

NT Biosecurity Zone restrictions lifted from 5 June 2020

As at 9 June 2020

Advice to DIPL Contractors

As of 5 June 2020, biosecurity area travel restrictions in the Northern Territory have been lifted. This means:

- Intra-Territory biosecurity checkpoints have been removed;
- There are no longer any requirement to quarantine for 14 days before entering a remote community;
- Community residents will be able to move freely between communities, homelands, country and town without quarantine measures.

DIPL contractors working in remote communities will no longer be required to have Approved Remote Essential Worker (AREW) permits or ID cards. However, if contractors already have an AREW card, it should be retained.

If you have an AREW card and permit, the Land Councils have acknowledged this as valid until 18 September 2020 and you won't require any other permits up until then.

Contractors and any other person travelling to a remote community will no longer need to complete the Northern Territory Police Designated Area Compliance Form once the biosecurity restrictions are lifted.

There will still be a requirement for DIPL contractors working in remote communities to have a COVID-19 Risk Management Plan in place that outlines how they will mitigate and control the risk of COVID-19 in their operations in the community (see below for further details). Compliance with this plan will be audited.

DIPL Contractors working in remote communities on Aboriginal land where land council permit systems are in place will still require a land council permit to work in these areas.

IMPORTANT: Interstate and international border restrictions will still apply until further notice.

Health and community separation measures

DIPL contractors must ensure they adhere to their COVID-19 Management Plan and commitment to;

- Maintain separation under 'zero contact' approach with all remote community residents of the Northern Territory.
- Carry out good hygiene practices to protect themselves and others from the spread of illness.
- Practise good personal hand hygiene and cough/sneeze hygiene and wash your hands frequently with soap and water, before and after eating, and after going to the toilet.

Further information

Please contact your DIPL project superintendent in the first instance and for the latest information on COVID-19 in the NT visit <https://coronavirus.nt.gov.au/> Or the DIPL website <https://dipl.nt.gov.au/news/2020/dipl-contractor-process-for-remote-works-covid-19>