



Djarindjin

Local Pandemic Action Plan

Location	This plan covers the Dampier Peninsula Aboriginal Remote Community of Djarindjin.
Local Approval:	<p>Name of person or organisation who approves this plan on behalf of the above community/s.</p> <p>This plan has been approved by:</p> <div data-bbox="1021 638 1496 1086" data-label="Image"></div> <p>Chairperson Djarindjin Aboriginal Corporation (DAC):</p> <p>Name: Brian Lee</p> <p>Signature: </p> <p>Date: 04/03/2022</p>

Introduction

The **Djarindjin** 'Local Pandemic Action Plan' sets out how we decide we will manage any challenges before a COVID-19 infection occurs. Our plan is very important so that everyone is informed and prepared. This Plan also covers all the Djarindjin Communities and Outstations. Lombadina have their own plan.

It has been completed with the input of key community stakeholders and Local Emergency Management members. **Djarindjin does not have a Local Emergency Management Committee.**

COVID-19 is a Pandemic Health Crisis, therefore the lead agency who will be coordinating the responses will be the **Lombadina Clinic** with the support of the key internal stakeholders.

The plan is designed to help bring together the resources, contacts and information needed to respond to a pandemic situation in our community.

Key information for Djarindjin Community and its Outstations is covered by this plan as set out below.

NOTE: March 2022

RE: Restriction on entry to Djarindjin Aboriginal Community

The Western Australian Government has issued the Remote Aboriginal Communities Directions (no.5) (3 March 2022) which restricts entry into Aboriginal Communities in the Kimberley including Djarindjin.

The entry of all contractors and delivery drivers into the Djarindjin Aboriginal Community **will only be permitted if the contractor or delivery driver seeking entry presents evidence of having been fully vaccinated against Covid -19.**

As per the WA State Governments outlined mandatory COVID-19 vaccination policy, Djarindjin Community including its workers and contractors coming into the community are deemed to be in Group 1.

Group 1: First dose by 1 December 2021 be fully vaccinated by 31 December 2021:

- Industries determined as high-risk environments, because they are required to interact with people with an increased risk of being infected with COVID-19 or people vulnerable to COVID-19; or are necessary to avoid catastrophic risk to the safety of the community

As of 3 March 2022, contractors will not be permitted entry into Djarindjin without evidence of vaccination.

A digital vaccination certificate against Covid-19 issued by the Commonwealth of Australia or a copy of the MyGov vaccination history showing full Covid-19 vaccination must be produced as evidence of vaccination along with the Approved Permit.

If evidence of vaccination is not provided, then entry past the Djarindjin Roadhouse will not be permitted.

Please note that all information will be kept confidential as per the OAIC WA Privacy Guidelines.

Population:

Age Group	Gender	Head Count	Special needs / concerns
<10 years old	Unknown	73	
10 – 19 years old	Unknown	67	
20 – 29 years old	Unknown	75	
30 – 39 years old	Unknown	43	
40 – 49 years old	Unknown	43	
50 – 59 years old	Unknown	50	
60 – 69 years old	Unknown	33	
70 – 74 years old	Unknown	7	
>75 years old	Unknown	0	

High Risk Conditions:

Information provided below is inclusive of both the Lombadina and Djarindjin communities as they are serviced by the one Clinic. A combined evacuation list has been developed and is available through the Clinic.

Known illness / serious medical conditions	Contact name	Clinic needs	Housing situation
Diabetes (26)	RAN on call 9192 9200	Oral/injection medications	Community
Cardiovascular (32)	“	Oral Medications	Community
Respiratory (15)	“	Oral/inhaled medications	Community
Renal (4)	“	Oral Medications	Community
Frail (5)	“		Community
Cognitive Impairment (1)	“		Community
Mental Health (5)	“	Oral medications, 2-4 weekly depot injections	Community
RHD (4)	“	3-4 weekly Bicillin injections	Community
Pregnancy	“		

Health Services:

This part says where we would normally access our health service and their contact details.

Medical Service / Clinic	Contact name	Phone	Email
Clinic	RAN on call 9192 9200	9192 9200	lombadina.clinic@health.wa.gov.au
RFDS	Contacted through the Clinic	1800 625 800	

Critical Supplies:

In this section we say how our community normally access food and medical supplies, who is responsible for providing power, water and wastewater services and how supplies normally reach Djarindjin Communities.

