

# COVID-19 quarantine effect on freight and logistics into the Northern Territory

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## Purpose

This advice is to support the continued movement of freight and goods across Northern Territory borders to ensure the continued delivery of supplies into and out of the Territory during the response to COVID-19 (Coronavirus). It is to be read in conjunction with the Northern Territory Exemption Application.

## Advice to contractors/truck drivers on quarantine requirements

Drivers of vehicles/trucks associated with the transport and movement of any freight, resources, materials, goods and supplies within and out of the Northern Territory at the border are exempt from the requirements to self-quarantine for 14 days.

Drivers are exempt from the requirement to self-quarantine if they are delivering and transporting goods and supplies within the Northern Territory. This extends to the driving and logistical movement of vehicles whilst empty.

Police are responsible for managing the movement of vehicles and people through these border checkpoints.

Relevant processes including a self-declaration form are in place for persons arriving in the Northern Territory will need to nominate and declare where they will self-quarantine or if they are exempt from the requirements.

While in the Northern Territory and not directly working (undertaking tasks associated with transport and freight logistics) a person who is exempt must remain in self-quarantine for the total period of 14 days if they are in the Territory for that length of time. For example: a Northern Territory based truck driver that returns to the Northern Territory across the border would be required to self-quarantine for any time between journeys. If the driver has leave for 3-4 days before a return trip the driver must self-quarantine for this period.

There are controlled Northern Territory border checkpoints at the Western Australia border (Victoria Highway), South Australia (Stuart Highway), Queensland (Barkly Highway).

Information about Northern Territory border controls including eligibility exemptions and required forms are located at <https://coronavirus.nt.gov.au/community-advice/border-controls>

## Further information on freight and logistics

Please contact the DIPL Emergency Operations Centre on 8946 5077 if you have any questions or issues.

## Health and social distancing precautions

Delivery contractors/drivers should;

- Minimise interactions with members of the Northern Territory community. Also see advice on remote community access if you are expecting to transport goods and services into remote communities of the Northern Territory <https://coronavirus.nt.gov.au/community-advice/remote-communities/travel>
- Carry out good hygiene practices to protect themselves and others from the spread of illness.
- Employ appropriate cleaning practices at the end of each delivery as part of good hygiene practice - wipe down and sanitise surfaces of delivery vehicles and any equipment such as forklifts after use and/ or at the end of a shift.
- Wash hands often with soap and water, use alcohol-based hand sanitiser between hand washes and after making deliveries.
- Practise good personal hand hygiene and cough/sneeze hygiene and wash your hands frequently with soap and water, before and after eating, and after going to the toilet.

## For more information on COVID-19 in NT

Web: <https://coronavirus.nt.gov.au/>

Phone: 1800 020 080 - *Australian Coronavirus Information Line*