COVID-19 – Airport Stakeholder – Update #5
Alice Springs Airport

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Current situation

The COVID-19 situation is changing rapidly, and NT Airports is continuing to monitor this, and the updated advice being provided by the government and other authorities.

Our priority remains 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.

Border restrictions and arrivals requirements

On Saturday 21 March 2020, the Northern Territory Government announced that it will implement new border restrictions and arrival requirements for the Northern Territory from 4pm on Tuesday 24 March 2020.

NT Airports is working closely with the Northern Territory Government, Australian Federal Police and Northern Territory Police on implementing the new border restrictions and requirements for travellers. This includes increased processing when travellers arrive in any of our airports.

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.

Closure of places of social gathering

On Sunday 22 March, the Australian Government announced that places of social gathering, such as restaurants and licenced premises (except for takeaway and home deliveries), would be restricted from opening from 12pm Monday 23 March 2020. This is to help prevent the spread of COVID-19.

This has a significant impact on many of our tenants and we are currently investigating how we can assist our tenants during this difficult time.

This is in addition to existing measures that include:

- no non-essential gatherings of more than 500 people outside or more than 100 people inside
- all non-essential indoor gatherings of less than 100 people must have no more than one person per 4sqm
- where possible, keep 1.5 metres between yourself and others
- avoid non-essential travel.

Food and beverage outlets within Alice Springs Airport will serve takeaway food and non-alcoholic beverages only and seating has been made available in common areas of the terminal to minimise the disruption to visitors. Alice Springs Airport airline domestic lounges are also closed until further notice.

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
- practice social distancing
- understand how to self-isolate if you need to.

Latest advice

There have been six confirmed cases of COVID-19 in the Northern Territory.

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.

At this time there is currently no community spread of this virus in the Northern Territory and it is important we all follow the recommended advice to keep it this way.

What to do if you have symptoms?

If you think you are at risk call your GP or the dedicated COVID-19 hotline for people who need to arrange testing on 1800 008 002.

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://securent.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.
- Call the NT Airports COVID-19 community hotline on 1800 313 177 to hear the latest information.

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