



Northern Territory of Australia

*Public and Environmental Health Act 2011*

**COVID-19 Directions (No. 37) 2021:  
Amendment to COVID-19 Directions (No. 1) 2021**

I, Hugh Crosbie Heggie, Chief Health Officer, under section 52 of the *Public and Environmental Health Act 2011 (the Act)*, consider it necessary, appropriate or desirable to take action to alleviate the public health emergency in the Territory, declared by instrument entitled "Declaration of Public Health Emergency", dated 18 March 2020, by amending my COVID-19 Directions (No. 1) 2021 to insert, after Part 4:

**Part 5 Evidence of medical reasons not to wear a mask**

10 A police officer or an authorised officer may:

- (a) request a person who is not wearing a mask as required by these Directions to state the person's reason for not doing so; and
- (b) if the person claims to have a physical or mental health illness or condition, or a disability, that makes wearing a mask unsuitable – require the person to produce evidence to support that claim.

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