



Northern Territory of Australia

Public and Environmental Health Act 2011

COVID-19 Directions (No. 102) 2021: Directions for intra-Territory travel

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:

Part 1 Preliminary matters

1 These Directions take effect when they are made and remain in effect until 7 December 2021.

2 In these Directions:

aged care facility, see my COVID-19 Directions (No. 75) 2021, or any subsequent Directions that replace and substantially correspond to those Directions.

approved means approved by me.

approved home quarantine zone means a specified area of the Territory:

- (a) determined by me from time to time; and
- (b) published on the website coronavirus.nt.gov.au.

child means a person who is under 18 years of age.

Katherine means the Municipality of Katherine excluding the locality of Binjari.

quarantine period, see direction 3.

suitable place for quarantine, see direction 4.

vaccinated or exempt, in relation to a person, means the person:

- (a) has received at least 2 doses of an approved COVID-19 vaccine;
or
- (b) is under the age of 12 years; or
- (c) has a certificate issued by the Commonwealth that certifies that the person has a permanent or temporary contraindication to all approved COVID-19 vaccines.

- 3 The quarantine period for a person is the 7 day period starting when the person enters an approved home quarantine zone and ending at 12:00 noon on the 7th day after the day of the person's entry.

Example for direction 3

A person who enters an approved home quarantine zone at 11pm on 4 December 2021 must remain in quarantine until 12:00 noon on 11 December 2021.

Note for direction 3

Under direction 23, a person may be required to quarantine for an additional 7 days after the quarantine period.

- 4 A place is a ***suitable place for quarantine*** for a person if :
- (a) the place is a residence or a room, apartment or unit in commercial visitor accommodation; and
 - (b) the place is capable of accommodating the person in quarantine for at least 7 days; and
 - (c) the place has a particular attribute or has access to a particular facility determined by me.

Note for direction 4

See direction 19(a) where any other resident of the place must be vaccinated or exempt.

- 5 If these Directions are inconsistent with my COVID-19 Directions (No. 85) 2021 as amended, or any other COVID-19 Directions that restrict travel out of Katherine, these Directions prevail to the extent of the inconsistency.

- 6 If these Directions are inconsistent with an advice, order or notice under the *Notifiable Diseases Act 1981*, the advice, order or notice prevails to the extent of the inconsistency.

Example for direction 6

A person may be ordered under the Notifiable Diseases Act 1981 to isolate for longer than the quarantine period or to undertake a specific course of medical treatment.

- 7 To avoid doubt, my COVID-19 Directions (No. 7) 2020, or any subsequent Directions that replace and substantially correspond to those Directions, apply to any person who is notified by an authorised officer or health practitioner that the person is infected with COVID-19.
- 8 To avoid doubt, these Directions do not limit a right under section 71(1) of the *Aboriginal Land Rights (Northern Territory) Act 1976* (Cth).

Part 2 Persons allowed to exit Katherine and enter approved home quarantine zone

- 9 A person may exit Katherine and enter an approved home quarantine zone if the person:
- (a) is a resident of the zone; and
 - (b) is vaccinated or exempt; and
 - (c) has submitted to an approved PCR COVID-19 testing procedure within 72 hours before exiting Katherine.
- 10 Subject to direction 12, every person exiting Katherine under these Directions must give an authorised officer the following:
- (a) the person's contact details;
 - (b) evidence of the person's vaccination or exemption;
 - (c) evidence of the person's place of residence;
 - (d) evidence of the results of the approved PCR COVID-19 testing procedure referred to in direction 9(c);
 - (e) the details of where the person intends to quarantine while in an approved home quarantine zone.

- 11 The information and evidence referred to in direction 10 must be submitted:
- (a) to an authorised officer at the place of exit; or
 - (b) to another approved person in an approved manner.
- 12 For a child who is exiting Katherine, a parent or guardian of the child must give the information and evidence referred to in direction 10 in relation to the child to the best of the parent or guardian's knowledge.
- 13 A person who is required to quarantine:
- (a) must travel directly from Katherine to the place of quarantine; and
 - (b) remain quarantined in that place for the quarantine period.

