

# AM-YAC Indigenous Community Trust

## Coronavirus Response Policy

Coronavirus or COVID-19 is a respiratory illness caused by a new virus. Symptoms include fever, coughing, sore throat and shortness of breath. The virus can spread from person to person, but good hygiene can prevent infection. Click the link to visit the [SA Health website](#) for the latest information.

For questions about testing or if you are seeking further information about Coronavirus, call the **Coronavirus Health Information Line** on **1800 020 080**.

### **BACKGROUND**

In response to the Coronavirus pandemic, the AM-YAC Indigenous Community Trust Advisory Council have created a program to provide assistance to AM-YAC members in the form of a purchase order to a nominated supermarket or store.

The purpose of the Coronavirus Response Policy is to assist AM-YAC members in Coober Pedy, South Australia and members who are seriously ill in other states to purchase food, and essential household items to prepare for and endure quarantine at home due to Coronavirus.

This policy is provided exclusively to AM-YAC members and is not related to stimulus payments provided by the Australian Government that AM-YAC members may be eligible for.

### **POLICY TIME PERIOD**

Assistance under this Policy is available between **1 April 2020 and 30 June 2020**.

The Trust Advisory Council is monitoring the impact of the Coronavirus pandemic on AM-YAC members and will review the Coronavirus Response Policy on an ongoing basis.

## **ELIGIBILITY AND ASSISTANCE**

- AM-YAC members based in Coober Pedy, Indulkana, Oodnadatta, Mimli, Fregon and Umuwa are eligible for a once-off \$200 purchase order.
- AM-YAC members based in South Australia are eligible for a once-off \$150 purchase order.
- AM-YAC members who suffer a chronic illness and live outside of South Australia are eligible for a once-off \$150 purchase order.

## **APPLICATION PROCESS**

In order to receive a distribution under these guidelines:

- The applicant must be on the AM-YAC membership register.
- The AM-YAC member's place of residence will be deemed to be the address recorded on the member register or listed on your current drivers licence or other official document (such as Centrelink statement, utility bill (gas or electricity), car registration papers, health care card, etc).
- AM-YAC Members must complete an online application and provide all of the required information. Applications can be submitted online at <https://amyac.com.au/coronavirus/>
- If AM-YAC members need assistance submitting an application, they can contact the Executive Office on 08 8349 0830.
- Assistance will be provided through payments made directly to stores or through purchase orders.
- The Executive Office will contact AM-YAC members when the purchase order is ready for collection at the nominated store.

## **AM-YAC Trust Executive Office**

There will be a high number of applications under this Policy and it will take time for the Executive Office to review and process all applications and orders.

The principle of 'Ngarprtji Napartji' applies to AM-YAC members and Executive Office Staff, that is mutual respect, kindness and honesty.

Purchase orders will be available at stores on Tuesdays and Fridays. AM-YAC members will be contacted when orders are ready to collect.

Please be patient, the staff in the Executive Office are working hard to assist all AM-YAC members with their applications for Trust assistance.