

Northern Territory of Australia  
*Public and Environmental Health Act 2011*  
**COVID-19 Directions (No. 29) 2020**  
**Directions for Physical Distancing**

I, Hugh Crosbie Heggie, Chief Health Officer:

- (a) 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 (the **public health emergency declaration**), by making the directions set out in the Schedule; and
- (b) under section 53(1)(b) of the Act, direct each authorised officer not to charge a person under section 56 of the Act or give an infringement notice to a person under regulation 102 of the *Public and Environmental Health Regulations 2014* for non-compliance with these Directions unless:
  - (i) the authorised officer has directed the person to comply with these Directions and given the person an opportunity to comply; and
  - (ii) the person continues to fail to comply with these Directions.

Dated



Digitally signed by Dr Hugh Heggie  
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## Schedule

1. These Directions take effect at 23:59 on 1 May 2020 and remain in force while the public health emergency declaration is in force.

*Note for 1*

*The period the public health emergency declaration is in force has been extended under section 50(2) of the Public and Environmental Health Act 2011. These Directions remain in force during the periods of extension.*

2. In these Directions:

**indoors** means an area, room or place that is or are substantially enclosed by a roof and walls, regardless of whether the roof or walls or any part of them are permanent or temporary or open or closed.

**outdoors** means an area or premises that is not indoors.

3. These Directions apply to a person who is outdoors.
4. The person must comply with the physical distancing principles as published from time to time on <https://coronavirus.nt.gov.au/steps-to-restart/roadmap-new-normal#section1>.