Part 3 Quarantine requirements

- 14 Every person entering an approved home quarantine zone under these Directions must quarantine in accordance with this Part.
- 15 The following requirements apply to the person:
- (a) the person must quarantine in a suitable place for quarantine for the quarantine period;
 - (b) for the 7 days after the quarantine period, the person must not leave the approved home quarantine zone;
 - (c) for the 7 days after the quarantine period, the person must not enter the premises of the following located within the approved home quarantine zone:
 - (i) a hospital, unless the person is entering the hospital in an emergency or for another urgent reason;
 - (ii) a residential facility within the meaning of section 2(1) of the *Disability Services Act 1993*;
 - (iii) a custodial correctional facility within the meaning of section 11(1)(a) of the *Correctional Services Act 2014*;
 - (iv) a detention centre within the meaning of section 5(1) of the *Youth Justice Act 2005*;

- (v) an aged care facility;
 - (vi) an Aboriginal Town Camp that is not located on Aboriginal land within the meaning of section 3(1) of the *Aboriginal Land Rights (Northern Territory) Act 1976* (Cth);
- (d) the person must regularly check for symptoms of COVID-19, including fever, coughing, sore throat, muscular pains, shortness of breath, unexpected tiredness, loss of and altered sense of taste and loss of sense of smell;
 - (e) if the person displays a symptom referred to in paragraph (d) – the person must contact the COVID-19 Hotline or a medical practitioner to determine whether to be tested or assessed for COVID-19 infection.

Note for direction 15(e)

The COVID-19 Hotline number is 1800 490 484.

- 16 A person who shares accommodation with a person undergoing quarantine at a suitable place must, for the quarantine period and the 7 days after the quarantine period, not leave the approved home quarantine zone.
- 17 In the case of an unaccompanied child, the place of quarantine must be a place where a parent or responsible adult will remain quarantined for the same period as the child.
- 18 During the quarantine period, the person must not leave the person's place of quarantine except:
 - (a) for urgent medical purposes, including obtaining medical supplies, receiving medical care and being tested or assessed for infection with COVID-19; or
 - (b) in an emergency; or
 - (c) for a compassionate purpose in accordance with a temporary exemption given by me.

Example for direction 18(c)

A person wishes to attend the funeral of a relative or close friend.

Note for direction 18

A person in quarantine may be subject to further specific instructions from an authorised officer regarding the person's behaviour or the manner in which the person is to be quarantined. See section 53 of the Act.

- 19 During the quarantine period, the person must not permit any other person to enter the person's place of quarantine unless the other person:
- (a) usually resides at the place and is vaccinated or exempt; or
 - (b) is being quarantined at the same time; or
 - (c) is entering for medical purposes, including delivering medical supplies, providing medical care and testing or assessing for infection with COVID-19; or
 - (d) is entering because of an emergency or another urgent reason.

Part 4 Testing for infection and additional quarantine

- 20 A person who exits Katherine under these Directions must submit to:
- (a) a rapid antigen COVID-19 testing procedure when exiting; and
 - (b) an approved PCR COVID-19 testing procedure 5 days after exiting.
- 21 All COVID-19 testing procedures are to be conducted:
- (a) by one of the following:
 - (i) an authorised officer;
 - (ii) a health practitioner as defined in section 5 of the Health Practitioner Regulation National Law;
 - (iii) another approved person; and
 - (b) at the time and place specified by me.
- 22 Direction 21 does not prevent a COVID-19 testing procedure being self-administered under appropriate supervision.
- 23 If the person refuses to submit to a COVID-19 testing procedure, the person is required to remain quarantined for an additional 7 days starting from the end of the quarantine period.

Example for direction 23(a)

If a person whose quarantine period ends at 12:00 noon on 13 December 2021 refuses to submit to a COVID-19 testing procedure on 8 December 2021, the person is required

to remain quarantined until 12:00 noon on 20 December 2021.

- 24 If a person is required to remain quarantined for 7 days or an additional 7 days under direction 23, all directions that were applicable to the person during the quarantine period, other than direction 23, continue to apply to the person during the 7 days.
- 25 If a screening procedure shows a person is suspected of being infected with COVID-19, the person must comply with:
- (a) my COVID-19 Directions (No. 21) 2020, as amended or any subsequent Directions that replace and substantially correspond to those Directions; and
 - (b) these Directions, to the extent they are applicable.

Notes for these 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 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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Acting Chief Health Officer

Dated 25.11.21 17.18

