

# COVID-19 (Coronavirus)

## GP information



## Response Framework for Aboriginal People With Positive Diagnosis of COVID-19 on the North Coast

### Purpose

To ensure Aboriginal communities on the North Coast have access to culturally safe education, resources and support when an Aboriginal person tests positive to COVID-19.

### NCPHN COVID-19 Procedure for Aboriginal Communities across the North Coast

The eligibility for activation of the response procedure is: an Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander person or; a *non-Aboriginal person who is normally part of the household of an Aboriginal person*, residing within the North Coast Primary Health Network footprint, and has a positive COVID-19 test who CAN NOT self-isolate in their own home. Level of support assessed on case by case basis by NCPHN Aboriginal Health Team.

### Notification and activation of procedure

Please contact NCPHN as soon as a case of COVID-19 in an eligible Aboriginal person or person residing in a household with other Aboriginal members is confirmed (this will trigger the COVID-19 Response for Aboriginal Communities across the North Coast).

**GP to contact North Coast Primary Health Network Aboriginal Health Team member**, who will ensure support is provided to patients as required.

**Noell Burgess 0419 281 068** (Tweed/Ballina region)

**Djaan Jarrett 0431 212 009** (Lismore/Grafton/Casino region)

**Nicola Barker 0437 031 743** (Coffs Harbour region)

**Jessica Morris 0439 568 072** (Port Macquarie/Kempsey region)

After Hours/Weekends:

**Marni Tuala 0408 968 710** (region wide)

Some examples of support that **may** be available for eligible Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander people with a positive COVID-19 diagnosis include:

- Temporary accommodation to assist with self-isolation if it's not possible in their usual family home (this will be assessed by NCPHN on a case by case basis).
- Assistance with transport to attend alternative accommodation to self-isolate if required.
- Support on cleaning requirements for the home if a family member has had a positive diagnosis of COVID-19.
- Support with accessing food/medicine and other care required.