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COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENT: Positive COVID-19 cases close APY Lands

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The APY Lands has been closed due to the increased risks of the COVID-19 Omicron strain and the confirmation this week of two positive cases in the community of **Amata**, about 14km south of the Northern Territory border.

The two confirmed positive persons and their close contacts have been sent to Adelaide via the Royal Flying Doctor Service (RFDS) and are isolating as per SA Health guidelines.

Nganampa Health, SA Health and SAPOL will continue to work with the Anangu Pitjantjatjara Yankunytjatjara (APY) Executive Board, APY Management and the Amata community.

COVID-19 testing is underway in Amata.

Due to the positive cases – the first in the APY Lands since the onset of the global pandemic - the APY Executive Board has resolved to close the APY Lands for the next 5 days.

A decision on reopening the Lands will be made following a review on Monday, January 10.

The closure order prohibits entry or departure for anyone except essential workers.

The Maralinga Tjarutja lands has also been closed due to the increased risks of COVID-19.

COVID-19 is an illness that can be very dangerous for your community and can make people very sick.

For now, please stay in your community and limit visitors to your home. If you need to go to the store, only send one adult and check in using the QR code or sign in registers.

More details: www.covid-19.sa.gov.au

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