Northern Territory of Australia

Public and Environmental Health Act 2011

COVID-19 Directions (No. 29) 2021:
Directions for Gatherings at Private Residences

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 1 pm on 2 July 2021 and remain in force until the earlier of:

(a)   the public health emergency declaration ceasing to be in force; or

(b)   1 pm on 9 July 2021.

2   These Directions apply in the former lockdown area as defined in my COVID-19 Directions (No. 26) 2021 (as amended from time to time) or any subsequent Directions that replace and substantially correspond to those Directions.

3   An occupier of a place that is a private residence must not allow a gathering of more than 10 people who are not residents of the place to occur on, in or at the place.
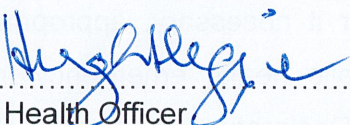
Example for direction 3

A gathering of 15 people is allowed at the place if 5 of those people are residents of the place.

4   A person must not attend a gathering on, in or at a place that is a private residence of more than 10 people who are not residents of the place.

5   A gathering for the purpose of conducting emergency services or otherwise required in an emergency is exempt from directions 3 and 4.

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.

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Chief Health Officer

Dated   1257   2/7/2021.