



## **MEDIA RELEASE**

### ***Welfare***

People in isolation who have concerns about accessing food or medical supplies are urged to contact the Welfare Coordinator, Hayley Evans, on mobile 52777 or by emailing [hayley.evans@nirc.gov.nf](mailto:hayley.evans@nirc.gov.nf). If you require phone credit and are unable to access the Self-Care app to top up your mobile phone, please contact Customer Care on Free call 0100. You do not need credit to access the Free call number and, Customer Care are able to take payment over the phone and top up your mobile.

If you are elderly, immune system compromised or unvaccinated, you are encouraged to take extra precautions and self-isolate wherever possible. If you require access to goods or services, contact the Welfare Coordinator.

### ***Expressions of Interest for the provision of emergency tourist accommodation***

Expressions of interest are invited from registered tourist accommodation houses for the provision of emergency accommodation. Applications close 5pm on Wednesday 12 January, 2022. This information has been provided to the ATA. All enquiries and applications are to be sent directly to Hayley Evans by email.

### ***Updated case numbers as of 10 January 2022***

The statistics below are as at midnight Sunday 9 January 2022 and include Saturday's information also. Scheduled RAT tests were not conducted over the weekend. The RAT tests listed in the table below were for those requiring care at NIHRACS over the weekend.

<b>COVID Statistics</b>	<b>Number</b>
Positive RAT tests (previous 48hrs)	0
Number of RAT tests conducted (previous 48hrs)	12
Daily average of positive tests (7days)	4.0
Current number of Active cases	35
Current number of high-risk cases	6
Close Contacts in isolation	120
Recovered (discharged) cases	5

<b>Cumulative Statistic</b>	<b>Number</b>
Total number of positive (including recovered)	40
Total number of tests conducted	226

NIHRACS are managing COVID patients under a shared care model with Metro North in Queensland. This is via a virtual ward to ensure that patients in isolation have regular contact with a medical professional from either NIHRACS or Metro North.

### ***Restrictions***

There have been no changes to the level restrictions for the community, or in the travel restrictions to island until 19 January, 2022. A review of travel restrictions will be undertaken by EMT this Wednesday 12 January.

Information about the COVID-19 response on Norfolk Island is on Councils website: <http://www.norfolkisland.gov.nf/covid-19-advice-norfolk-island> If you cannot find the information that



you are looking for, contact Sergeant Mark Watson, IMT Incident Controller at IO-Norfolk-Island@afp.gov.au or +6723 22222.

***Businesses no longer required to record visitation via paper***

All business should now be using the Queensland QR code system and app as the preferred method of recording persons who access their premise. There is no longer a requirement by EMT to record visitation manually on paper registers, however if your business is not registered with the Queensland Check In App, you can choose to retain the paper-based register.

The EMT recognises the efforts of the community in assisting in the management of COVID on island and the measures that everyone is taking is assisting in moderating the virus spread through the community.

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10 January 2022

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