

JOINT MEDIA RELEASE

CENTRAL LAND COUNCIL and EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF TOWNSHIP LEASING

TRAVEL RESTRICTIONS FOR MUTITJULU

Due to the current Covid-19 outbreak in the Northern Territory, a number of travel restrictions are in place for those wishing to enter or travel through communities in Central Australia, including Mutitjulu.

Anyone located within the Alice Springs lockdown area, as designated by the Northern Territory Government's Chief Health Officer (CHO), is prohibited from leaving this area until 1pm on 3 July 2021 unless advised otherwise by the CHO. Travelling to Mutitjulu from this area is therefore prohibited.

Travel to Mutitjulu is also prohibited for anyone located within other lockdown areas or Covid-19 hotspots as designated by the CHO until such a time as that declaration is removed.

Any essential workers (as defined by the Northern Territory Government) wishing to travel to Mutitjulu from a designated lockdown area or hotspot are advised to contact the Northern Territory Government's Coronavirus Lockdown Advice Hotline at **1800 193 111** to ensure they meet the essential worker requirements and have obtained the relevant paper work prior to travelling.

Mutitjulu residents who are currently in the designated lockdown area and unable to return home during this period are advised to contact the Central Australian Aboriginal Congress on (08) 8951 4400 or Tangentyere Council on 08 8951 4222.

To protect the Central Australian communities, the Central Land Council (CLC) has also suspended all permits for Aboriginal Land outside of the current lockdown area with the exception of essential workers. Essential workers wishing to travel to Mutitjulu should contact the Northern Territory Government's Northern Territory Government's Coronavirus Lockdown Advice Hotline at **1800 193 111** prior to travelling.

Anyone currently in, or planning to travel to, Kata Tjuta National Park must check the latest Northern Territory Government travel restrictions and follow the advice provided by the CHO. Parks Australia will be checking the movements of everyone entering the Park. You will not be allowed to enter if you have travelled through an identified lockdown area or hotspot.

Any visitors to Kata Tjuta National Park who have been in a lockdown area or hotspot within the identified periods and are staying at the Ayers Rock Resort should contact the Resort on 08 8957 7417 to arrange appropriate isolation and testing as required by the CHO.

Please re-consider your need to travel to Aboriginal Land during this time. Protecting our community remains the responsibility of everyone, and we ask that you respect the wishes of our Aboriginal communities during this difficult period.

For further information on the current travel restrictions in place for Mutitjulu please contact the:

- Northern Territory Government's Coronavirus Lockdown Advice Hotline on **1800 193 111**
- Office of Township Leasing on **1800 152 259**
- Central Land Council on **1800 003 640**

For the most up to date information and frequently asked questions about the Alice Springs lockdown and current Covid-19 exposure sites, visit <https://coronavirus.nt.gov.au/>

For current information about COVID-19 Coronavirus:

Coronavirus Health Information Line

1800 020 080

Call for information on Coronavirus COVID-19. Operates 24 hours a day, seven days a week.

NT COVID-19 Hotline

1800 490 484

[Coronavirus \(COVID-19\) \(nt.gov.au\)](https://coronavirus.nt.gov.au/)

For information on COVID-19 in the Territory call the hotline.

NT Coronavirus Lockdown Advice Hotline

1800 193 111

For information on lockdown arrangements call the hotline.

Australian Government Department of Health

<https://www.health.gov.au/>

Latest news, alerts and situation status within Australia. Protection advice and fact sheets.

SecureNT

<https://securent.nt.gov.au/>

Latest news, alerts, situation status and advice relevant to the Northern Territory. Health message recordings in Aboriginal languages.

World Health Organisation (WHO)

<https://www.who.int/>

Public advice for personal and organisational protection, global situation updates.

Office of Township Leasing

Pennie Weedon

1800 152 259

<https://www.otl.gov.au>

NIAA Media Contact

0418 158 629

media@niaa.gov.au

niaa.gov.au/news-centre

<https://www.indigenous.gov.au/news-and-media>