

Protecting yourself and others from coronavirus

Tasmanian border restrictions

A graphic in the top right corner featuring a stylized white virus particle with several protruding spikes. To its right, the text "COVID-19 INFO" is written in a white, sans-serif font. The background is a dark teal color with a diagonal white line.

This interim information is based on what is currently known about coronavirus (COVID-19) and the current situation in Tasmania. The Tasmanian Government will update interim information as needed and as additional information becomes available. Visit www.coronavirus.tas.gov.au for the latest information.

The Tasmanian Government has declared a State of Emergency. Strict requirements to self-isolate in government provided accommodation are now in place.

Who does this apply to?

Every person arriving in Tasmania, including Tasmanian residents, (with the exception of Essential Travellers) are required to enter a 14 day period of self-isolation in government provided accommodation on arrival in Tasmania. This Tasmanian self-isolation requirement will be in addition to Australian Government requirements for all returning international travellers and specified cruise passengers to enter self-isolation at their point of arrival into Australia.

What does this mean?

You cannot leave your port of entry and go to your private residence or previously arranged accommodation. All people entering Tasmania must report directly to Biosecurity Tasmania staff at your port of entry.

You will be required to complete a [Tasmanian Arrivals Form](#). Arrangements will be made for your transport to the government provided accommodation. You will be provided with additional information about arrangements for your self-isolation upon your arrival in Tasmania.

Further information about food, assistance and other information will be provided to you on arrival in Tasmania.

What does mandatory self-isolation mean?

While in mandatory self-isolation you must stay within the room provided to you. Further advice is available in your room on how to access services including medical treatment

if required. Provisions will be made to ensure that your basic needs are met while you are in a government provided accommodation facility for the duration of your 14 day self-isolation. You will be provided with more detailed information about this on your arrival in Tasmania.

During this time you will not be able to have visitors and must not leave the room. If you have needs which are not being met through the information provided to you in your room, then please contact the hotel reception and your request will be facilitated through there.

You will be able to communicate with your family and friends via phone and social media while in self-isolation. Penalties will apply for breaches of the self-isolation requirement.

If you have applied to the State Controller to be considered for Essential Traveller status and your application has not been approved by the time you arrive in Tasmania, you must begin the mandatory 14 days of quarantine until your application has been approved. For further information visit www.coronavirus.tas.gov.au

If you are experiencing life threatening medical symptoms please call 000 and advise them of your condition and that you are currently in self-isolation. Tasmanian Public Health Hotline: **1800 671 738**

Travel form

All interstate and international visitors to Tasmania must complete a [Tasmanian Arrivals Form](#). This can be completed online before arriving in Tasmania or upon arrival at terminals in Tasmania.

All Non-Essential Travellers arriving in Tasmania will be required to enter self-isolation for 14 days in government provided accommodation on arrival in Tasmania.

If you meet the criteria for Essential Traveller status you may be exempted from the 14 day self-isolation requirement but you must still comply with the listed isolation conditions in the direction made by the Director of Health under Section 16 of the *Public Health Act 1997*. These conditions can be found on the [Isolation Conditions for Essential Travellers](#).

You may apply for an individual assessment for Essential Traveller based on compassionate or medical grounds, if your work is identified as essential, or for other reasons considered on individual merit by the State Controller.

See the [DPIPWE website](#) for the Tasmanian Arrivals Form and Essential Traveller Status Forms.

Who is an Essential Traveller?

Essential Travellers are defined under the following criteria:

1. National and State Security and Governance

- a. Any Government senior official who in the carriage of his or her duties is responsible for the safety of the Nation or State against threats such as terrorism, war, or espionage, and is required to be present in Tasmania for such purposes;
- b. Active Military personnel required to be on duty in Tasmania while in Tasmania; and
- c. A member of the Commonwealth Parliament who is ordinarily resident in Tasmania.

2. Health Services

- a. A clinician in relation to health who is ordinarily resident in Tasmania and who is requested by the Secretary of the Department of Health, or his or her delegate, to return to Tasmania to present for duty in Tasmania.
- b. A clinician in relation to health who is requested by the Secretary of the Department of Health, or his or her delegate, to present for duty in Tasmania to perform, during the period in which the person will be present in Tasmania, duties unable to be appropriately performed by a person ordinarily resident in Tasmania.

3. Transport, freight and logistics

- a. Any person who in the carriage of his or her duties is responsible for provision of transport or freight and logistics into, within and out of Tasmania; and

- b. Flight Crew and ship crew, for the limited period of delivery of persons, freight or logistics into, within and out of Tasmania, and for no other purpose.

4. Specialist skills critical to maintaining key industries or businesses

- a. Any specialists required for industry or business continuity and maintenance of competitive operations where the appropriate skills are not available in Tasmania, where the service is time-critical and where the provision of the service requires that the person be physically present in Tasmania.
- b. Any person who, in the carriage of his or her duties, is responsible, while in Tasmania, for critical maintenance or repair of infrastructure critical to Tasmania;
- c. Any person travelling from Antarctica directly to Tasmania.

5. An emergency service worker

- a. A paramedic, or an officer of Ambulance Tasmania within the meaning of the *Ambulance Service Act 1982*, who is returning to Tasmania as soon as practicable after providing medical transport to a patient or who is returning to Tasmania while providing medical transport to a person;
- b. A paramedic, or an officer of Ambulance Tasmania within the meaning of the *Ambulance Service Act 1982*, who is ordinarily resident in Tasmania and who is requested by the Commissioner of Ambulance Services, or his or her delegate, to return to Tasmania to present for duty in Tasmania.

6. Other persons, or class of persons that are:

Exempted by the State Controller:

- a. Any other person, or member of a class of persons, in relation to whom, in the opinion of the State Controller, self-quarantine would lead to an unusual, undeserved or disproportionate hardship; and
- b. Any other person, or member of a class of persons, who, in the opinion of the State Controller, is essential for the proper functioning of Tasmania.

Assessed on an individual basis via application:

- a. Compassionate grounds e.g. a person is travelling to Tasmania to visit a terminally ill relative.
- b. Medical grounds e.g. a person who travels to and from Tasmania to receive essential medical treatment on the mainland.
- c. Other reasons considered on individual merit.