



COVID-19 Community Update



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Please be aware that due to the evolving nature of the COVID-19 situation, advice and information can change rapidly. We advise all residents to check in on our dashboard and social media for updates on local information. QLD health should continue to be your first point of contact for any COVID-19 developments. Visit <https://www.health.qld.gov.au/>

We implore all residents to observe the social distancing and hand hygiene guidelines at all times

What travel restrictions are in place?

Some areas in Cape York including Cook Shire, Mapoon and Northern Peninsula Area Council have implemented restrictions on all non-essential travel. Please refer to the relevant council website for updates:

- <https://www.mapoon.qld.gov.au/>
- <http://www.cook.qld.gov.au/>
- <https://www.nparc.qld.gov.au/>

Can I still travel on the PDR?

Travel north of Weipa to Mapoon is currently restricted. QPS have implemented a 24/7 traffic monitoring point.

Similar arrangements for travel South of Weipa (i.e. to Archer / Aurukun) are currently being finalized. Notification to the community will be released as soon as these arrangements have been confirmed with Qld Police.

Flights in/out of Weipa

Currently there are no restrictions on flights in and out of Weipa. The Weipa LDMG expects this situation to change with restrictions on non-essential travel implemented in the near future.

Qantas has reduced some Weipa services, please refer to <https://www.qantas.com/au/en.html> for updates on specific flight details.

Should you decide to travel out of Weipa, we recommend that you self-isolate for 14 days upon your return. Please be aware that this may become a mandatory requirement in the near future.

What is essential travel?

Non-essential travellers are defined as *tourist, person with no confirmed destination or purpose*. Persons (*residents, essential service providers*) who can provide reasonable cause to be travelling within the area are having information recorded by Qld Police and being provided with both health advice and information on restricted access to remote communities (*i.e. Public Notices issued by communities*).



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The Weipa LDMG encourages all residents to review and reconsider all travel plans outside of Weipa.

Do I need to stock up on essential items?

Supply of food and essential items such as medications into Weipa will continue as per normal. We strongly advise that there is no need to panic buy or hoard supplies.

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