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## COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENT: Plan to safely return to Country

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APY understands many Anangu want to return to Country because of fear of catching COVID-19.

**For now, please stay still wherever you are.**

APY Administration and Management teams are urgently putting together a plan to get people back to Country in a safe and organised way.

Anangu will be welcome to return very soon.

When a plan is ready, people will be asked to register their interest with APY by sending a message and advising who will be coming home.

Anangu from Amata will be allowed to travel back to Country; however the community is currently locked down because of positive COVID-19 cases. Departures will not be allowed after you return to Amata until further notice.

While APY prepares a plan to return Anangu to Country, people should:

- Prepare proof of double vaccination and booster (if you have had a booster)
- Arrange who will be travelling with them
- Pack one bag of belongings per person, ready for travel
- Check the APY Facebook page regularly for updates.

While you wait, take special care to be COVID-safe at all times. Wash your hands often. Stay apart from others and wear a mask in crowds and when you are inside.

**APY communities are not COVID free.** If people choose to return, they are choosing to return at their own risk to an isolated area with limited medical support.

COVID-19 is an illness that is dangerous and can make people very sick, especially those with other illnesses. For this reason, if someone tests positive for COVID-19, they will be returned to Adelaide for medical care. More updates will be posted in days to come.

For more COVID-19 information, visit [www.sahealth.sa.gov.au/aboriginalcommunitiesandcovid-19](http://www.sahealth.sa.gov.au/aboriginalcommunitiesandcovid-19)

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