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TIWI LAND COUNCIL and EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF TOWNSHIP LEASING

PUBLIC HEALTH DETERMINATIONS – TIWI ISLAND COMMUNITIES

On 3 January 2022, the Executive Director of Township Leasing (Executive Director), Ms Pennie Talbot, issued Public Health Determinations under subsection 70F(12) of the *Aboriginal Land Rights (Northern Territory) Act 1976* and the Township leases she holds, restricting entry to the following remote Indigenous communities on the Tiwi Islands:

Wurrumiyanga (Nguui) on Bathurst Island
Wurankuwu (Ranku) on Bathurst Island
Milikapiti (Snake Bay) on Melville Island
Pirlangimpi (Garden Point) on Melville Island

This determination was made with the support of the Tiwi Aboriginal Land Trust, the Tiwi Land Council (TLC) and the broader Tiwi community.

While this determination remains in place, essential workers and returning Tiwi residents can now fly to these communities only if they are able to provide evidence, as per the CHO Directions and including (as applicable) that they have received:

- Two doses of a COVID-19 vaccination, and;
- A negative Rapid Antigen Test result on the day of travel and prior to entering the community.

This follows the Northern Territory Chief Health Officer (CHO) directions of 6 January 2022.

All airlines providing services to the Tiwi Islands will require residents and essential workers to provide evidence of their double vaccination status and negative Rapid Antigen Test **prior** to boarding the plane.

Residents and essential workers travelling to the Tiwi Islands must abide by the NT Government's mask mandate at all times and should practice social distancing where possible.

All persons are reminded to comply with all current Northern Territory Chief Health Officer Directions. The list of CHO directions can be found on the [NT Government's Coronavirus webpage](https://coronavirus.nt.gov.au/chief-health-officer-directions) (coronavirus.nt.gov.au/chief-health-officer-directions). The webpage also includes a [list of exclusion zones for travel from interstate](#) and advice in relation to [business and work](#) (including a list of [essential workers](#) and [vaccination requirements](#)).

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For current information about COVID-19 Coronavirus:

Coronavirus Health Information Line

1800 490 484

Call for information on Coronavirus COVID-19. Operates 24 hours a day, seven days a week.

NT Remote Travel Hotline

1800 518 189

For information regarding essential travel to remote communities.

NT Mass Gathering Hotline

1800 518 055

For information to assess clinical risk of large gatherings and events.

Australian Government Department of Health

[https://www.health.gov.au/](https://www.health.gov.au)

Latest news, alerts and situation status within Australia. Protection advice and fact sheets.

SecureNT

<https://securent.nt.gov.au/>

Latest news, alerts, situation status and advice relevant to the Northern Territory. Health message recordings in Aboriginal languages.

World Health Organisation (WHO)

<https://www.who.int/>

Public advice for personal and organisational protection, global situation updates.