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Keep our mob safe and get vaccinated!

Now, more than ever, we need to be rolling up our sleeves to get vaccinated against COVID-19.

With COVID-19 in our community, getting vaccinated remains our best defence from getting really sick and needing to go to the hospital.

Our local JBT vaccination program, run over the past two months in partnership with the Royal Flying Doctor Service (RFDS) and WBACC, saw hundreds of vaccine doses delivered to a range of community members, relatives, local workers and contractors over three clinics.

If you have not yet received your COVID vaccination, please book an appointment as soon as possible (see https://www.islhd.health.nsw.gov.au/ services-clinics/public-healthunit/infectious-diseases/covid-19latest-advice-and-resources-7 for further information).

Remember, the vaccines are most effective when you've received two doses of the same vaccine within the recommended timeframe so be sure to book your second dose so that you don't get seriously sick from COVID-19.

With COVID-19 now in our community, it's important to protect yourself and the people around you.

Visit health.gov.au for more information on the COVID-19 vaccines.

JBT COVID-19 URGENT UPDATE: THREE LOCAL CASES CONFIRMED

Following the confirmation of three positive cases of COVID-29 in the Jervis Bay Territory, WBACC and the Australian Government (including the Department, Parks Australia and the AFP) are working closely with local health authorities in response to the evolving situation and support the Wreck Bay community and JBT residents.

The affected residents and their families are currently in quarantine and are being supported by NSW Health and local Aboriginal health and support services.

Any JBT residents confirmed as COVID-19 positive will be contacted directly by health authorities with instructions on next steps, including quarantining at home for as long as needed to help contain the spread of the virus.

If you have been identified as a contact of a positive case, you may also be contacted by health authorities to get tested and isolate at home until medically cleared.

If you have any COVID signs or symptoms at all, please get tested immediately and isolate at home until you receive your result and advice from

NSW Health. It is also really important to keep your distance from people (two big steps) and wash your hands often.

For information on exposure sites in the JBT and all information on the COVID-19 response in the territory, including current restrictions scan our QR code.



ALTERNATIVE ACCOMODATION OPTION FOR ISOLATING JBT RESIDENTS

While quarantine at home is the standard approach for case contacts, NSW Health has arranged for a small number of temporary accommodation units (motorhomes) to be located in Wreck Bay for the short term while we respond to this initial community transmission.

These will be set up on the Wreck Bay oval over coming days. Placement in this alternative accommodation will be a decision by health authorities.

Support for anyone who is placed in the motorhomes will be provided through Waminda and NSW Health.

This temporary accommodation will only be used if needed for quarantine of contacts, and NOT for COVID-positive cases.

Short-term use of motorhomes and caravans has been a successful tool to help manage initial COVID outbreaks in other communities in NSW.

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