



Northern Territory of Australia

*Public and Environmental Health Act 2011*

**COVID-19 Directions (No. 31) 2021:  
Amendment to CHO Directions (No. 26) 2021: Directions for  
face masks**

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 the instrument entitled "Declaration of Public Health Emergency", dated 18 March 2020, by making the following directions:

- 1 These Directions take effect at the time they are made.
- 2 These Directions amend my COVID-19 Directions (No. 26) 2021, Directions for face masks made on 2 July 2021, as amended by my COVID-19 Directions (No. 30) 2021.
- 3 Direction 7(ga)

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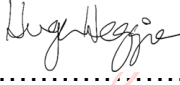
(ga) the person is requested by one of the following health practitioners to remove the face mask in order to treat the person or administer treatment to the person:

- (i) a medical practitioner;
- (ii) a dentist;
- (iii) a nurse;
- (iv) an Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander health practitioner;
- (v) a speech pathologist;
- (vi) a physiotherapist;

(gb) a teacher, educator or child care worker in a school or child care facility who removes it for the purposes of teaching or child care activities;

*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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