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This update includes important information about the changes to testing arrangements for interstate arrivals into the Northern Territory.

CHANGES TO BORDER ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

From 12pm 4 January 2022, a pre-arrival COVID-19 PCR test is no longer required to enter the Northern Territory.

Arrivals into the Northern Territory are required to undertake Rapid Antigen Tests (RAT):

1. Within two hours of entry to the NT if traveling by air, or within two hours of reaching a RAT distribution centre if traveling via road, and
2. On Day 3 after their arrival into the Northern Territory, and
3. On Day 6 after their arrival into the Northern Territory.

After taking each test, arrivals are to retain photos of the test result, the packaging displaying the batch number and a document identifying person.

Arrivals are required to submit an [online declaration](#) no later than Day 2 of their arrival in to the NT that they have completed a Rapid Antigen Test within two hours of arrival in the NT.

Arrivals are also required to submit an additional [online declaration](#) no later than Day 8 after arrival in to the NT that they have completed Day 3 and Day 6 Rapid Antigen Tests.

All interstate travellers will be provided four Rapid Antigen Tests on arrival in to the NT (that is, one additional test to the three required to comply with the testing rules).

[CHO Direction 131/134](#) outlines the new Border Entry Requirements for interstate travellers.

Although the website is currently being updated to reflect these new requirements, you should soon be able to access further details at <https://coronavirus.nt.gov.au/travel/border-entry>.

EXCLUSION ZONES

Exclusion Zones are areas that has an 80% or below fully vaccination rate for 5 year olds and over. These places are designated as more vulnerable because of their current vaccination rates. A full list of exclusion zones can be found [here](#).

Interstate arrivals will not be allowed to enter an Exclusion Zone within the first 14 days of arrival into the Northern Territory unless you are a returning resident, boarding school student, [essential worker](#) or family member of an essential worker.

To travel to an exclusion zone you must:

- Have a Rapid Antigen Test within 2 hours of entry; and
- Have a Rapid Antigen Test on day 3 and day 6 after arriving in the NT; and
- Wear a mask when in an exclusion zone up until the seventh day after your arrival in the NT.
- Essential workers must have a daily Rapid Antigen Test while in an exclusion zone, up until the seventh day after your arrival in the NT.
- As proof of administering the Rapid Antigen Tests, a photo must be taken of each of the test results, the packaging displaying the batch number and a document identifying yourself. This must be submitted as part of the [online declaration](#), within two hours of arrival and no later than Day 8 after arriving in the NT.

Kind Regards

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