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COVID-19 Update

CHANGE IN RESTRICTIONS

The EMNI Controller has decided to move the Norfolk Island community into Risk Matrix Level 2 restrictions effective from 6am Saturday 2nd May 2020. What does that mean?

- Flights will continue to be restricted
- Employers deploy measures to improve social distancing and hygiene
- Businesses open with compliance to social distancing and hygiene and cleaning requirements.
- Indoor gatherings including church groups, cafés, restaurants, pubs and clubs limited to social distancing (4 square metre per person rule) and hygiene and cleaning requirements.
- Outdoor gatherings limited to 50 people while observing social distancing (1.5 metre rule)
- Compliance monitoring and education of social distancing by Council Social Distancing Ambassadors
- High Risk people to stay at home

It is noted that national protocols provide for exemptions from the public gathering and non-essential businesses restrictions for isolated, regional hubs such as Norfolk Island and that the strict social distancing and hygiene requirements remain in place.

SOCIAL DISTANCING

The community is reminded that with the change in restrictions it is now more imperative than ever for social distancing to occur. The reduction in restrictions will increase the risk of the virus' ability to spread unless social distancing is constantly adhered to. Social distancing is the 'new normal' and should be the way you live your everyday life.

- stay at home as much as possible
- keep 1.5 metres away from others
- avoid physical greetings such as handshaking, hugs and kisses
- use "tap and go" instead of cash
- travel at quiet times and avoid crowds
- avoid public gatherings and at risk groups like older people
- practise good hygiene
- keep visitors to a minimum

To monitor social distancing compliance, Social Distancing Ambassadors will be out in the community observing and educating people from Saturday morning. Please be respectful of the Ambassadors as they offer advice on how to correctly social distance in public areas such as the supermarkets, growers' markets and cafés etc.

ISOLATION & QUARANTINE

People in isolation or quarantine are potential Covid-19 carriers and therefore are not permitted to have visitors! It is disheartening that members of our community continue to breach this rule with another incident reported this week. Anyone who comes into contact with an isolated or quarantined person will also need to be isolated for up to 14 days. So, for everyone's safety - please do not visit people in isolation or quarantine!



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COVIDSAFE APP



Please be aware that the Australian Government are currently looking at the ability for Norfolk Island residents to register with the COVIDSAFE App. Norfolk Island should be able to register within the next three weeks.

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