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Requirements for Bus Tours

EMT has considered the requirements for COVID safe bus tours on the island. Companies undertaking tours should have COVID safe plans in place to ensure that hygiene and social distancing requirements are maintained. Guidance on these can be obtained at <https://www.nsw.gov.au/form/covid-safety-plan/commercial-vessels> .

Locally operated buses are of different sizes and configurations and EMT has recently approved proposed seating for 22-seater buses. These will be allowed to carry 11 passengers consistent with social distancing. Members of the one household will be considered as a group and can be seated together. Tour groups travelling to the island will need to abide by the seating configurations on the buses and physical distancing and between different households.

If you intend to operate larger capacity buses the proposed seating configuration needs to be submitted to IMT for consideration and approval.

Importance of completing contact tracing registers

All café's, restaurants, bars, and other businesses on the island that provide customer seating have Daily Customer Contact tracing registers available. If you think you will be there for 15 minutes or longer it is important that you, or one of your group complete the register for you. This register will be used to trace contacts should someone suspected of having COVID-19 come to the island. Currently we need to physically complete the register, however when 4G mobile services are available it should be possible to use QR codes and online signing into registers as occurs on the mainland.

The IMT welfare officer will be visiting businesses over the next few weeks to aid and assist with COVID safe plans.

Update on Entry Pass fee

NIRC has delayed the introduction of the \$25 entry pass fee for travellers for the time being. Therefore, applying for an entry pass to come to the island will not currently require any fee payment for all travellers.

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