

Northern Territory of Australia
Public and Environmental Health Act 2011
COVID-19 Directions (No. 10) 2020

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, by making the following directions:

**Directions for Further Closure and Cessation of Public Places, Services
and Activities**

- 1 These Directions take effect at 24:00 (midnight) on 25 March 2020 and remain in force until the earlier of the following:
- (a) a declaration under section 50(2) of the Act is no longer in force;
 - (b) 24:00 (midnight) on 20 April 2020.

Note for direction 1

These Directions will remain in force during any subsequent extensions of that declaration, which may be made under section 50(2) of the Public and Environmental Health Act 2011.

- 2 In these Directions:

indoors means an area, room or premises that is or are substantially enclosed by a roof and walls, regardless of whether the roof or walls or any part of them are permanent or temporary or open or closed.

outdoors means an area or premises that is not indoors.

- 3 An occupier of a place and a proprietor of a business must:
- (a) close to the public any place specified in direction 4; and
 - (b) cease conducting with, or providing to, the public any activity or service specified in direction 4.
- 4 The following places, activities and services are closed to the public:
- (a) an indoor market, other than a food market;
 - (b) an auction for goods or real estate, whether indoors or outdoors;

- (c) a real estate open house inspection for potential purchasers;
- (d) beauty therapy, including tanning, waxing, nail care, eyebrow care or any other activity intended to maintain, alter or enhance a person's appearance;
- (e) tattooing or body art, including any activity intended to permanently decorate, pierce, brand, scar or adorn a person's skin or permanently alter a person's appearance;
- (f) a place that provides yoga, Pilates, barre, massage or other wellness services;
- (g) a strip club or any place that:
 - (i) sells admission to the place for customers to participate in sexual activity with each other; or
 - (ii) provides services that involve a person participating in sexual activity with another person in return for payment or reward;
- (h) a bathhouse, swimming pool, wave pool, water park and recreational lakes for swimming or water sports;
- (i) an arena, stadium, amusement park, community or recreation centre and play centre, whether indoors or outdoors;
- (j) a venue operated by the Returned & Services League of Australia Limited;
- (k) an art gallery, museum and any historic site with regulated public access;
- (l) a wedding with more than 5 people present, including the celebrant;
- (m) a funeral with more than 10 people present;
- (n) a place that provides physical training activities indoors or physical training activities outdoors with more than 10 people present;
- (o) an organised or social sporting activity.

Examples for direction 4(d)

Facial, body wrap, exfoliation, the application of cosmetics, epilation, the application of semi-permanent makeup.

Examples for direction (g)(i) and (ii)

A sex on premises venue and a brothel.

Examples for direction 4(n)

Fitness classes or a "boot camp".

Examples for direction 4(o)

Basketball, cricket, football and soccer games.

5 These Directions are to be applied in conjunction with my COVID-19 Directions (No. 9) 2020, except that direction 4(l) to (o) prevail to the extent of any inconsistency with direction 8 of COVID-19 Directions (No. 9) 2020.

6 Despite direction 4, the following activities and services are exempt from direction 4:

- (a) hairdressing;
- (b) essential volunteer or public services provided at a venue otherwise closed under direction 4;
- (c) a public library if the public is restricted to returning books and borrowing books reserved or requested in advance.

Examples for direction 6(b)

A food bank or services for the homeless.

7 Any activity exempted under direction 6 remains subject to the limits on gatherings in my COVID-19 Directions (No. 4) 2020.

Notes for COVID-19 Directions

1 *Section 56 of the Public and Environmental Health Act 2011 provides for an offence for failing to comply with a direction given by the Chief Health Officer under section 52(3) of that 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.*

Dated

Chief Health Officer

