

[from <https://coronavirus.nt.gov.au/stay-safe/slow-spread/information-about-face-masks>
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Territory-wide lockdown

At 1pm Thursday 6 January 2022 a Territory-wide lockdown came into effect. The lockdown will remain in place until midday Monday 10 January 2022.

Fully vaccinated people are able to live normally within the lockdown area. Mandatory mask use remains in place.

Unvaccinated people 16 years and over, including those people who have received only their first dose of a COVID-19 vaccine, must stay at home during a lockdown period and are only permitted to leave for the following three reasons:

1. medical treatment, including COVID testing or vaccination
2. for essential goods and services, like groceries, power tokens and medications
3. to provide care and support to a family member or person who cannot support themselves.

You cannot travel more than 30km from your home when leaving for one of the three reasons. If you need to go to the hospital and it is more than 30km from your home that is permitted.

Businesses and organisations are obligated to ensure employees, customers, visitors and participants are fully vaccinated. Unvaccinated people may access essential services only including supermarkets, hospitals or to get takeaway food.

Anyone caught breaching [CHO Directions](#) – including not wearing a mask – face a \$5,000 fine.

Mandatory mask use

From 6pm on Friday 31 December 2021 an indoor mask wearing mandate will be introduced. A person 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, taxi cabs, ride share and indoor boat cruises.

Masks are not required to be worn in private residences or while exercising. Children under the age of 12 do not need to wear a mask. It is highly recommended that everyone wears a mask when outdoors, particularly at any large public outdoor events.

Face masks provide an extra layer of protection and are proven to be effective in preventing the spread of COVID-19, particularly when physical distancing can't be applied.

Children under the age of two years should not wear a mask. It is up to individuals to decide if children over two years of age wear a face mask.

Those people who have a relevant medical or health condition should not wear a mask if it is not safe or appropriate to do so.

Personal behaviour remains our best defence against COVID-19 which is why it is important for everyone to follow all 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.
- Cough and sneeze into your elbow or a tissue. Put your tissue in the bin straight away.
- Do not travel or go to work if you are sick.
- Maintain a physical distance of 1.5m at all times.