

Northern Territory of Australia
Public and Environmental Health Act 2011
COVID-19 Directions (No. 36) 2020

**Directions for Safety Measures at Reopened Places, Businesses,
Activities, Services and Premises**

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:

- 1 These Directions take effect at 12:00 noon on 5 June 2020 and remain in force while the public health emergency declaration is in force.

Note for direction 1

The period the declaration of public health emergency is in force has been extended under section 50(2) of the Act. These Directions remain in force during the periods of extension.

- 2 My COVID-19 Directions (No. 35) 2020 are revoked.

- 3 In these Directions:

the public, in relation to a place, business, activity or service, includes a customer or member of the place, business, activity or service.

- 4 Directions 5 and 6 apply to the following:

- (a) a place, business, activity or service that was closed to the public or required to cease under either of the following:

- (i) my COVID-19 Directions (No. 28) 2020;
- (ii) my COVID-19 Directions (No. 35) 2020;

- (b) a place, business, activity or service that, had it existed at the time my Directions referred to in paragraph (a)(i) or (ii) were in force, would have been required to close to the public or to cease under those Directions;

- (c) a premises specified in the Schedule to my COVID-19 Directions (No. 35) 2020 before their revocation.

- 5 A place, business, activity, service or premises to which this direction applies must:
- (a) complete and submit to the Agency a COVID-19 safety plan checklist, in a form approved by me:
 - (i) for a place, business, activity or service referred to in direction 4(b) – before opening for the first time; or
 - (ii) otherwise – before reopening or resuming; and
 - (b) provide hand sanitiser to the public on its premises, unless handwashing facilities are available; and
 - (c) display signage stating that a person should consider the following principles and practices:
 - (i) practising physical distancing by:
 - (A) if possible in the circumstances – keeping 1.5m away from any person who is not a member of the person's family, a friend or an acquaintance; or
 - (B) otherwise – keeping close contact to less than 15 minutes;
 - (ii) practising hand hygiene by washing hands or using hand sanitiser;
 - (iii) staying home if feeling unwell;
 - (iv) downloading the application known as COVIDSafe.
- 6 The signage required by direction 5(c) must be displayed in a conspicuous position at the place or on the premises as follows:
- (a) if there is an area that is open to both the public and members of staff – in that area; or
 - (b) otherwise – in both of the following areas:
 - (i) an area that is open to the public;
 - (ii) an area that is accessible to staff.

- 7 A place, business, activity, service or premises that completed and submitted a COVID-19 safety plan checklist, in a form approved by me, before these Directions came into force is taken to have completed and submitted a COVID-19 safety plan checklist in accordance with direction 5(a).

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 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.*

Dated


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