

NT Border Control and Freight Movement Fact sheet and information

As at 28 August 2020

Person providing services for land transport or freight of goods

All freight workers must comply with Chief Health Officer (CHO) [Direction 50](#).

Freight workers entering the Northern Territory and the drivers of a freight vehicle that has a Gross Vehicle Mass of over 4.5 tonnes or train crew must complete and submit an online [COVID-19 Freight Risk Mitigation Management Plan](#) to the Northern Territory Government before entering the NT.

If approved the freight worker will be issued a Certificate of Agreement that will be valid for a period of time specified on the certificate.

Freight workers will then be committed to working under the plan while in the NT. Under the CHO Directions it is an offence to not comply with the plan submitted.

Freight workers will need to show their Certificate of Agreement at the border and complete a [Border Entry Form](#) every time they enter the NT.

Freight workers will not be permitted entry without their Certificate of Agreement.

By completing a Freight Risk Mitigation Management Plan freight workers agree to comply with all conditions attached to this plan including:

- Practice physical distancing
- Quarantine if been in a hotspot
- Undertake a COVID-19 test every seven days, and carrying evidence of the last test
- Maintaining a log of movements and close contacts
- Carrying adequate PPE including gloves, face masks and hand sanitiser.

The Certificate of Agreement is valid for the duration specified on certificate. A freight worker does not need to submit a plan each time they come to the NT but once the period expires on the Certificate they need to submit another plan.

Random checks will also be undertaken to ensure that the log of movements, evidence of testing and PPE is being carried.

Freight workers from a declared hotspot

If freight workers have been in a [declared hotspot](#) in the 14 days prior to entering the NT, they must agree to quarantine in suitable accommodation when not working in the NT for their quarantine period.

Quarantine means that you cannot leave your vehicle or accommodation for any reason other than for essential functions associated with working, including; refuelling, load restraint, vehicle maintenance, accessing essential

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restroom services or emergency medical treatment. You may utilise the roadhouse truck stops and restrooms, as long as you stay 1.5 metres away from others and clean up and sanitise afterwards.

Where possible you must have your own supply of food or have food delivered to your accommodation. You cannot go shopping or to a restaurant/bar for a meal.

Suitable accommodation is considered to be a bedroom or sleeping area that is separate from any other person and if a hotel room, has its own bathroom and can include the cabin of your truck or train.

For more information contact Border Restrictions 1800 490 484.

Call the COVID-19 Hotline to arrange a testing – 1800 008 002. You can get a test in Darwin, Alice Springs, Katherine, Tennant Creek or Nhulunbuy.

Further advice

COVID-19 is spread from person-to-person through close contact and droplets including:

- Direct contact with infected persons
- Contact with droplets from an infected person's cough or sneeze
- Touching contaminated objects or surfaces (like doorknobs or tables), and then touching your mouth or face.

The best way to prevent the spread of COVID-19 and protect yourself is through maintaining good hygiene practices and following physical distancing principles.

If you display even mild COVID-19 symptoms, don't delay, get tested. Symptoms include fever, a cough, sore throat, loss of smell/taste, shortness of breath.

You can get tested at a GP, respiratory clinic or call the NT COVID-19 Hotline 1800 008 002.

Keep informed of declared COVID-19 hotspots daily and visit coronavirus@nt.gov.au for the latest advice.

Thank you for following this advice to keep our NT community safe.

For more information, visit coronavirus.nt.gov.au