

Current situation

NT Airports is continuing to closely monitor COVID-19 and is implementing a thorough and responsive approach to managing this rapidly changing situation.

Our priority is the wellbeing and safety of our staff, contractors, visitors and travellers, and we are taking all the necessary precautions to ensure our people are protected. We encourage everyone to follow the recommended advice.

Travel restrictions and flight changes

On 18 March 2020, the Australian Government announced that all Australians are advised to not travel internationally at this time. This is the highest level travel advice (level 4 of 4).

Australians overseas and wishing to return are recommended to do so as soon as possible by commercial means.

We are aware that many airlines are experiencing significant disruptions and there have been changes to domestic flight schedules. We are in close communication with these airlines to understand ongoing impacts and what their plans are.

Alice Springs Airport will remain open and there is no intention at this stage to close any of our Territory airports.

NT Airports is financially strong. We are doing everything we can to keep our airports open and maintain our workforce. We will support our staff and contractors through this unprecedented situation.

Cleaning (Terminal buildings)

Precautionary extra spray cleaning is proposed to take place in common areas in the terminal using a product called Clorox Total 360. This disinfectant product is widely used by shopping centres.

Spraying will be carried out by trained staff who will be wearing appropriate Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) as a precaution. To minimise disruption, spraying will occur during times when there is minimal activity in the terminal and when there are no airport users in the area being sprayed. The product touch dries in about three minutes and a minimum of 45 minutes will be allowed to ensure the area is ready for re-use after the spraying is complete.

A schedule of spray times will be provided to all stakeholders for your information.

Health protocols

We need to stay safe and healthy so we can continue running the vital service that is the airport. Here's what you can do:

- wash your hands frequently with soap and water, before and after eating, and after going to the toilet
- cover your cough and sneeze, dispose of tissues, and use alcohol-based hand sanitiser
- if unwell, avoid contact with others (stay more than 1.5 metres from people)
- wipe down and disinfect regularly used shared surfaces.

Latest advice

COVID-19 is most likely to spread from person-to-person through:

- direct close contact with a person while they are infectious

- close contact with a person with a confirmed infection who coughs or sneezes, or
- touching objects or surfaces (such as door handles or tables) contaminated from a cough or sneeze from a person with a confirmed infection, and then touching your mouth or face.

There is currently no community spread of this virus in the Northern Territory

What to do if you have symptoms?

If you think you are at risk call your GP or the Public Health Unit on 08 8922 8044 and clinicians will determine if you need to attend a clinic.

Testing is being carried out on people who meet the case criteria, have symptoms or have a definite reason why they might have COVID-19.

Where can I get more information?

The Australian Government is regularly updating public information and fact sheets on COVID-19. For the latest advice, information and resources visit:

- www.health.gov.au or <https://secure.nt.gov.au>
- National Coronavirus Health Information Line on 1800 020 080
- For translating or interpreting services call 131 450
- If you think you are at risk call your GP or the NT Public Health Unit on 08 8922 8044.

Useful airport contacts

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