

IMPORTANT UPDATE FOR CIRCULAR HEAD RESIDENTS

We know today there are 3 positive cases of COVID-19 that have been detected in recent testing in our community. Whilst the cases are linked to the NWRH – they are in our community. I have some important messages for you all and we are all relying on each other to prevent further cases and an outbreak in this area.

The testing bus will remain in Circular Head for several days at least whilst demand is there. People who have any respiratory symptoms and those who are working in public facing (customer service) roles will be prioritised in the first instance.

Call the Public Health Hotline to book a test or if you have any questions: 1800 671 738



When you call to book you will be asked questions about your individual circumstances to promote effective prioritisation. You can also call a day or two later if you haven't been booked for a test and you develop symptoms.

When you have a test confirmed, you will need to wait for a call back from Tasmanian Health Service staff with a time of your test – please be patient as this can take a couple of days at times of high demand.

In the meantime - PLEASE:

- Stay home
- Only leave home for essential supplies – food, medical care, daily exercise on your own or with one other or for testing.
- Don't visit your mates during this period – doing so may result in you bringing the virus back to your family.
- Especially don't visit your sick mate or friend – they will not only be vulnerable to COVID-19 but if they have any flu like symptoms need to be tested and in isolation until they have a negative result.
- If we all get this right we will see restrictions begin to be lifted – but not until we are sure we have this under control. This will only be achieved if we all do the right thing.
- Get tested while the bus is in Smithton – saves travel time.

It is important to know that it takes 2-3 days for the results to come back so please self-isolate before your test and until you get a negative test if you have any symptoms at all.

Stay home – don't risk the health and welfare of yourself and your family.

If you have even mild symptoms or work in a customer service role - get tested – it costs nothing and only takes a minute or two!