

MEASURES TO PREVENT COVID-19 FROM ENTERING THE EAST ARNHEM REGION

Quarantine before entering the East Arnhem designated biosecurity area

People cannot enter the East Arnhem designated biosecurity area unless they can provide evidence that they have quarantined for 14 days before entering the area, or they are an [Approved Remote Essential Worker](#).

Can I get help to quarantine before I travel to East Arnhem?

Culturally appropriate quarantine facilities to support people who need to use them are being arranged outside biosecurity areas.

We encourage Yolŋu and other Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander People to contact the following organisations for support to quarantine and return to the region:

- In Darwin – Contact Larrakia Nation on 1800 PATROL (1800 728 765)
- In Katherine – Visit Kalano's *Big Rivers Child and Family Centre* at Level 2, 42 Katherine Terrace (Above the Traditional Credit Union).

For all other people needing support to quarantine before returning to the East Arnhem region, please contact the Remote Travel Hotline on 1800 518 189.

Evidence of quarantine

All people entering the East Arnhem designated biosecurity area will be required to complete a [designated area compliance form](#), outlining their planned social distancing measures and attaching evidence of quarantine. The Northern Territory Government is considering the types of evidence that may be submitted to demonstrate that you have quarantined in compliance with the Biosecurity Determination. More information will be available on <https://coronavirus.nt.gov.au/> in due course.

ACTIONS BEING TAKEN NOW SO WE CAN CONTAIN THE SPREAD OF COVID-19 IF IT DOES ARRIVE

Stay at home this Easter

Easter religious services

The Northern Territory Government has announced that there will be no Easter religious gatherings held in places of worship this year to help stop the spread of COVID-19.

Churches and other places of worship, will remain closed to the public with services now being live streamed to the community. Contact your local place of worship to find out more about their plans for Easter services.

Recreational activities

We encourage you to review [advice about how to stay safe and practice physical distancing](#) as we come into the Easter long weekend.

In particular, remember:

- No camping is allowed in any Dhimurru recreation areas and a number of Dhimurru sites are closed. Please contact Dhimurru Aboriginal Corporation on 08 8939 2700 for more information.
- Fishing is only allowed if you are fishing alone or fishing with someone who lives with you, and you are maintaining physical distancing.

As at 8 April 2020

Gove Pandemic Clinic and remote community Respiratory Clinics

The Gove District Hospital Pandemic Clinic is now open to facilitate screening for COVID-19 locally. Respiratory Clinics in remote communities right across the region are also ready to assist with this strategy.

Even though there are no confirmed cases of COVID-19 in East Arnhem currently, Miwatj, Marthakal, and Laynhapuy health services and Top End Health Services aim to ensure that we can detect the virus quickly if it gets to the region in order to contain it.

Please do not go directly to the Gove Pandemic Clinic or your local clinic for screening – you should phone first to make have an appointment.

Specific testing criteria are regularly adapted based on the staging of the pandemic and are based on the recommendations from CDC (Centre for Disease Control). At present, testing is mainly required if:

- you have returned from overseas in the past 14 days and you become unwell with flu-like symptoms.
- you have return from Interstate in the last 14 days and you have become unwell with flu like symptoms.
- you have been in close contact with someone known to have COVID-19 disease AND you become unwell.

If you think you meet these criteria, or if you are still concerned, please contact 0476 828 005 (Monday to Friday: 8.30am to 3.30pm) to book an appointment and to receive further instructions for testing. After hours, call the national advice hotline on 1800 020 080.

Nhulunbuy Quarantine Facility

Nhulunbuy's Dawurr Boarding Facility will provide vital support to people required to quarantine during the COVID-19 pandemic.

There are no known cases of COVID-19 in East Arnhem.

The Nhulunbuy Quarantine Facility will initially provide accommodation to keep vulnerable people who cannot isolate at home safe from COVID-19. If it becomes necessary, it can also to adapt to help local authorities contain the spread of COVID-19 if it does enter the East Arnhem biosecurity area.

Additional physical security has been put in place for the safety of people accommodated at the facility as well as the broader community.

Top End Health Services is the lead agency for the Nhulunbuy Quarantine Facility, with the cooperation of the Department of Education and other Northern Territory Government agencies.

Arrangements have been made to support students of the Darwurr Boarding Facility to engage in distance learning while their school is used as a quarantine facility.

BUSINESS UPDATES

Gove Give Back Voucher

In partnership with a range of Nhulunbuy-based businesses, Developing East Arnhem Limited (DEAL) has announced the Gove Give Back Voucher as one of its [regional stimulus measures](#). This initiative rewards those shopping at our local businesses, by giving them more cash to spend at their favourite shops, cafes and restaurants. At DEAL's easy to use [online store](#), you can buy vouchers for all participating businesses. To redeem them, all you have to do is [print off your voucher](#) or show it on your phone when you make your purchase.

Vouchers are available in a range of denominations, and all give you extra cash to spend locally:

\$10 voucher purchase = \$15 to spend locally

\$25 voucher purchase = \$35 to spend locally

\$50 voucher purchase = \$70 to spend locally

\$100 voucher purchase = \$140 to spend locally

\$200 voucher purchase = \$280 to spend locally

Importantly, even though some of your favourite local businesses have had to close temporarily, you can support them by buying vouchers now to spend with them when they are able to reopen.

The [Gove Give Back Voucher online store](#) is open now and ready to help you support local. Voucher numbers are limited so don't miss out!

DEAL is leading regional business-related updates on COVID-19. If you wish to be notified when new information is available, [subscribe to DEAL's mailing list](#), follow DEAL on [social media](#) or email ea@developingeastarnhem.com.au.

PUBLIC INFORMATION UPDATES

These public information updates include details relevant to the East Arnhem region. The official source of information for Northern Territory Government news and requirements related to the COVID-19 pandemic is <https://coronavirus.nt.gov.au/> and we encourage you to visit that site regularly. If you have questions about how Northern Territory Government requirements apply in the East Arnhem region, please email EastArnhem.Covid19@nt.gov.au and we will do our best to include relevant details in our next public information update.

MORE INFORMATION

Further public information will be distributed later this week. If you would like to be added to the distribution list for future emails, please send a request to EastArnhem.Covid19@nt.gov.au.

PLEASE NOTE: While this information is current at the time of posting, the most up to date information and advice about the Northern Territory's response to COVID-19 is available at <https://coronavirus.nt.gov.au/>. If you require specific advice about your circumstances, please call the Remote Travel Hotline on 1800 518 189.