Supply Type	Name	Contact	Stock on Hand	Delivery Schedule	Delivery Mode
Food Store	Djarindjin Store	Archie and Cathy Gekis 08 9192 4774	2 Weeks	Weekly	Truck Delivery
	Djarindjin Roadhouse	Martin and Lyn Hayler 0447 513 123	2 Weeks	Weekly	Truck Delivery
Power Supply	Horizon Power	Minty 0488 906 981 Power Fault and Emergencies 13 23 51			
Water Supply	KRSP	Alan Burton 0427 655 059 9195 2000			
Fuel Supply	Djarindjin Roadhouse	Martin and Lyn Hayler 0447 513 123	100,000Lt Diesel 30,000Lt UL Petrol	Bimonthly	Truck Delivery
Medical	Clinic	RAN - 9192 9200			

Emergency Accommodation or Evacuation:

Building Type / Location	How many people can it fit?	What services and equipment is there (power, water, bathrooms, kitchens, beds)
Djarindjin Safehouse/3 BR house	8 Beds, however this maybe reduced due to the COVID-19	Fully equipped house with 2 bathrooms

Access:

Access Type:	Weather Conditions	Comments
Airstrip - Djarindjin Airstrip	All weather access	Private Charter
Barge Landing	NA	
Community Access Road	All weather access	Currently closed to non-Dampier Peninsula members without permits.
Nearest Major Road - Cape Leveque Road	All weather access	All weather access with new road subject to monsoonal rain and cyclones.

Communications Arrangements:

Djarindjin Community has access to 3G and 4G capacity however the connectivity is very intermittent and cannot be relied on 100%.

Service Providers and Others:

Service / Contractor	Contact Name	Phone	Email
Dampier Peninsula Police	Andy Henshaw	9192 4590	andy.henshaw@police.wa.gov.au
Department of Communities (CPFS)	Janene Le Boydre	0427 380 171	Janene.LeBoydre@communities.wa.gov.au
KRCIC	Roma Puertollano	9192 4113	roma.puertollano@krci.org.au
Lombadina School	Sharon Le-ray	0439 093 447	sharon.leray@cewa.edu.au
Anglicare	Kaz Fitzpatrick	0427 104 019	Karen.fitzpatrick@anglicarewa.org.au
BOAB Health	Matt Burrows	0448 568 439	Ceo@boabhealth.com.au

Telethon Kids Institute	Pam Laird	0477 320 444	Pam.laird@telethonkids.org.au
WA TAFE	Marcus Beuke Director Training Services	91 929 106	Markus.Beuke@nrtafe.wa.edu.au
Main Roads WA	Carmen Murdock	0488 776 301	Carmen.murdock@bigpond.com
KRSP	Alan Burton	0427 655 059	bard@krsp.com.au
Horizon Power	Minty	0488 906 981	minty.sahanna@horizonpower.com.au
NIAA	Grant Astles	(08) 9138 7826 0400 914 434	grant.astles@official.niaa.gov.au
Dean Wilson Transport	Danny Hanniford Dean Wilson Office	0427 823 918 0437 869 274 91921974	admin@deanwilsontransport.com.au
All OZ Freight	Doug Fleming	0458 888 184	allozfreight@bigpond.com
Broome Electrical	Ash Dann	0439 989 205	Broomeelectricalservices@bigpond.com
Tropicool	Mick Ward	0407 559 454 9192 1710	Accounts@tropi-cool.com.au Tropicool2@inet.net.au
Wright Plumbing	Dave Wright	0414 809 844	wrtplumb@bigpond.com
Pindan Plumbing	Mike	0427 818 218	
Don's Maintenance Broome Lattice	Don Huth	0438 425 690	donhuth@bigpond.com
AF Maintenance and Construction	Aaron Fay (Bill Ray)	0407 958 565	billray@hotmail.com
Nirrumbuk Aboriginal Corporation – Environmental Health	Chicky Clements	08 9193 7100 0419 944 730	chicky@nirrumbuk.org.au

Cultural Considerations:

Djarindjin Community practices significant cultural rites during the year, during these specific periods the community is closed and not open to the outside public. The DAC expects communication from all stakeholders prior to their entry into or onto the Djarindjin community, this is so that any specific cultural practices that are occurring or funerals or recent deaths can be communicated, and appropriate community protocols can be provided to visiting stakeholders.

Other Considerations:

Stakeholders and other visitors should report to the DAC office prior to their travel occurring (phone call, email) so that proper information can be provided. A permit must be obtained **5 days PRIOR** to coming to Djarindjin from the DAC office and an exemption from the Police if you are not an essential service worker. A copy of your Covid vaccination certificate is also a requirement of your entry into community.

