
WATCH THIS SPACE

Coronavirus COVID-19 response strategy

Immediate Response

- All Watch This Space (WTS) events, exhibitions and scheduled programs have been postponed or canceled until further notice.
- All meetings, including board meetings, curatorial, managerial meetings or studio artist meetings to be conducted via video chat.
- Staff and studio artists are encouraged to work from home if possible.
- WTS staff or studio artists who continue to use the space must practice social distancing, keeping a minimum 1.5m from others at all times.
- No guests or visitors to visit studios or staff at WTS.
- Wash hands with soap and water at outside tap (to the right of the office door), before opening the door and entering WTS. Wash hands with soap + water before and after using the kitchen, wash hands with soap + water before and after using the toilet.
- Surfaces such as door handles, kitchen surfaces, alarm, to be wiped down thoroughly after touching.
- Kitchen to be used sparingly. Only 1 person in the kitchen at a time. Bring own plates/cups/bowls and cutlery from home. Wipe down any surfaces touched.
- A logbook is located in the office for everyone entering or leaving the building. Please fill this in accurately and tick off the surface cleaning routines.
- If a studio artist or WTS staff member are feeling unwell, they MUST stay home until feeling completely well again and must not visit WTS.
- If a studio artist or WTS staff member has any contact with a COVID-19 positive person, they must quarantine at home for 14 days and inform the Director and Board.

Escalated Response

A lockdown of WTS, with no staff or studio artists permitted to use the space, will be triggered by EITHER

A) Confirmed community spread of COVID-19 in Mparntwe/Alice Springs or immediate surrounding communities.

OR

B) Northern Territory Government imposed lock down of all non-essential businesses and workplaces.

- It is likely situations A) and B) would happen simultaneously or in close sequence in the case of an outbreak, however the WTS response should be triggered by whichever event comes first.
- In this situation, the Board and Director would communicate with all staff and studio artists, and arrange for studio artists to immediately collect any essential belongings from WTS prior to lockdown.
- Any staff or studio artists entering the building to remove belongings must strictly follow the current social distancing and cleaning guidelines above.
- It is essential for the board, studio artists and staff to regularly check the updated NT Government guidelines and comply with all recommendations.

NT Government Guidelines

<https://coronavirus.nt.gov.au/stay-safe>

Further Resources

<https://www.safeworkaustralia.gov.au/covid-19-information-workplaces/preparing-workplacescovid-19>