

TASMANIA'S 4 POINT DELTA SHIELD PLAN

STRONGER BORDER CONTROLS • VACCINATION BLITZ • ENHANCED TESTINGS, TRACKING AND TRACING • BUSINESS SUPPORT PACKAGE



The Delta strain of COVID-19 presents greater challenges for Australia and Tasmania, in terms of health risks and economic risks.

Tasmania has maintained a proactive, responsive approach to keep on top of COVID-19 and support the community's health and wellbeing.



STRONGER BORDER CONTROLS

To keep Tasmania safe we will:

- Apply additional security, flyers and electronic signage at all domestic airports where there are border risks and direct flights to Tasmania – no pass, no entry;
- Double the on-the-spot fines to \$1557 for people who arrive with a rejected pass;
- Our borders with NSW will remain closed, classified High Risk Level 1, for the foreseeable future; and
- Our borders with Victoria will remain closed for the next two to four weeks, as we continue to assess the evolving situation and progress our Delta Shield plan.



VACCINATION BLITZ

To further strengthen the State's defences against the Delta variant, the Department of Health will commence a vaccination blitz – a super-six week campaign to boost our rate of vaccination above 60% by mid-September.

This will be achieved by:

- Commencing a program to vaccinate college students (16 - 18 year olds) from 23 August 2021;
- Opening additional days and extending hours in all State community clinics to target our 30 to 59 year olds, and bringing forward the vaccination schedule for the 16 to 29 year old cohort from 13 September 2021; and
- Bringing pharmacies on line more quickly.

To achieve this we will collaborate and share resources right across our health system.



ENHANCED TESTING, TRACKING AND TRACING

While we already have a workforce of up to 200 people available within Tasmania to track and trace should an outbreak occur due to the rapid transmission rates and the high infectivity of the Delta virus, we will have additional contact tracers from the national pool to double our workforce, should the need arise.

This will include systems and IT support to effectively support remote tracking and tracing services.



BUSINESS SUPPORT PACKAGE

We are working with the Federal Government to put in place a significant business support package for those businesses who are being impacted by border closures, being tourism, hospitality, arts and events and services like hire cars and coach tours.

The specific details of a major, joint assistance package, will be announced once finalised.



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