



Northern Territory of Australia

Public and Environmental Health Act 2011

**COVID-19 Directions (No. 40) 2021:
Directions to close places, activities and services in Darwin and
surrounding areas and Katherine**

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

- 1 These Directions take effect at 12:00 noon on 16 August 2021 and remain in force until the earlier of:
 - (a) the public health emergency declaration ceasing to be in force; or
 - (b) 12:00 noon on 19 August 2021.
- 2 In these Directions:

essential worker, see my COVID-19 Directions (No. 39) 2021.

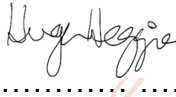
lockdown area, see my COVID-19 Directions (No. 39) 2021.

the public, in relation to a business, place, activity or service, includes a customer or member of the business, place, activity or service.
- 3 These Directions apply in and to the lockdown area.
- 4 An occupier of a place and the proprietor of a business in the lockdown area must close the place and premises of the business to the public.
- 5 A provider of activities or services in the lockdown area must cease providing services and activities to the public.
- 6 The following are exempt from directions 4 and 5:

- (a) the services or activities provided by an essential worker;
 - (b) subject to direction 7, the place or premises where an essential worker provides those services;
 - (c) a place for the conduct of a funeral with no more than 10 funeral attendees in total, not including persons providing the funeral services.
- 7 The premises from which one of the following types of business operates may remain open for the provision of contactless collection or delivery of pre-ordered goods only:
- (a) a hardware store;
 - (b) a pet store;
 - (c) a newsagency.
- 8 To avoid doubt, these Directions do not prohibit any service or activity provided or conducted electronically or online.
- 9 Any place, activity or service exempted from restriction or otherwise permitted by or under these Directions is subject to my COVID-19 Directions (No. 39) 2021 or any subsequent Directions that replace and substantially correspond to those 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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