



MEDIA RELEASE

UPDATED COVID-19 MEASURES FOR NORFOLK ISLAND

The Incident Management Team (IMT) confirm that the measures announced by National Cabinet on 29 March 2020 will come into effect on Norfolk Island at midnight on Monday, 30 March 2020.

This media release provides these new restrictions **and** those that were put in place on 24 and 26 March 2020 together in the one document.

For further details on the only reasons you should be leaving your residence at this time, please refer to the EMNI issued media release COVID-19 Stay At Home Whenever Possible dated 30 March 2020.

WHAT'S NEW - Restrictions to come into effect from midnight Monday, 30 March 2020:

- indoor and outdoor gatherings are limited to **two persons** only. Exceptions to this limit include:
 - people of the same household going out together
 - family units
 - restrictions on funerals and weddings remain the same:
 - funerals – a maximum of 10 people (refer below)
 - weddings – a maximum of 5 people

The new social gathering restrictions of two persons does not apply to employees in the work place. Where work places have more than two employees, this can continue, however strict adherence to the 1.5 metre / 4 square metre distancing rules apply.

- playgrounds, skate parks and outside gyms in public places will be closed. Bootcamps and the like will be reduced to two persons, one of whom is the trainer
- mini-golf can no longer be played
- no competitions or organised events can be held for Bowls or Golf, however individuals may still participate as long as the new social distancing, and congregation rules are maintained. People are not to gather inside, and your own equipment is to be used; any food or drink is takeaway only.

Restrictions in place since last week:

- cafés, restaurants, registered and licensed premises are closed, although takeaway service and home deliveries are permitted
- places of worship are closed
- gyms and indoor sports facilities are closed
- the school canteen is permitted to remain open
- real estate auctions and open-house inspections are prohibited, private appointments for inspections are permitted

- outdoor food markets are permitted, so long as people practice social distancing
- hairdressers and barber shops may remain open but the 4 square metre rule per person must be strictly observed within the premises and personal contact should be minimised wherever possible, one client at a time is suggested
- beauty therapy, nail salons and tattoo parlours are closed
- health-related massage therapy, osteopathy and physiotherapy are permitted
- cinemas and theatres are closed
- play centres including indoor and outdoor playgroups are closed
- fitness classes, Pilates and yoga classes are closed
- sporting club houses are closed, EMNI will permit people to play singles tennis and individual golf if they use their own equipment and maintain social distancing, however this will ultimately be a decision of the individual Clubs)
- social sporting-based activities are prohibited (e.g. squash, rugby and touch football prohibited, but single outriggering would be permitted)
- swimming lessons in others' swimming pools are prohibited; all accommodation pools are to be closed
- galleries, museums and libraries are closed
- services clubs are closed; those services clubs with restaurants and bars may be open for the purposes of takeaway only
- weddings may occur with only the couple, celebrant and the two witnesses – a maximum attendance of five people
- funerals may occur with a maximum attendance of 10 people. The Incident Controller is aware that funerals are of particular importance and cultural significance for the community of Norfolk Island. EMNI is open to addressing funerals on a case-by-case basis, particularly given the outdoor nature of funerals on Norfolk Island.

Services providing food or drink to those in self-isolation are permitted, but must follow the safe distancing requirements.

Please call the Norfolk Island Police Force on 22222 if you have specific questions relating to these measures.

Glenn Elder
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