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**Department of Infrastructure, Transport,
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NOTICE TO COMMUNITY

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Relevant: Christmas Island and Cocos (Keeling) Islands

Topic: IOT COVID-19 Weekly Update – 12 October to 18 October 2022

	Christmas Island	Cocos (Keeling) Islands
New Cases: (week)	4	0
Total Recovered Cases:	545	354
Cases in Hospital	0	0

In line with changes to national protocols, people in the Indian Ocean Territories are no longer directed to isolate at home if testing positive to COVID-19, from 14 October 2022.

COVID-19 is still present in the community, despite this shift in mandatory requirements. We encourage everyone to take precautions to protect others and stop the spread of COVID-19. Continue maintaining a safe distance from others, practise good hand hygiene, wear a mask in public places, cover your coughs and sneezes, stay home if sick and get tested if you develop symptoms.

People who are sick and particularly anyone with confirmed COVID-19 are still strongly encouraged to stay home while they are symptomatic.

Cases and close contacts will also be advised to stay away from the health service for seven days if they test positive – phone consultations can be offered as needed. In the event of an emergency and you are COVID-19 positive, please inform the Health Service prior (if possible), or on arrival, to ensure additional protective infection control measures are taken.

IOTHS will continue to implement COVID controls and measures at the health service to protect staff and patients. COVID-19 is a notifiable disease. Please register all cases with IOTHS not WA. Contact the health service if you require further information.

Christmas Island – 08 9164 8333

Cocos Keeling West Island Clinic – 08 9162 6655

Cocos Keeling Island Home Island Clinic – 08 9162 7609

<https://www.wa.gov.au/government/covid-19-coronavirus/covid-19-coronavirus-what-you-can-and-cant-do>

Indian Ocean Territories Health Service