

Northern Territory of Australia
Public and Environmental Health Act 2011
COVID-19 Directions (No. 35) 2020

**Directions to Close Certain Places, Businesses, Activities and Services
and Directions for Safety Measures at Reopened Places, Businesses,
Activities and Services**

I, Hugh Crosbie Heggie, Chief Health Officer, under section 52 of the *Public and Environmental Health Act 2011*, 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 making the following directions:

- 1 These Directions take effect at 4.00 pm on 22 May 2020 and remain in force while the public health emergency declaration is in force.

Note for direction 1

The period the declaration of public health emergency is in force has been extended under section 50(2) of the Act. These Directions remain in force during the periods of extension.

- 2 The following Directions are revoked:
 - (a) my COVID-19 Directions (No. 33) 2020;
 - (b) my COVID-19 Directions (No. 34) 2020.

- 3 In these Directions:

amusement venue means a venue used principally for playing:

- (a) billiards, pool or other like games; or
- (b) electronic or mechanical amusement devices, such as pinball machines, computer or video games or similar.

food court business means a business that serves food or beverages for consumption at an adjacent food court.

meal does not include food that is ordinarily regarded as a bar snack.

Note for definition meal

Nuts, olives or crisps are examples of bar snacks.

the public, in relation to a place, business, activity or service, includes a customer or member of the place, business, activity or service.

- 4 An occupier of a place and a proprietor of a business must:
 - (a) close to the public any place specified in direction 5; and
 - (b) cease conducting with, or providing to, the public any activity or service specified in direction 5.

- 5 The following places, activities and services are closed to the public:
 - (a) the approved gaming areas of a casino within the meaning of the *Gaming Control Act 1993* as specified in an agreement made with the Minister administering that Act under section 17(1) of that Act;
 - (b) a gaming machine area within the meaning of the *Gaming Machine Act 1995*;
 - (c) the operation of a totalisator or the activity of conducting totalisator wagering under a totalisator licence granted under the *Totalisator Licensing and Regulation Act 2000*;
 - (d) a cinema, theatre, concert hall, music hall, dance hall, nightclub or any other similar entertainment venue;
 - (e) an amusement venue or amusement park;
 - (f) the provision of beauty therapy services for the face, including waxing, shaving, eyebrow care or any other service intended to maintain, alter or enhance a person's facial appearance, but not including hairdressing;
 - (g) a place that provides tattooing or body art, including any activity intended to permanently decorate, pierce, brand, scar or adorn a person's skin or permanently alter a person's appearance;

- (h) a strip club or any place that:
 - (i) sells admission to the place for customers to participate in sexual activity with each other; or
 - (ii) provides services that involve a person participating in sexual activity with another person in return for payment or reward.

Examples for paragraph (f)

Facials, the application of cosmetics, epilation or the application of semi-permanent makeup.

Examples for paragraph (h)

A sex on premises venue or a brothel.

- 6 Directions 4 and 5 do not prohibit any service or activity provided or conducted electronically or online.
- 7 A person must not provide, organise or participate in a sporting activity that involves physical contact.

Examples for direction 7

1 Contact sports such as football or rugby.

2 Sports that may involve contact, such as netball or basketball.

- 8 A place, business, activity or service that was closed to the public or required to cease under my COVID-19 Directions (No. 28) 2020 but is not required to close to the public or cease under these Directions must:
 - (a) before reopening or resuming:
 - (i) complete and submit to the Agency a COVID-19 safety plan checklist, in a form approved by me; and
 - (ii) place markings on the floor of its premises to indicate 1.5 m spacing in areas where the public may queue; and
 - (b) provide hand sanitiser to the public on its premises, unless handwashing facilities are available.

- 9 The occupier of a place or the proprietor of a business referred to in direction 8 that serves food or beverages for consumption at the place or on the premises of the business:
- (a) must seat each guest or party of guests at a separate table; and
 - (b) must not seat more than 10 guests at a table; and
 - (c) must not permit a guest to bring their own food for consumption at the place or on the premises; and
 - (d) must not allow a guest to consume any food or beverage at the place or on the premises unless the guest is seated at a table; and
 - (e) must not serve liquor to a guest unless a meal is also served to the guest.