Djarindjin Community Protocols is a document that you will need to be familiar with prior to entering Djarindjin Community. An email sent to the CEO of your understanding of this document is required prior to entry.

DAC reserves the right to deny your entry into community, even if you have permission from the police to enter. We reserve the right to do so without reason. A community member can direct you to leave if you do not have your permit on your person.

DAC reserves the right to close the community for whatever reason it deems fit, for the purpose of protection and duty of care of its members and community members.

Prevention

We will do the following things to protect our community members and Outstations:

- **Close the community to all non-essential services - effective immediately**
- **Close the school until further notice – effectively immediately**
- **Immediately report any suspected cases to the Clinic**
- **Limit movement between communities**
- **Quarantine person/s at home whilst further testing occurs (as of February 2022)**
- **Community Quarantine if deemed required by Authorities**
- **Isolate ourselves and stop any get-to-togethers or crowds**
- **Social distancing ourselves from others not living in the same house as us**
- **Keep our community informed with up to date information**
- **Signage advising people not to come to our community**
- **Provide regular health promotion messages**
- **Restrict unauthorised and non-essential travel into our communities**
- **Ensure a 7 to 14 day isolation period is carried out in their place of residence, subject to advice from Health Authorities.**
- **Community members will be required to complete 7 days isolation in their residence.**

You can find more up to date information by calling the Health Helpline on 1800 020 080 or visiting their webpage on www.health.wa.gov.au

Responding to Suspected Cases

If we suspect that a person may have COVID-19 we will respond by:

- Immediately reporting it to the Lombadina Clinic on 08 9192 9200
- Encouraging the person to make phone contact with the Clinic to discuss their symptoms
- **Identifying a place where people can be safely isolated while waiting for medical assistance or transporting to Broome**
- **Identify a place where people can safely isolate while awaiting swab results and recover from illness or if required transport to Broome,**

Djarindjin does not have any place where persons can safely isolate other than that of the persons own home.

The Djarindjin Safehouse **MUST NOT** be used as a temporary facility for sick persons, this service is for the Dampier Peninsula to house victims of Domestic Violence and the possibility of DV occurring regularly during the COVID-19 crisis is considered high.

Outbreak Management

Responding to a Positive COVID-19 case notification

Due to the unique nature and interconnectedness of the residents in the community, transient and commonly crowded living arrangements amongst family groups, and movement between distinct communities for general business and cultural activities, a single positive COVID-19 case should be considered an outbreak due to the likelihood for large numbers of close contacts.

All positive COVID-19 cases and their Close Contacts may be evacuated from community to suitable isolation accommodation within the nearest suitable main Kimberley town, however most likely they will be required to quarantine in their own home. This will need to occur in a timely manner so as to prevent any possible further spread of the virus.

Djarindjin will immediately progress to Community Quarantine if the Health Authorities direct it so that Contact Tracing can be carried out, and to prevent any possible further spread of the virus amongst the community.

Community Quarantine

Following the notification of a positive COVID-19 result of a community member, the positive case and close contacts will need to be evacuated as above or quarantined in their own residence. The remaining community and its outstations will continue to practice wearing of masks, keeping hands clean and social distancing, adhere to Health Directives and limit travel from community or enter a 7 to 14 day quarantine period, subject to testing of all residents in the community.

When the community is alerted (by Police siren) there will be an immediate **mandatory expectation** for all community members (other than those essential members named in this document) to return to their usual residence (in the community or outstation), and remain there until further notice. During the initial hours/days, urgent contact tracing will be conducted within the community, so as to identify and isolate any active and/or potential COVID-19 cases. **The safest place for all community members is their usual residence, as this is the place that you have been living, and are the least likely to come in contact with anyone new.**

The quarantine will be in place for up to 14 days to ensure that any community spread of the virus can be contained and limited to as few people as possible. During this time the appropriate agencies will enter the community and ensure that all residents needs (food, health care, housing etc...) are looked after.

Following a positive COVID-19 result from a community resident, the following action will take place: -

Lombadina Clinic:

- Notify Public Health Unit and Clinic Coordinator who will advise the Regional Director – WACHS Kimberley
- Notify the CEO of the community regarding the positive COVID-19 case result.
- Notify the WAPOL @ Djarindjin Junction Police Station.
- Continue to liaise with the Kimberley Public Health Officers to facilitate a case interview and a close contact list.
- Patient medications will be delivered as required.
- Staff will visit any clients in their home that require any urgent medical attention.

