



Northern Territory of Australia

*Public and Environmental Health Act 2011*

## **COVID-19 Directions (No. 57) 2020: Directions for Major Public Events**

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 00:01 on 30 November 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 My COVID-19 Directions (No. 39) 2020 are revoked.

- 3 In these Directions:

**COVID-19 event safety plan** means the plan prepared under direction 5.

**COVID-19 safety supervisor** means the person designated under direction 8.

**major public event** means an event or public gathering referred to in direction 4.

**organiser**, in relation to a major public event, means:

- (a) the person who is responsible for organising the major public event; or

(b) if that person cannot be identified – the person in charge of or apparently in charge of the major public event.

4 These Directions apply to any event or public gathering that:

(a) is ticketed or open to the public at a private location or a public place; and

(b) is expected to have more than 500 people in attendance.

5 The organiser of a major public event must prepare and submit to the Agency a COVID-19 event safety plan, in a form approved by me, before holding the event.

*Note for direction 5*

*The COVID-19 event safety plan may include measures to protect persons attending the event and may require the collection of contact information from those persons.*

6 A copy of the COVID-19 event safety plan must be provided to an authorised officer on request by the officer.

7 Any COVID-19 event safety plan submitted to the Agency or approved by me under my COVID-19 Directions (No. 39) 2020 is taken to be a COVID-19 event safety plan prepared and submitted to the Agency or approved by me, as the case may be, under these Directions.

8 The organiser must designate a person to implement, on behalf of the organiser:

(a) the COVID-19 event safety plan submitted to the Agency for the place, business, activity, service or premises; and

(b) any of my COVID-19 Directions made under section 52 of the Act that apply to the place, business, activity, service or premises.

9 A person must not be designated as a COVID-19 safety supervisor unless the person has the skills and knowledge to implement the COVID-19 event safety plan.

- 10 Evidence of the skills and knowledge of the COVID-19 safety supervisor must be given to an authorised officer on request by the officer.

*Note for direction 10*

*The evidence can be given to the authorised officer either orally or in writing.*

- 11 The organiser must not hold the major public event unless the COVID-19 event safety plan is approved by me, subject to any conditions I consider appropriate.
- 12 The organiser must ensure that the event complies with the approved COVID-19 event safety plan and any conditions on the approval.

*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.*
- 4 *An infringement notice may be given for failing to comply 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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