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TIWI LAND COUNCIL and EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF TOWNSHIP LEASING

LIFTING OF PUBLIC HEALTH DETERMINATIONS

On 3 January 2022, the Executive Director of Township Leasing, 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 (Nguiu) on Bathurst Island
Wurankuwu (Ranku) on Bathurst Island
Milikapiti (Snake Bay) on Melville Island
Pirlangimpi (Garden Point) on Melville Island

These determinations were made with the support of the Tiwi Aboriginal Land Trust, the Tiwi Land Council and the broader Tiwi community and are now lifted.

These Public Health Determinations have now been **lifted** (11 January 2022 at 10am) following the Northern Territory Chief Health Officer (CHO) Direction of 10 January 2022.

In line with CHO Directions issued on 6 January 2022, Essential Workers and residents returning to the Tiwi Islands will be required to provide evidence of a negative Rapid Antigen Test result on the day of travel prior to entering the community.

To protect Tiwi people, returning residents are strongly encouraged to:

- Get fully **Vaccinated** prior to returning to community, and;
- Limit their movement and remain at home for seven days upon arrival.

Essential Workers must also comply with the CHO Directions on vaccination prior to entering Tiwi communities.

All persons are reminded to comply with all current CHO 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).

Remember to wear a mask at indoor venues, practice social distancing where possible and stay home and get tested if you feel unwell.

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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/>

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.