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TIWI LAND COUNCIL and EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF TOWNSHIP LEASING

LIFTING OF TRAVEL RESTRICTIONS TO THE TIWI ISLANDS

Following advice from the Northern Territory Government's Chief Health Officer (CHO), the designations of the Darwin and Katherine lockdown areas were lifted at 12pm (midday) on 19 and 20 August 2021 respectively. While travel restrictions linked to these designations have also been lifted, a number of precautionary measures remain in place to protect community from Covid-19.

Travel to and from the Tiwi Islands has resumed, however anyone wishing to travel to the Tiwi Islands is advised to check the latest travel advice from the CHO on the Northern Territory Government's Coronavirus at <https://coronavirus.nt.gov.au/> to ensure they meet the appropriate requirements prior to travelling.

Permits are now available from the Tiwi Land Council for travel outside the Tiwi communities of Wurrumiyanga, Pirlangimpi, Milikapiti and Wurankuwu. Anyone travelling to the Tiwi Islands must abide by the directions of the CHO at all times. To apply for a permit please contact the Tiwi Land Council on 08 8997 0797 visit www.tiwilandcouncil.com.

Tiwi Island residents who were in a designated lockdown area are now able to return home. Support is available for any Tiwi Island residents who are required to isolate for a 14 day period under the CHO's advice. Anyone in need of assistance is advised to contact Yilli Rreung Housing Aboriginal Corporation on (08) 8935 0100 or Larrakia Nation on 1800 PATROL.

If you are feeling unwell, do not travel to the Tiwi Islands. Protecting our community remains the responsibility of everyone, and we ask that you respect the wishes of our Aboriginal communities during this difficult period.

Travel restrictions for those coming from interstate may still apply, and visitors to the Tiwi Islands are advised to check the latest Northern Territory Government advice in relation to this.

For further information on the current travel requirements in place for the Tiwi Islands please contact the:

- Northern Territory Government's Coronavirus Advice Hotline on **1800 490 484**
- Office of Township Leasing on **1800 152 259**

For current information about COVID-19 Coronavirus:

NT COVID-19 hotline

1800 490 484

[Coronavirus \(COVID-19\) \(nt.gov.au\)](https://www.nt.gov.au/coronavirus)

For information on COVID-19 in the Territory call the hotline.

NT Coronavirus Business Lockdown Advice Hotline

1800 193 111

For information on lockdown arrangements call the hotline.

Coronavirus Health Information Line (National)

1800 020 080

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

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.

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