# COVID 19 – Airport Stakeholder – Update #2 Tennant Creek Airport

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## Current situation

NT Airports is closely monitoring the COVID-19 situation and assessing possible risks and safety measures.

Our priority is the wellbeing and safety of our staff, contractors, visitors and travellers and we are taking all the necessary precautions to ensure our people are protected. We encourage everyone to follow the recommended advice.

## Cleaning (Terminal buildings)

As a precaution, our cleaning contractors are conducting thorough cleaning in all areas of our airports up to six times per day. We are in the process of sourcing wall mounted hand sanitiser bottles to be made available in key areas in Tennant Creek Airport and are also looking into introducing an antibacterial spraying system for use in main screening points and terminals.

We will continue to provide regular updates as this situation progresses.

## Updated advice

The World Health Organisation (WHO) has announced that COVID-19 is a global pandemic.

Recent advice from the Australian Government Department of Health indicates that the following countries are at a higher risk for COVID-19 and travel restrictions have been issued for people travelling from:
- Mainland China
- Iran
- Italy
- Republic of Korea.

At the airport, people should be alert but not alarmed.

COVID-19 is most likely to spread from person-to-person through:

- direct close contact with a person while they are infectious
- close contact with a person with a confirmed infection who coughs or sneezes, or
- touching objects or surfaces (such as door handles or tables) contaminated from a cough or sneeze from a person with a confirmed infection, and then touching your mouth or face.

You can practise good hygiene by:

- washing your hands frequently with soap and water, before and after eating, and after going to the toilet
- covering your mouth when coughing and sneezing, disposing of tissues, and using alcohol-based hand sanitiser
- if unwell, stay at home and avoid contact with others (stay more than 1.5 metres from people)
- wipe down and disinfect regularly used shared surfaces.

You do not need to wear a mask if you are healthy. While the use of masks can help to prevent the spread of disease from infected patients to others, masks are not currently recommended for use by healthy members of the public for the prevention of infections like coronavirus.

Frontline airport staff have the option of wearing face masks and are advised to wear them if approaching a person that is presenting as unwell.

## Who needs to isolate?

Specific requirements are in place for people who have returned from a country or region that is at high or moderate risk for COVID-19 or think may they have been in close contact with a confirmed case.

For more information visit www.health.gov.au/covid19-travellers for the list of at-risk countries and isolation requirements.

See the 'Isolation guidance' information sheets at www.health.gov.au/covid19-resources

## What to do if you have symptoms?

If you think you are at risk call your GP or the Public Health Unit on 08 8922 8044 and clinicians will determine if you need to attend a clinic.

Testing is being carried out on people who meet the case criteria, have symptoms or have a definite reason why they might have COVID-19.

## Where can I get more information?

The Australian Government is regularly updating public information and fact sheets on COVID-19. For the latest advice, information and resources visit:

- www.health.gov.au or https://securent.nt.gov.au
- National Coronavirus Health Information Line on 1800 020 080
- For translating or interpreting services call 131 450
- If you think you are at risk call your GP or the NT Public Health Unit on 08 8922 8044.

## Useful airport contacts

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