



MEDIA RELEASE

Current restrictions for people arriving from NSW and the ACT

Currently anybody who has spent time in NSW or the ACT is required to quarantine for 14 days on arrival into the island. This is a cautious measure that has been made following the potential *seeding* of positive cases from Victoria into NSW.

The current restriction remains in place until July 24th and EMNI is monitoring the situation in NSW and ACT. Depending upon the level of community transmission and containment the restriction may be extended. It is anticipated that this will be known over the next 7 to 10 days and will be regularly reviewed by the EMNI.

Daily Customer Register COVID-19

As part of aiding in any required contact tracing on the island there is now a requirement for all businesses that involve close customer contacts to have a daily customers register. Close contact is when you are within 1.5 m of a person, in an enclosed space for more than 15 minutes at a time. This requirement is now standard on the mainland and anybody who has been away recently will have seen the requirement to register your details when you go to restaurants, café's, bars, and clubs. The information that is required is simply your name, contact details and the time that you were at the venue. If you intend to sit down in a venue for more than 15 minutes you need to fill the register in.

It is a requirement that these registers be kept by the business for 3 months and are made available to the Incident Controller on request. EMNI has prepared a template that businesses may choose to use, and this is available to download at:-

(http://www.norfolkisland.gov.nf/sites/default/files/docs/NIRC/EMNI_MRs/Business%20Register%20of%20Customers%20Form%20-%20Template.docx).

COVID -safe Business Plans and small venues

It is recommended that all businesses on the island undertake the process of preparing a COVID safe business plan. This plan indicates the measures that you are undertaking to protect your business, your staff and your customers from coronavirus. It is recommended that you register and undertake the process outlined at (<https://www.nsw.gov.au/covid-19/covid-safe-businesses>).

There have been recent changes in respect to the allowed density of people in small venues. Small venues are defined as premises that have an enclosed floor area of 200 square metres or less (excluding, kitchens, bathrooms etc.). The current one person per 4 square metres can be reduced to one person per 2 square metres up to a maximum of 50 people. To qualify for the density reduction, the venue needs to submit its COVID safe business plan to the Incident Controller. Once approved the venue can operate under the increased density. It is important that they do this and comply with the requirements of physical distancing and keeping a *Daily Customer Register*. The existing one person per 4 square metre density rule will continue to apply for businesses with enclosed floor areas greater than 200 square metres and small venues without approved COVID safe plans.

Physical Distancing in Café's, Restaurants, Clubs and Pubs

Consistent adherence to the extremely basic concepts of keeping 1.5 m away from people you do not live with, handwashing and sneeze/cough control remain the main protection against you and the rest of the community. It is an individual responsibility and we are fortunate that in the most part this is understood, and whilst strange to us, is being done by most of the community.



We are fortunate that we have been able to relax restrictions in line with the rest of the country, however the risk will never be zero. Most venues appreciate being able to open and allow us to socialise on their premises. It is important to understand that when you are asked by a business to keep your distance, fill in a register or any of the other measures that are in place, they are doing this to protect you and your ability to enjoy what they offer. If you do not follow these simple requirements you place the entire community at risk and risk the venues ability to operate.

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