



Northern Territory of Australia

Public and Environmental Health Act 2011

**COVID-19 Directions (No. 15) 2022:
COVID-19 testing procedure**

I, Charles Hawkhurst Pain, Deputy Chief Health Officer, as the delegate of the 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 directing that, despite anything to the contrary in any of my COVID-19 Directions, a COVID-19 test required under any of my COVID-19 Directions (including as part of an approved COVID-19 testing procedure) consists of:

- (a) subject to paragraph (b), a rapid antigen test; or
- (b) a polymerase chain reaction test only if specified or required by me or an authorised officer in a particular case or class of cases.

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 the offence is 400 penalty units.*
- 3 *A person is not guilty of the 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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Deputy Chief Health Officer

Dated 13.1.22. 14.33.

