

# GP information

## Appendix 2



### Purpose

To ensure Aboriginal communities on the North Coast have access to culturally safe education and resources to enable preparedness and awareness around COVID-19; and to respond effectively and in a timely way when an Aboriginal person tests positive with COVID-19.

### Healthy North Coast (HNC) 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-Indigenous person who is normally part of the household of an Indigenous person, residing within the HNC footprint, and has a positive COVID-19 test. Level of support assessed on case-by-case basis by HNC Aboriginal Health Team.

### Notification and activation of procedure

Please contact the HNC Aboriginal Health Team as soon as a case of COVID-19 in an eligible Aboriginal person or person residing in a household with other Indigenous members is confirmed (*This will trigger the COVID-19 response for Aboriginal communities across the North Coast*).

**GP to contact the appropriate HNC 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)

**Keara Pearce 0437 031 743** (Nambucca – Coffs Harbour region)

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

**After hours:** Public Health Unit – Local Health District

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 HNC 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 and/or medicine and other care required.