

Norfolk Island COVID-19 Alert Levels Summary

LEVEL	RISK ASSESSMENT	RANGE OF MEASURES
1 - Prepare Disease is either not present or contained	State of Emergency Declared No confirmed cases of the disease Reported cases spread on mainland Australia and New Zealand	 » Inward borders closed to Non-Residents (no visitors) » Residents encouraged to return home » Essential personnel allowed entry into island » High Risk people advised to stay home » Testing regime deployed » Establish mechanism for contact tracing » Schools and businesses remain open with compliance of social distancing » Quarantine – control of flight arrivals in separate accommodation for 14 days. » Self-Isolation – Local health issues identified by NIHRAC's where residents isolate in own residence awaiting health advice for clearance. » Social Distancing – use of Council resources to educate and monitor correct social distancing around town, shops, cafes, restaurants, clubs and public places
2 - Reduce Disease is contained but risk of community transmission growing	Suspected case of the disease. Heightened risk of importing from cases increasing beyond control on mainland Australia and New Zealand	 » Flights restricted » Employers deploy measures to improve social distancing » Compliance monitoring and education of social distancing by Council Rangers » Businesses move to higher level of social distancing » High Risk people to stay at home » Outdoor gatherings limited to 50 people while observing social distancing rules (1.5 metre rule) » Indoor gatherings limited to 10 people (4 square metre rule)
3 - Restrict Heightened risk that the disease is not contained	Confirmed or Probable case of disease in persons in quarantine.	 Residents encouraged to stay home as much as possible Residents returning from the mainland for medical or compassionate reasons allowed Essential personnel allowed entry to island People should work from home unless it is not possible Schools and Childcare closed Mass gatherings cancelled Public venues closed Home visits limited to 2 people Weddings limited to 5, funerals 10 Low risk recreational activity is allowed Businesses can open premises but can not physically interact with customers Food and beverage providers can operate as takeaway/delivery only Contact tracing activated
4 - Eliminate The disease is not contained	 Confirmed or Probable case not quarantined Likelihood of spread 	 » Lock down of Island » People instructed to self isolate » Businesses closed except for essential services » Exercise from your house only, no more than 2 from same household » Territories Lock Down Plan followed by IMT

- **References** 1. New Zealand COVID-19 Alert Levels Summary (16th April 2020)
 - 2. NSW Health; COVID-19 case definition and testing advice (https://www.health.nsw.gov.au/Infectious/diseases/Pages/2019-ncov-case-definition.aspx)
 - 3. DITCRD; Territories Lock Down Plan



Reading the Matrix

There are four levels to the matrix. The lowest level being 1 (Prepare) through to 4 (Eliminate). For each level the assessed level of risk is provided along with the corresponding range of measures that are put in place to respond and reduce the level of risk. Measures in lower levels remain in place in the higher level unless upgraded.

Definitions

Confirmed case: - A person who tests positive to a validated specific SARS-CoV-2 nucleic acid test or has the virus identified by electron microscopy or viral culture, at a reference laboratory.

Probable case:- A person, who has not been tested, with fever (≥38°C) or history of fever (e.g. night sweats, chills) or acute respiratory infection (e.g. cough, shortness of breath, sore throat) and who is a household contact of a confirmed case of COVID-19.

Suspected case: - Fever (≥38°C) or history of fever or acute respiratory infection (e.g. cough, shortness of breath, sore throat) who has been in close contact in the 14 days prior to the illness onset with a confirmed case

Close contact: - greater than 15 minutes face-to-face contact in any setting with a confirmed case in the period extending from 24 hours before onset of symptoms in the confirmed case, or sharing of a closed space with a confirmed case for a prolonged period (e.g. more than 2 hours) in the period extending from 24 hours before onset of symptoms in the confirmed case.

Essential services: - Medical Services; Port and Port Operations including Stevedoring; Water, waste water, Power and Fuel; Telecommunications and Internet providers; Waste Services; AFP; Critical Government Services for urgent matters only; Airline staff; Shopping Centres, Meat/Seafood suppliers; Service Stations and Pharmacies; On-call contractors for approved emergency repairs by the incident controller; Hardware stores for supplies of emergency materials; Schools closed.

Quarantine: - Means being placed in monitored, separate self-contained accommodation that will be paid for by the NIRC. This will normally be for a period of 14 days.

Self-isolation: - Means isolating in the person's own residence with testing and regular health monitoring by NIHRAC.

Social Distancing: - Means when leaving home staying 1.5m from others; in places open to the public allowing 4 square metres of space per person on the premises.

IMT:- Incident Management Team established for the emergency