



Northern Territory of Australia

Public and Environmental Health Act 2011

**COVID-19 Directions (No. 1) 2022:
Amendment of COVID-19 Directions (No. 131) 2021**

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 when they are made.
- 2 These Directions amend my COVID-19 Directions (No. 131) 2021, as amended.
- 3 Direction 4 is amended by omitting "Subject to direction 37, a" and substituting "A".
- 4 Direction 8 is amended by omitting "notified by an authorised officer or health practitioner that the person is".
- 5 Direction 8, example, is amended by omitting "22(c) or".
- 6 Direction 20(c) is omitted.
- 7 Direction 22(c) is omitted.
- 8 Directions 23 and 24 are revoked and the following substituted:
 - 23 This Division applies to each person who enters the Territory other than a child under 2 years of age.

24 The person must submit to the following:

- (a) a rapid antigen test in accordance with direction 24A;
- (b) a rapid antigen test on the 3rd day after entry;
- (c) a rapid antigen test on the 6th day after entry.

24A For direction 24(a), the person, on entry to the Territory:

- (a) may bring a rapid antigen test kit to the Territory and must take the test within 2 hours of entering the Territory; or
- (b) may be given a rapid antigen test kit at the place of entry and must take the test within 2 hours of receiving the test; or
- (c) may be directed by an authorised officer to a place to be given a rapid antigen test kit and must take the test within 2 hours of receiving the test; or
- (d) otherwise – may be directed to a place to be given a rapid antigen test kit at a time specified by an authorised officer or directed to take a test by a time specified by an authorised officer.

9 Direction 25 is revoked and the following substituted:

25 A person who self-administers a rapid antigen test under this Division must:

- (a) use a rapid antigen test approved by the Therapeutic Goods Administration; and
- (b) follow the manufacturer's instructions on storage and administration of the test; and
- (c) after taking the test – retain photos of the test result, the packaging displaying the batch number and a document identifying person; and

- (d) after administering the rapid antigen test required under direction 24(a) and no later than the second day after entry – complete an approved online declaration that the person has fulfilled the conditions specified in paragraphs (a) to (c) for that test; and
- (e) after administering all other required tests and no later than the 8th day after entry – complete an approved online declaration that the person has fulfilled the conditions specified in paragraphs (a) to (c) for those tests.

Example for direction 25(c)

A photo of the person's driver's licence or other form of ID.

Note for direction 25

A person who tests positive for infection with COVID-19 may be subject to my COVID-19 Directions (No. 7) 2020, or any subsequent Directions that replace and substantially correspond to those Directions.

25A If a person who self-administers a rapid antigen test under this Division tests positive for infection with COVID-19 on the test, the person:

- (a) must contact the COVID-19 Hotline; and
- (b) must remain quarantined in a suitable place until an authorised officer contacts the person; and
- (c) must comply with the directions of the authorised officer.

Note for direction 25A

The COVID-19 Hotline number is 1800 490 484.

- 10 Direction 26 is amended by omitting "23" and substituting "24".
- 11 Direction 27 is amended by omitting "23" and substituting "24".
- 12 Direction 28 is amended by omitting "23" and substituting "24".
- 13 Direction 33(d) is omitted.

14 Directions 37 and 37A are revoked.

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Chief Health Officer

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