

Northern Territory of Australia

Public and Environmental Health Act 2011

COVID-19 Directions (No. 104) 2021: Directions for Rapid Antigen Testing for arrivals from South Australia

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:

These Directions take effect at 12:01 am on 27 November 2021 and remain in force while the public health emergency declaration is in force.

Note for direction 1

These Directions will remain in force during any extensions of the duration of that declaration, which may be made under section 50(2) of the Act.

A person who enters the Territory from South Australia must, on entry, submit to a rapid antigen COVID-19 testing procedure conducted by an authorised officer or another person approved by me at a time and place specified by me.

If the person refuses to submit to the rapid antigen COVID-19 testing procedure, the person is required to quarantine in accordance with Part 4, Division 2 of my COVID-19 Directions (No. 96) 2021 (as amended from time to time) for 7 days beginning immediately after the refusal occurs.

Notes for COVID-19 Directions

- 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.
- An infringement notice may be given for failing to comply these Directions with a fine equal to 32 penalty units for an individual and 160 penalty units for a body corporate.

Acting Chief Health Officer

Dated 26.11.21, 15.38