COVID-19 Community Update



COMMUNITY UPDATE 26TH March 2020 4.30pm

NON ESSENTIAL TRAVEL RESTRICTIONS

Please be advised that a restriction on all non-essential travel into Weipa will be implemented as at 5pm Friday 27 March 2020.

A valid entry permit for essential travel will apply to all persons entering Weipa by air, road or sea.

A mandatory 14 day self-isolation requirement will continue to apply to all persons upon arrival.

Essential travel is considered as:

- Medical grounds (i.e. Maternity / Urgent specialist referrals)
- Residents returning home
- Exceptional personal circumstances as approved by the LDMG

ENTRY PERMIT DOWNLOAD (COMING SOON)

EXCEPTIONS

An exemption from the 14 day self-isolation requirement may apply for essential service providers.

Essential services include:

- Emergency Services and Defence Personnel on active duty Police, Ambulance QFES, Paramedics
- QLD Health
- Royal Flying Doctor Service
- Emergency breakdown providers Telstra, Ergon, Water & Sewerage Specialists
- Fuel, Freight & Logistic Providers (eg Seaswift)
- Critical mining equipment breakdown specialists
- Any other essential services as determined/approved by the LDMG

EXEMPTION APPLICATION DOWNLOAD (COMING SOON)

SELF ISOLATION GUIDELINES & ASSISTANCE

Please be advised that self-isolation will apply to all household residents where self-isolation protocols cannot be maintained as per the below guidelines.

https://www.qld.gov.au/health/conditions/health-alerts/coronavirus-covid-19/take-action/selfguarantine

https://www.health.gov.au/resources/collections/novel-coronavirus-2019-ncov-resources#homeisolation-and-care

If you require assistance, please call the Department Communities, Disability Services and Seniors Community Recovery Hotline on 1800 173 349. Weipa Community Care is providing assistance with the Essential Items Emergency Relief Scheme (EIERS).

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EIER Application Form, EIER Shopping List, EIER Cover Letter

SELF ISOLATION BOUNDARIES

If any residents travel outside of the community township boundaries, they too will be required to observe the 14 day self-isolation period upon their return to Weipa, Napranum or Mapoon. The boundary will include Weipa, Napranum and Mapoon shire councils. Travel for work purposes including Amrun, Andoom, East Weipa HEQ will also be permitted. Travel along John Evans Drive to and from the Weipa Airport is also permitted.

Please ensure to acknowledge and respect the wishes of Traditional Owner groups in the region and abide by any community restrictions.



Whilst the Weipa LDMG is doing everything within its delegations, these measures require the support and cooperation from the entire community -

As per the Premier's recent comments:

"We want to send a clear message to people to stay in your State and stay in your suburbs. There is no school holidays".

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS