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APY Lands Biosecurity Withdrawal

As some of you would be aware the APY Executive Council has elected to “opt out” of the Commonwealth Biosecurity Declaration which restricted travel into remote Indigenous Communities. The Council will continue to work with Nganampa Health, SA Health and SAPOL to ensure Anangu remain safe whilst enabling the repatriation of those members who are currently not on the Lands.

Please be aware that approval to enter APY is managed by both SAPOL and APY Permits. There are requirements that must be met if you are attempting to enter the APY Lands. The move away from Federal Bio Security measures to a State Based approach gives APY residents better access to a more flexible Bio Security mechanism that is responsive to local circumstances and needs of Anangu and service providers alike.

Until the Commonwealth have formally confirmed the APY’s removal from the Declaration, in consultation with the APY Executive, the following entry process will apply:

Any person wishing to repatriate or enter the Declared Area without self-isolation must be COVID symptom free and:

- Submit a completed application to enter the specific Declared Area – attached. Email to [“sapol.farnorthadministration@police.sa.gov.au”](mailto:sapol.farnorthadministration@police.sa.gov.au)
- Submit a completed Record of Health Status form – attached. Email to [“sapol.farnorthadministration@police.sa.gov.au”](mailto:sapol.farnorthadministration@police.sa.gov.au)
- For non Anangu it is important to complete and send an APY permit application via the APY Permits Officer to [“permits@Anangu.com.au”](mailto:permits@Anangu.com.au)
- Unless there is a current and approved “employer or organisational” Risk Management Plan in place all applicants will be provided with Risk Management advice and documentation relative to social distancing, cleaning and hygiene.

If these conditions are met and complied with, there will be no need to undertake a period of isolation prior to entry. This is because we have no community spread or Active case in South Australia currently. However, this could change if there is an outbreak within South Australia and the risks of community spread increases.

Once the Biosecurity withdrawal is formalised the Executive will require all APY Permit applicants, in addition to the general entry permit documentation, to:

- Submit a completed Record of Health Status form – attached. Email via the APY Permits Officer to [“permits@Anangu.com.au”](mailto:permits@Anangu.com.au)
- Submit an approved individual or organisational Biosecurity Risk Management Plan – all plans will be reviewed centrally by SA Health Human Biosecurity Officers. Email via the APY Permits Officer to [“permits@Anangu.com.au”](mailto:permits@Anangu.com.au)

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