Note for direction 9(e)

The requirement specified in this paragraph applies in addition to any requirement of or under the Liquor Act 2019.


- 10 For direction 9(e), a separate meal must be served to each person who is served liquor.
- 11 Subject to direction 12, directions 8, 9 and 10 do not apply to any premises specified in the Schedule if any consumption of food or beverages on the premises is only by a person or persons providing services for the transport or freight of goods or related logistics into, within, or out of the Territory.
- 12 Directions 8, 9 and 10 do apply if a premises specified in the Schedule opens or reopens to the public.
- 13 Direction 9 does not apply to a food court business.
- 14 The proprietor of a food court business adjacent to a food court must not serve liquor to a person unless:
- (a) a meal is also served to the person; or
 - (b) the proprietor is satisfied the person has ordered a meal from another food court business adjacent to the food court.

- 15 The proprietor of a food court must not permit more than 10 people to sit at a table in the food court.
- 16 A member of the public must comply with a measure the occupier of a place or the proprietor of a business has imposed in accordance with direction 8(a)(ii), 9(b), (c) or (d) or 15.

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 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.*

Dated


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Schedule

Name	Address
BP Truck Stop - Truck Central	13 Distribution Drive, Wishart
Puma Palms	907 Stuart Highway, Pinelands
United Acacia Hills	3760 Stuart Highway, Acacia Hills
Adelaide River Inn	106 Stuart Highway, Adelaide River
Emerald Springs Roadhouse	721 Stuart Highway, Emerald Springs
Mary River Roadhouse	3567 Kakadu Highway, Pine Creek
Pine Creek Hotel	44 Moule Street, Pine Creek
Roper Bar Store	Lot 1035 Roper Highway, Limmen
Puma Katherine Truck Stop	85 Bicentennial Road, Katherine South
Shell Katherine Truck Stop	Zimmen Drive, Katherine
Mataranka Roadhouse	Lot 118 Roper Terrace, Mataranka
Mataranka Store and Service Station	67 Roper Terrace, Mataranka
United Mataranka	13 Roper Terrace, Mataranka
Larrimah Wayside Inn	5 Mahony Street, Mataranka
Daly Waters Hi-Way Inn	Corner Stuart Highway and Carpentaria Highway, Daly Waters
Dunmarra Wayside Inn	13729 Stuart Highway, Daly Waters
Mobil Roadhouse Elliott	Lot 83 Stuart Highway, Elliott
Renner Springs Desert Inn	Stuart Highway, Renner Springs
Threeways Roadhouse	Stuart Highway (corner Barkly Highway), Tennant Creek
Devils Marbles Hotel	11275 Stuart Highway, Wauchope
Wycliffe Well	13030 Stuart Highway, Tennant Creek
Barrow Creek Hotel	22255 Stuart Highway, Barrow Creek
Ti Tree Roadhouse	Lot 3 Stuart Highway, Ti Tree
Aileron Hotel & Roadhouse	Aileron Access Road, off Stuart Highway, Aileron
Stuarts Well Roadhouse	Lot 3715 Stuart Highway, Hugh
Desert Oaks Resort	19668 Stuart Highway (corner Lasseter Highway), Erldunda
Kulgera Roadhouse	South Stuart Highway (corner Kulgera Crescent), Kulgera

Name	Address
Barkly Homestead	Corner Barkly and Tablelands Highways, Tennant Creek
Victoria River Roadhouse	19405 Victoria Highway, Victoria River
Timber Creek Hotel	94 Victoria Highway, Timber Creek
Heartbreak Hotel	Carpentaria Highway, Katherine
Top Springs Hotel	Corner Buntine and Buchanan Highways, Top Springs
Cooinda Lodge Kakadu	1 Kakadu Highway, Kakadu
Curtin Springs Wayside Inn	Lasseter Highway, Via Alice Springs
Glen Helen Lodge	1 Namitjira Drive, Alice Springs
Tilmouth Well Roadhouse	16640 Tanami Highway, Anmatjere
