

Key messages 16 May

- Coronavirus has spread across the world and made many people sick.
- It's made some of our mob in the cities sick too.
- The good news is we have been successful keeping the virus out of our remote communities.
- We're doing a good job protecting our mob, our Elders and our culture from this virus.
- But we need to keep going.
- Some communities are part of the designated areas which limit people from entering communities without self-isolating. This was done to stop people including tourists from bringing the virus into communities, and so far this has worked.
- The government and health leaders have designed a framework to help governments and communities make decisions about when to lift these restrictions, in a way that will keep people, families and communities safe.
- If coronavirus gets into our remote communities, it will be hard to get rid of. It will hurt our people and could make our Elders very sick.
- That's why we need to stay strong and steady and keep following the rules. to keep beating this virus and keep our mob safe.
- The restrictions will now stay in place until September, unless communities and governments agree to lift them earlier. Some communities are working with the government on how to lift the restrictions while keeping communities safe.
- The rules are different in each state and territory. Make sure you stay up to date with the latest announcements at [Australia.gov.au](https://www.australia.gov.au) which also has links to state and territory websites. [niaa.gov.au](https://www.niaa.gov.au) has further information about the biosecurity restrictions in place.
- Even though the new changes are difficult, we have to stay strong and keep doing what's right, protecting the health of all our mob.
- Together, we can keep our mob and communities COVIDSafe.