



Northern Territory of Australia

Public and Environmental Health Act 2011

**COVID-19 Directions (No. 72) 2021:
Directions to check vaccination status and regulate service and
access to places, activities and services in Darwin and
surrounding areas of the Territory and in Katherine**

I, Charles Hawkhurst Pain, Acting 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 on signing and remain in force until the earlier of:
 - (a) 11:59 pm on 8 November 2021; or
 - (b) the public health emergency declaration ceasing to be in force.
- 2 My COVID-19 Directions (No. 66) 2021 are revoked.
- 3 In these Directions:

Darwin lockdown area means the lockdown area specified in my Darwin Lockout Directions.

Darwin Lockout Directions means my COVID-19 Directions (No. 67) 2021, as amended from time to time, or any subsequent Directions that replace and substantially correspond to those Directions.

essential business, place, activity or service, means a service or activity provided by an essential worker.

essential worker, see my Darwin Lockout Directions.

fully vaccinated person, see my Darwin Lockout Directions.

Katherine lockout area means the area specified in my COVID-19 Directions (No. 71) 2021, as amended from time to time, or any subsequent Directions that replace and substantially correspond to those Directions.

unvaccinated person, see my Darwin Lockout Directions.

- 4 These Directions apply in and to the Darwin lockout area and the Katherine lockout area.
- 5 An occupier of a place and the proprietor of a business in the Darwin lockout area or Katherine lockout area must:
 - (a) check whether any person entering the place or premises is a fully vaccinated person or an unvaccinated person; and
 - (b) refuse entry to the place and premises of the business to an unvaccinated person.
- 6 A provider of activities or services in the Darwin lockout area or Katherine lockout area must:
 - (a) check whether any person entering a place or premises where the activities or services are provided is a fully vaccinated person or an unvaccinated person; and
 - (b) cease providing services and activities to unvaccinated persons.
- 7 The following are exempt from directions 5 and 6:
 - (a) an essential business, place, activity or service, other than a food outlet with fixed premises;
 - (b) an essential worker;
 - (c) a place for the conduct of a funeral with no more than 10 funeral attendees in total, not including persons providing the funeral services.
- 8 A food outlet with fixed premises is exempt from directions 5 and 6 in relation to any person who is attending the premises for takeaway only.

- 9 To avoid doubt, these Directions do not prohibit any service or activity provided or conducted electronically or online.
- 10 Any business, place, activity or service exempted from restriction or otherwise permitted by or under these Directions is subject to:
- (a) in relation to the Darwin lockout area, my Darwin Lockout Directions; and
 - (b) in relation to the Katherine lockout area, my COVID-19 Directions (No. 71) 2021, as amended from time to time, or any subsequent Directions that replace and substantially correspond to those Directions.
- 11 For these Directions, an occupier of a place, the proprietor of a business, a provider of activities or services and an authorised officer may request, use and disclose immunisation information that is protected information under section 22(2) of the *Australian Immunisation Register Act 2015* (Cth).



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Acting Chief Health Officer

Dated

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