



Northern Territory of Australia

Public and Environmental Health Act 2011

**COVID-19 Directions (No. 44) 2021:
Quarantine and testing for persons who have exited quarantine
in a State or another Territory**

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 (the **public health emergency declaration**), by making the following directions:

Part 1 Preliminary matters

- 1 These Directions take effect when they are made and remain in force while the public health emergency declaration is in force.

Note for direction 1

These Directions will remain in force during any subsequent extensions of the duration of that declaration, which may be made under section 50(2) of the Act.

- 2 My COVID-19 Directions (No. 34) 2021 are revoked.

- 3 In these Directions

Border Directions means my COVID-19 Directions (No. 8) 2021, or any subsequent Directions that replace and substantially correspond to those Directions.

- 4 If these Directions are inconsistent with an advice, order or notice under the *Notifiable Diseases Act 1981*, the advice, order or notice prevails to the extent of the inconsistency.

Example for direction 4

A person may be ordered under the Notifiable Diseases Act 1981 to isolate for longer than the quarantine period or to undertake a specific course of medical treatment.

- 5 These Directions apply in relation to a person who was quarantined in a hotel or facility managed by a State or another Territory and who enters the Territory within 4 days of exiting that quarantine.

Note for direction 5

The length of time the person is quarantined in the quarantine hotel or facility is irrelevant for this direction.

Part 2 Mandatory quarantine and testing

- 6 A person must:
- (a) travel directly from the place of entry into the Territory to a place specified by me and as directed by an authorised officer; and
 - (b) submit to a COVID-19 testing procedure approved by me on the 3rd day after exiting the quarantine in the State or other Territory; and
 - (c) remain quarantined in that place until the COVID-19 testing procedure indicates the person is not infected with COVID-19.

Notes for direction 6

- 1 *A person who leaves hotel quarantine in Brisbane on Monday and enters the Territory on or before Thursday must quarantine and be tested under this direction.*
- 2 *If the result of the test or assessment is negative, the person may leave the place. If the result is positive, the person must comply with my COVID-19 Directions (No. 7) 2020 or any Directions that replace and substantially correspond to those Directions.*


- 7 The COVID-19 testing procedure must be conducted by one of the following:
- (a) an authorised officer;
 - (b) a health practitioner as defined in section 5 of the Health Practitioner Regulation National Law;
 - (c) another person approved by me.

Part 3 Application of Border Directions

8 Directions 19, 20 and 21 of my Border Directions apply in relation to a person who is required to quarantine under these Directions.

Notes for COVID-19 Directions

- 1 *Section 56 of the Act provides for an offence for failing to comply with a direction given by me under section 52(3) of the Act.*
- 2 *The maximum penalty for this offence is 400 penalty units.*
- 3 *A person is not guilty of this offence if the person has a reasonable excuse.*
- 4 *An infringement notice may be given for failing to comply with these Directions with a fine equal to 32 penalty units for an individual and 160 penalty units for a body corporate.*


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