



ACT
Government

**Canberra Health
Services**



We acknowledge the Ngunnawal people as traditional custodians of the ACT and recognise any other people or families with connection to the lands of the ACT and region. We acknowledge and respect their continuing culture and the contribution they make to the life of this city and this region.

Australian Capital Territory Biocontainment

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ACT current quarantine facilities

Canberra Hospital

| Isolation Room Type | Quantity |
|---------------------|---|
| Class Q | 0 |
| Class N | 36 Only 4 (bedroom, ensuite + ante chamber) 1/4 in ED |

Canberra Hospital Clinical Services Building (under construction)

| Isolation Room Type | Quantity |
|---------------------|----------|
| Class Q | 0 |

ACT biocontainment preparedness

Training

Current: no training either online or practical

2014 – 2017: online and practical training, regular PPE training for certain clinical areas, stockpile of PPE, chemical toilets

Medical Stockpile

Pharmaceuticals: Pre-deployment from National Medical Stockpile

PPE: no local stockpile, reliant on NMS

Laboratory

VHF – assay for use – more for screening

ACT risks and areas for improvement

- Risk perception
 - Currently only 1 international flight (Fiji)
 - Diplomats, Defence personnel, DFAT
- Workforce challenges
 - Skill shortages
 - Under-resourced infection prevention and control
- Roles and Responsibilities
 - Canberra Health Services
 - ACT Health Directorate