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## COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENT: COVID-19 detected in wastewater in APY Lands

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COVID-19 has been found in wastewater from **Indulkana** and **Pipalyatjara** in the last week.

More testing will be done, which could come back negative.

This is a positive wastewater test only, not a positive case.

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

When someone has COVID-19, it can be detected in the community sewerage pond. To help keep us safe, SA Health regularly tests wastewater all over South Australia for signs of COVID-19.

When COVID-19 is found in wastewater it can come from:

1. Someone who has been sick with COVID-19, but isn't sick anymore (and can't make you sick)
2. Someone who is sick with COVID-19, who has visited the community and has now left
3. Someone who is sick with COVID-19, who lives in the community and could pass it on to other people.

SA Health is working to find out if this will be a problem for your community or not. Your community will not go into lockdown unless someone is found to have COVID-19.

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.

There have been recent cases of COVID-19 in the Northern Territory, which is one way the virus could have travelled to your community.

SA Health wants to keep people in Aboriginal communities healthy and safe. If COVID-19 is in your community, you can help stop the spread by:

1. Getting tested for COVID-19
2. Getting vaccinated against COVID-19
3. Being COVID-Safe (staying two big steps away from other people, washing your hands regularly, wearing a mask, coughing and sneezing into your elbow, not spitting, not sharing food or smokes).

Extra people will be joining your health care team to help you get tested and vaccinated so you can protect yourself and your community.

Please tell your Health Clinic workers immediately if you have any of these symptoms:

- Fever, sweats or chills
- Sore throat
- Cough

- Runny nose
- Tiredness or fatigue
- Trouble breathing
- Loss of taste
- Loss of smell

**Please Note:** Fuel is limited to 20 Litres and no cash will be available through the ATMs for the rest of the month to enable SA Health to address the issue. Masks are to be always worn in the shops and Roadhouse.

More details: [www.covid-19.sa.gov.au](http://www.covid-19.sa.gov.au)

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