



MEDIA RELEASE

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Council's COVID-19 response as at 27 November 2020

Alice Springs Town Council is advising the community that in line with the latest public health advice, contact tracing will be mandatory for visitors to the Alice Springs Public Library and the Alice Springs Aquatic and Leisure Centre as of Monday 30 November, and until further notice.

CEO Robert Jennings said *“Council is acting on instructions from the NT Chief Health Officer and wants to ensure all appropriate actions are taken to continue to keep our Council venues safe for public use. We appreciate that this may impact on the entry requirements for some of our patrons, however Council must ensure our public venues operate in line with NT Government stipulated COVID safe guidelines.”*

In line with Council's policy for unaccompanied children at Council venues,

- Alice Springs Public Library:
 - Children 10 years and under must be accompanied by a responsible adult, the adult will be required to provide contact details on entry for the child/ren and themselves
 - Children 11 to 15 years may enter without a responsible adult however must supply contact details on entry and comply with all safety instruction from staff
- Alice Springs Aquatic and Leisure Centre:
 - Children 14 years and under require constant active supervision by a person 16 years and above, who can provide contact details on entry for the child/ren and themselves
 - Children 15 years and over may enter without a responsible adult however must supply contact details on entry and comply with all safety instruction from staff
- If a child of any age is deemed unsafe without the presence of an accompanying adult, Council staff will take appropriate action (which may include contacting a guardian)

“These COVID times are challenging, changing and complex and we certainly appreciate the community's patience during this ever-evolving situation.” said CEO Robert Jennings.

At the Regional Waste Management Facility and Council events contact tracing is available and is encouraged to be used by patrons (however may not be mandatory). With Council's biggest Christmas event of the year coming up this Friday 4 December, Council is advising the public that they can pre-register here - <https://app.smartsheet.com/b/form/38506e23273c4488b80a7e04a03cef79> or on the night by scanning a QR code or manually at one for four sanitising stations.

Further to this, Council is also working with the NT Government regarding the new *'Territory Check In'* app. This is a free app to use and will be available via the Apple App Store or Google Play for Territorians to download and register from 30 November 2020.

The risk of COVID-19 in our communities remains, which is why it is important for everyone to follow all health directions.

- If you have COVID-19 symptoms, do not travel, go to public events or venues. Make sure you get tested and stay at home.
- Maintain a physical distance of 1.5m at all times.
- Wash your hands with soap and water and use hand sanitiser regularly.
- If you have symptoms, stay away from others and book a COVID-19 test on 1800 008 002

For more information about hot spots and to stay up to date with the latest information visit www.coronavirus.nt.gov.au. Council reminds all community members to stay up to date with official and accurate sources: www.securent.nt.gov.au and www.health.gov.au

Note: These special measures have been put in place as a result of COVID-19. All information is correct as at 9am Friday 27 November, 2020.

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