



Northern Territory of Australia

*Public and Environmental Health Act 2011*

**COVID-19 Directions (No. 134) 2021:  
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* (the **Act**), 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.
- 3 Direction 22(c) is amended by deleting "hours".
- 4 Direction 25 is revoked and the following substituted:
  - 25 A person may self-administer a rapid antigen test instead of a PCR COVID-19 testing procedure specified in direction 23(a) or (b) if:
    - (a) the person is in a place where a PCR COVID-19 testing procedure is not available, as determined by me from time to time and published on the website [coronavirus.nt.gov.au](https://coronavirus.nt.gov.au); and
    - (b) the person uses a rapid antigen test approved by the Therapeutic Goods Administration; and
    - (c) the person follows the manufacturer's instructions on storage and administration of the test; and

- (d) after taking a test, the person retains photos of the test result, the packaging displaying the batch number and a document identifying the person; and
- (e) the person, after administering all required tests and no later than the 8th day after entry, completes an approved online declaration that they have fulfilled the conditions specified in paragraphs (a) to (d).

*Example for direction 25(d)*

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

*Note for direction 25*


*A rapid antigen test administered under this direction satisfies the requirements of direction 23(a) or (b), as the case may be.*

5 Direction 34 is revoked and the following substituted:

34 Despite direction 33, a child under 16 years of age is not required to quarantine, unless the child arrives on a flight facilitated by the Commonwealth Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade.

6 After direction 37 insert the following:

37A A person who submits to an approved COVID-19 testing procedure under direction 37(a) is not required to submit to a PCR test on the 3rd day after entry under direction 23(a).

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