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## COVID-19 – UPDATE FOR JERVIS BAY TERRITORY

### CHANGES TO RESTRICTIONS IN JBT

There are **changed restrictions for returning travellers to the JBT** following the significant adjustments to the ACT's 'affected areas' from 1 November which carry over into the Jervis Bay Territory's (JBT) border rules.

The ACT has removed affected area restrictions for NSW except for specific high risk geographical areas. For example, Shoalhaven Local Government Area (LGA) is no longer an affected area or categorised as a high risk geographical area.

Under the rules now in place, fully vaccinated JBT residents who have been in quarantine because they have visited areas outside the Shoalhaven LGA are no longer required to quarantine.

Different rules apply to people who are in quarantine because they are close contacts of positive COVID cases. Contacts of positive cases need to continue to follow quarantine directions from health authorities until medically cleared.

Non-residents who have travelled outside the Shoalhaven and who are fully vaccinated are now permitted to enter the JBT.

JBT residents who are not fully vaccinated and who have been to areas of NSW outside the Shoalhaven are now no longer required to quarantine, **unless they have been to one of the high-risk areas.**

Non-residents who are not fully vaccinated and who have travelled outside the Shoalhaven are now also permitted to enter the JBT, **unless they have been to one of the high-risk areas.**

The current high risk geographical areas in NSW include Albury, Cessnock, Greater Hume, Kempsey, Lake Macquarie, Maitland, Newcastle, Port Stephens and Wentworth. The list of high risk geographical areas in NSW be found here: <https://www.covid19.act.gov.au/travel/entering-the-act/nsw>

Due to the COVID-19 situation in the JBT, it is very important all JBT residents who are experiencing COVID-19 symptoms get tested immediately and stay at home until you get your result. COVID-19 symptoms are often similar to those of a cold, so make sure you get tested if you start experiencing a headache, runny nose, sore throat or fever, no matter how mild.

If you are a close contact of someone who has a confirmed case of COVID-19, you will quarantine at home unless you are unable to do so safely. This will be determined with health authorities. NSW Health has arranged for a small number of

temporary accommodation units (motorhomes) to be located in Wreck Bay for the short term for use if needed in isolation, however quarantining at home remains the standard approach for close contacts.

The temporary accommodation is available for close contacts only, not for positive COVID-19 cases.

Vaccines remain the best defence against getting seriously sick from COVID-19 and all residents who have not yet received one or both vaccines are strongly recommended to contact their local health provider as soon as possible to book their vaccine.

In the meantime, all JBT residents should keep up to date with the latest Public Health Directions for JBT here:

<https://www.infrastructure.gov.au/territories-regions-cities/territories/jervis-bay-territory/coronavirus-response>