Regional Director – WACHS Kimberley

Notify the CEO of the community regarding the positive COVID-19 case result.

- Convene the Operational Area Support Group within 30-60 minutes which will include:
 - CEO and Chairperson
 - WAPOL
 - Department of Communities
 - DFES
 - Other relevant agencies

In support of a 7 to 14-day community quarantine, Djarindjin Community would require external support for:

- Closure of roads.
- Enforcing quarantine.
- Food security.
- Other essential and non-essential items.
- Power and telecommunications security.
- Firewood for cooking/ heating.
- Animal welfare.
- Housing emergency maintenance
- Provision of detox/ withdrawal support services.

Djarindjin Community CEO

- Activate the community Pandemic Plan (This document)
- Request to Regional Director for Police to close roads to contain residents of community and request urgent additional Police/ Army resources.
- Peninsula Police Facility (MPPF) In Charge Officer to activate their vehicle siren and drive around the community to advise all residents to return to their home and stay until further notice.
- Advise the School Principal if during school hours to send children home.
- Convene the Community Response Team for an urgent meeting at the front of the Council Offices

- The Team will include key Djarindjin Aboriginal Corporation staff, including but not limited to the CEO, Ops Manager, HR Manager and Store/Roadhouse Managers, other staff may be called to assist. Key members of the school staff will also assist in providing the initial support when lockdown is announced.
- This meeting should ensure that:
 - All members have access to and wear a surgical mask
 - All members have a clear understanding of the community Pandemic Plan

The CEO will allocate some members of this team to:

- Go house to house and provide information (packs of prepared info) to households (What's happening, Lockdown requirements, How/when will food and supplies be delivered, etc...)
- Add information to the community Facebook page and text regarding quarantine
- School Principal to commence the preparation of learning packs for each household with school age children.
- Ensure any Health Clinic communications are through the allocated COVID Liaison Nurse at the clinic.
- Assist the Community Response Team to alert all community residents to take immediate community quarantine.
- Facilitate the supply of boxed non-perishables for each house to provide adequate meals until following day. These boxes will also include surgical masks, alcohol-based hand gel and soap. (these will be put together at the time of the crisis, we do not have the storage space nor financial ability to hold so much stock in storage)
- Organise garbage runs during the crisis.

Other:

- Djarindjin Community are aware that in order to provide this support, people and resources will need to be brought into community.
- Emergency Accommodation nominated earlier in this plan may need to be utilised.
- A specialist contact tracing team would need to come to community and go house to house, and they would need assistance from local (Rangers, Aboriginal Health workers) to assist with community navigation and cultural safety.
- Whole of community contact tracing and testing of people with symptoms will occur during this period, perhaps multiple times.
- Kimberley Population Health Unit will assist with producing information for distribution about staying in community as the safest option. They will also assist with producing a communication plan to be distributed to all houses as soon as the community enters quarantine.
- Regular daily meetings will occur between the OASG and the Djarindjin Community team to provide continued support of quarantine.

Roles and Responsibilities

The following people have a role in preparing for and responding to the pandemic.

There is no Local Emergency Management Committee in place in Djarindjin, however the people to refer to would be the following:

DAC CEO Nathan McIvor – 0427 340 034

DAC Ops Manager Jay Leonhardt – 0448 627 948

Lombadina Clinic – 9192 9200

DAC Chairperson Brian Lee – 0437 026 262

Dampier Peninsula Police Andy Henshaw – 08 9192 4590

Christ The King School Sharon Le-Ray – 0439 093 447

Local Government; Broome Shire – 08 9191 3456

CPFS Janene Le Boydre - 0427 380 171

DFES Nathan McIvor 0427 340 034 and Vincent Lesourd 0457 452 290

Contacts and Communication

All communication about this plan should be directed to:

Nathan McIvor

Chief Executive Officer

Djarindjin Aboriginal Corporation ICN 426

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M: 0427 340 034 / 0419 837 572

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Website: <https://djardindjin.org.au>

Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/Djarindjinaboriginalcorporation>

All emergency communication should be directed to:

Dampier Peninsula Police Officer in Charge (OIC) 9192 4590	Lombadina Clinic Remote Area Nurse (RAN) 9192 9200
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DAC would communicate this plan on DACs website and Facebook page and would share this with other stakeholders around the region.