COVID 19 – Airport Stakeholder – Update #4 Tennant Creek Airport

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Current situation

NT Airports is continuing to closely monitor COVID-19 and is implementing a thorough and responsive approach to managing this rapidly changing situation.

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.

Travel restrictions and changes

On 18 March 2020, the Australian Government announced that all Australians are advised to not travel internationally at this time. This is the highest level travel advice (level 4 of 4).

Australians overseas and wishing to return are recommended to do so as soon as possible by commercial means.

We are aware that many airlines are experiencing significant disruptions and there have been changes to domestic flight schedules. We are in close communication with these airlines to understand ongoing impacts and what their plans are.

Tennant Creek Airport will remain open and there is no intention at this stage to close any of our Territory airports.

NT Airports is financially strong. We are doing everything we can to keep our airports open and maintain our workforce. We will support our staff and contractors through this unprecedented situation.

Cleaning (Terminal buildings)

As a precaution, thorough cleaning in all areas of our airport will take place up to three times per day, two times per week to line up with the Regular Public Transport Airline Flight which commences on Monday 23 March 2020.

Wall mounted hand sanitiser will be made available in key areas in Tennant Creek Airport. We will continue to provide regular updates as this situation progresses.

Health protocols

We need to stay safe and healthy so we can continue running the vital service that is the airport. Here's what you can do:

- wash your hands frequently with soap and water, before and after eating, and after going to the toilet
- cover your cough and sneeze, dispose of tissues, and use alcohol-based hand sanitiser
- if unwell, avoid contact with others (stay more than 1.5 metres from people)
- wipe down and disinfect regularly used shared surfaces.

Latest advice

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.

At this time there is currently no community spread of this virus in the Northern Territory and it is important we all practice good hygiene to keep it this way.

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.

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