVID-19 test upon arrival into the Northern Territory if they have not had a test in Australia in the previous seven days.

International air crew travelling from the Northern Territory to another State or Territory will have to do so on board a freight flight or private charter. They will not be allowed to travel on domestic commercial flights unless they have completed 14 days of quarantine and returned a negative test.

## **GREATER SYDNEY**

**The following New South Wales Local Government Areas remain COVID-19 Hotspots:**

- City of Blacktown
  - Municipality of Burwood
  - City of Canada Bay
  - City of Canterbury-Bankstown
  - Cumberland Council

- City of Fairfield
- Inner West Council
- City of Parramatta
- Municipality of Strathfield

Anyone travelling to the Northern Territory from a COVID-19 hotspot must undertake 14 days of mandatory, supervised quarantine at the Alice Springs or Howard Springs quarantine facilities at a cost of \$2,500 per person. Quarantine will be undertaken at the first urban centre you arrive at, including for transit.

## **RETHINK YOUR TRAVEL PLANS**

If you are intending to travel to the Northern Territory from a COVID-19 hotspot you are advised to rethink your plans. If you are a Territorian intending to travel to a hotspot you are advised to rethink your plans.

## **STAY INFORMED**

The Chief Health Officer will continue to review and assess the COVID-19 situation in Greater Sydney, taking into account the monitoring and data collection of COVID-19, the extent of community transmission and risks to the NT community.

The risk of COVID-19 in our communities cannot be eliminated which is why it is important for everyone to follow all health directions.

## **PEOPLE ARRIVING IN THE NT ARE REMINDED TO FOLLOW ALL HEALTH REGULATIONS**

- If you have COVID-19 symptoms, do not travel. Make sure you get tested and stay at home.
- Maintain a physical distance of 1.5m at all times.
- Wash your hands with soap and water and use hand sanitiser regularly.
- Cough and sneeze into your elbow or a tissue. Put your tissue in the bin straight away.
- Do not go to work if you feel sick.
- If you have symptoms, stay away from others and call a doctor or the NT COVID-19 Hotline on 1800 008 002

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