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COMMUNITY UPDATE

13 January 2022

People are only permitted to enter the remote and vulnerable APY Lands if they have tested negative for COVID-19.

The APY Lands have been closed to all but essential workers since 5 January 2022.

To date there have been three confirmed COVID-19 cases in the APY Lands; two in Amata and one in Indulkana. The positive cases and 18 close contacts have been sent to Adelaide.

APY communities are not COVID free. This is an isolated area with limited medical support.

All Anangu are asked to please stay still wherever you are. It is very important that people do not attempt to sneak back into the APY Lands, as they could be putting their families and communities at grave risk. SA Police are monitoring any movements in and out of the Lands.

During a special meeting of the APY Executive Board of Management on 10 January 2022 it was resolved to continue to grant access permits only to essential workers.

Individual community councils can ease fuel and cash restrictions in their communities if SA Health and SAPOL assess the COVID-19 risk as low.

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