

Mandatory mask wearing

- From Monday 15 November 2021, any worker or resident entering a [remote community with a first dose vaccination rate below 70%](#), from Darwin, Katherine, Alice Springs or outside the Territory will be required to **wear a mask at all times for 7 days when in public in the community.**

For example:

- If a person travels from Kalkaringi to Katherine, they will be required to wear a mask for 7 days when they return to Kalkaringi.
- A person travelling from Tennant Creek to Ali Curung will not be required to wear a mask upon entry.
- If a person travels to Papunya from Alice Springs, they must wear a mask for 7 days upon entry into Papunya; however, if they leave to go back to Alice Springs and then return to Papunya during the 7 days period, the person will be required to wear a mask for a further 7 days when they return.

COVID-19 testing

- From 19 November 2021, any person travelling from Darwin, Katherine, Alice Springs or outside the Territory who enters a [remote community with a first dose vaccination rate below 70%](#), will be required to receive a negative rapid antigen COVID-19 test taken within the 72 hours prior to entry.
- Workers who regularly travel to remote communities and homelands will need to submit a weekly PCR test, with a register to be created.
- Rapid antigen COVID-19 testing sites will be established in Darwin, Katherine and Alice Springs.

In line with the [CHO Direction for mandatory vaccination](#), all people entering or working in a remote community in the Territory must be vaccinated by the dates set within the CHO Direction