



Northern Territory of Australia

*Public and Environmental Health Act 2011*

**COVID-19 Directions (No. 32) 2022:  
Directions to wear face masks outdoors in the Territory**


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 at 6:00 pm on 29 January 2022 and remain in force until the earlier of:
  - (a) 6:00 pm on 5 February 2022; or
  - (b) the public health emergency declaration ceasing to be in force.
- 2 While these Directions are in force, my COVID-19 Directions (No. 142) 2021 are to be read as if direction 5 is omitted and the following inserted instead:
  - 5 Subject to direction 7, a person must wear a face mask when the person is:
    - (a) outside the premises where the person resides; and
    - (b) within 1.5 m of another person who does not reside at the same premises.

*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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