

MEMBER ADVISORY

Thursday, 19 August 2021 | **COVID-19 Member Advisory #27**

Lockdown restrictions removed for Greater Darwin but remain for Katherine

The lifting of the Greater Darwin lockdown will bring some certainty to school operations this week, while our members in Katherine will remain in lockdown until at least tomorrow.

Important safety precautions must continue for the protection of all Northern Territory school staff and students.

Schools to resume face to face teaching from tomorrow

School operations for the Greater Darwin region commence on-site operations tomorrow.

Face masks: will be required to be worn by all early learning, primary and secondary school employees. Students over the age of twelve are also required to wear masks.

Medically vulnerable employees: any member with a medical vulnerability should discuss arrangements with their school to confirm remote work options. Please contact our union immediately if you need specific support or advice.

Physical distancing: schools should continue to implement best practice safety precautions around social distancing and staff interactions. This is not the time for large staff gatherings or meetings.

All people in the NT aged 16 and over eligible for vaccines. Priority vaccines for children aged between 12-15 years old.

All people aged 16 years and over in the NT are eligible to receive the COVID-19 vaccine. [Click here](#) to book an appointment.

The ability of our members to access the vaccination program is a key element of a broader safety response.

Many schools have now agreed to our union's claim for paid vaccination leave for employees who are unable to obtain appointments outside of work time.

You can [check your employer's response here](#).

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Our union's **Vaccination Factsheet and Q&A** also contains important additional information particular to school employees.

Restrictions are in place until 26 August

A number of restrictions will be in place for a further week.

Masks must be worn while out, including at work. Physical distancing must be maintained of 1.5 metres. It is important you check in to all places you enter, including your work.

Masks may be removed for eating and drinking but physical distancing must remain.

There is to be gatherings of no more than 10 people including in your home.

IEU school visits

IEU officers will be unable to visit schools while restrictions are in place; however, our union support is always here for all members.

Please contact Jengis Osman if your Chapter would like to schedule an online IEU Chapter discussion at any stage during the current restrictions.

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