



## FAQs - Norfolk Island continuing COVID-19 Response

### **Who is permitted to travel to Norfolk Island?**

#### Australia - QLD, WA, SA, TAS, NT

Residents from Queensland, Western Australia, South Australia, Tasmania, and Northern Territory are currently allowed to enter Norfolk Island without self-isolation - as long as they have not travelled from any declared COVID-19 hotspots.

#### Australia - NSW, ACT & VIC

From 1 December 2021, residents from New South Wales, Australian Capital Territory, and Victoria will be allowed to enter Norfolk Island - as long as their residential state has reached an 80% double vaccination rate.

### **Do I need to be vaccinated to travel to Norfolk Island?**

From 1 December 2021, proof of vaccination status will be required when completing the Entry Permit to the island.

Fully vaccinated visitors will not be required to undergo self-isolation on arrival.

Unvaccinated visitors will be allowed to enter Norfolk Island- however must undergo 14 days self-isolation on arrival with their travel companion/s.

This applies to NSW, ACT and Victoria whilst they have active cases

### **Do children need to be vaccinated?**

#### Children under 12 years

From 1 December 2021, children under 12 years travelling to the island in the care of vaccinated adults will not have to undergo self-isolation on arrival.

From 1 December 2021, children under 12 years travelling to the island in the care of unvaccinated adults, must undergo 14 days self-isolation with the unvaccinated adults on arrival.

This applies to NSW, ACT and Victoria whilst they have active cases

#### Children 12 years and over

From 1 December 2021, all children 12 years and over are required to be fully vaccinated to travel to Norfolk Island and proof of vaccination status will be required when completing the Entry Permit to the island.

From 1 December 2021, all unvaccinated children 12 years and over travelling to the island will have to undergo 14 days self-isolation with their accompanying adults on arrival.

This applies to NSW, ACT and Victoria whilst they have active cases

### **What if I have a medical exemption and am unable to be vaccinated?**

Proof of exemption would need to be provided. It is preferable that the Medicare Australian Immunisation Register immunisation medical exemption form is used (see attached), otherwise the exemption must contain the following:

- Full name and date of birth of person being exempted
- Doctors name and provider number providing the exemption
- Contact details of the doctor



- Signature of doctor and date signed

From 1 December 2021, persons with a medical exemption will be treated as unvaccinated persons and required to isolate on arrival for 14 days if they travel from NSW, ACT or Victoria whilst these States/Territory have active cases.

### **How do I prove my vaccination status or medical exemption?**

From 1 December 2021, while completing the online Norfolk Island Entry Pass application - you will be required to upload documentation supporting your vaccination status or medical exemption

#### Approved documents:

- COVID-19 digital certificate
- Immunisation history statement
- Medical Exemption

### **Do Norfolk Island residents and essential workers need to self-isolate on arrival?**

If travelling from NSW, ACT or VIC, fully vaccinated Norfolk Island residents and essential workers are currently required to undergo a test on arrival and only need to isolate until they receive a negative test result. Results can take up to 7 days.

If travelling from NSW, ACT or VIC, unvaccinated Norfolk Island residents and essential workers are currently required to undergo 14 days self-isolation upon arrival or until released by local health authorities of the Norfolk Island Residential Health and Aged Care Service.

### **What will happen if there is an outbreak on Norfolk while I am visiting?**

Responses will depend on the severity of the outbreak. If the outbreak is severe and overwhelms local medical capacity, then a limited lockdown response will occur which will involve the following measures:

- Notification of the outbreak communicated to community by all available media outlets.
- All infected persons placed into quarantine and treated/monitored by medical staff
- Hospital will be closed, only treating emergencies, and conducting medical consultations over the phone.
- Community members and visitors advised to stay at home as much as possible for three days whilst contact tracing is undertaken
- Unvaccinated persons to isolate for three days
- Persons only to leave home for essential items (food etc.) or medical treatment
- Restaurants, cafes, and clubs closed to patrons and only supply takeaway
- Tourism bus tours and events suspended for three days
- No large public gatherings and meetings
- Wearing of masks in public
- Physical distancing and hygiene protocols to be followed

Seriously ill patients will be flown off island for treatment. Infected people not requiring hospitalisation will be confined to self-isolation and monitored during recovery.



Visitors who are not infected would be allowed to return home as long as their residential jurisdiction permits.