Travel to Flinders Island

As Flinders Island welcomes visitors from the mainland, we want to protect the welfare of the island’s 1,000+ residents and its numerous visitors. For this reason, there are some specific responsibilities that all travellers need to consider prior to arrival.

Due to the current Coronavirus pandemic Tasmania’s border restrictions are continually changing depending on the how State and Interstate areas are assessed. The areas from which visitors are coming from may be assessed as either Low, Medium or High risk, depending upon the number of COVID-19 cases or level of community transmission in those areas, and subject to Public Health advice. Travellers from a Low risk area do not need to quarantine when they arrive.

Note all interstate travellers to Flinders Island are required to register their travel and contact details through either the Tas e-Travel System (Low Risk) or the GiPass System (Medium or High Risk) between 3 to 14 days before they arrive.

Please be aware that the COVID-19 situation can change at any time, requiring restrictions or other measures to be put in place. Please regularly check current information.

Travellers’ Responsibilities

Before hand

It is the traveller’s responsibility to postpone travel to Flinders Island if they have recently been in a hotspot or in contact with persons presenting with COVID-19 symptoms. If symptoms of illness or a raised temperature present prior to travel, travellers need to be tested for Coronavirus, and delay their trip until medical clearance is received. Note you will also be checked at the airport when you arrive.

Whilst Here – Flinders Island Covid-19 Process

Whilst on the Island and you have viral (flu like) symptoms eg fever, cough, sore throat, runny nose, loss of smell...*

Stay in your accommodation place and ring: Ochre: 6359 2011 (in hours), Multi Purpose Centre (MPC): 6359 0200 (after hours) or FAAI: 6359 3532 (in hours).

A phone consultation with a doctor will occur. The doctor will contact Public Health to decide whether COVID-19 testing is required.

If testing is required:

• testing will occur at the MPC in Whitemark.
• present to the MPC Ambulance Bay
• ring to notify staff of your arrival
• stay in your car

You will most likely be asked to return to your accommodation to self-isolate.

Once tested, symptomatic travellers must isolate within their accommodation until test results are received. Should test results present as COVID-19 positive, the symptomatic traveller must remain isolated either within their accommodation or a government-designated accommodation facility for the next 14 days and until medical clearance is received. Travellers may be required to pay a Fee towards the cost of their quarantine.

Travellers should check the terms and conditions of their travel insurance policy as compensation for changes to bookings due to COVID-19 may not be included.

Please note that Sharp will not fly COVID-19 positive persons off the island, even if they are asymptomatic.

Air Ambulance will only transfer persons whose medical condition is, or looks set to become, critical.

Whilst visiting businesses on the Island please be considerate and follow any Covid-19 protocols they may have in place.

* Otherwise, if at any time urgent treatment is required, present to the MPC Ambulance Bay.