



COVID-19 Community Update



COMMUNITY UPDATE 29TH March 2020 1.00pm

TRAVEL RESTRICTIONS INTO WEIPA

The Federal Government have commenced enforcing restrictions regarding people entering bio-security zones as well as people travelling across borders. This means that Australian Federal Police are currently preventing people from travelling across borders at airports or otherwise without appropriate approvals paperwork detailing how individuals have met 14 day self isolation requirements.

The Weipa LDMG is working rapidly to clarify the current situation on both flight travel into Weipa and requirements of entry into our town in accordance with the above guidance. Community members who are booked onto today's flight will need to follow the requirements dictated by the Australian Federal Police/Qld Police at the check in counter. This will include the need to demonstrate evidence of self-isolation of 14 days (ie. a letter from the hotel stating you have complied with self-isolation protocols and a copy of their guidelines for people staying that are under self-isolation) has been completed prior to entry into Weipa, or an exemption.

We are working to communicate a finalised process, for residents to seek entry into Weipa on return, with clear details on what evidence is required to be considered, ensuring we continue to work to protect our community. We expect that this process will be finalised by Monday morning and communicated. We really appreciate the community's support as we work continually to clarify how these new measures apply to varying scenarios, with our overall aim to protect our community from this virus.

We recognise these requirements will cause angst and confusion for those currently trying to get back to Weipa and we are working as fast as we can to ensure a clear, transparent process gets you home as quickly as possible whilst meeting the Federal guidelines that have now been enforced.

Further communication will be released as soon as the process is finalised.