



Northern Territory of Australia

Public and Environmental Health Act 2011

COVID-19 Directions (No. 2) 2021: Amendment to COVID-19 Directions (No. 49) 2020

I, Hugh Crosbie Heggie, 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 at 00:01 on 20 January 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 the public health emergency declaration, which may be made under section 50(2) of the Act.

- 2 These Directions amend my COVID-19 Directions (No. 49) 2020 Directions for Territory Border Restrictions made on 24 August 2020, as amended by the following:
 - (a) my COVID-19 Directions (No. 50) 2020 – Directions for Freight Workers made on 28 August 2020; and
 - (b) my COVID-19 Directions (No. 53) 2020: Amendment to COVID-19 Directions (No. 49) 2020 made on 1 October 2020; and
 - (c) my COVID-19 Directions (No. 54) 2020: Amendment to COVID-19 Directions (No. 49) 2020 made on 15 October 2020; and

- (d) my COVID-19 Directions (No. 60) 2020: Amendment to COVID-19 Directions (No. 49) 2020 made on 21 December 2020.

3 Direction 2

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aircrew member includes a person who arrives in the Territory by aircraft in order to work as an aircrew member on an aircraft flying from the Territory.

employer, of an aircrew member, means a person who employs or otherwise engages the member to work as part of an aircrew.

prescribed flight means:

- (a) for an aircrew member who is required to quarantine under direction 14(a):
- (i) a flight directly to a place outside Australia, other than New Zealand; or
 - (ii) a flight to a State, another Territory or New Zealand, on which the only passengers are aircrew members or persons who usually work as aircrew members; or
- (b) for an aircrew member who is required to quarantine under direction 14(b) – any flight.

4 After direction 25, in Part 3

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Division 4 Additional testing for infection for aircrew members

25A This Division applies to an aircrew member in addition to the requirements of Division 3.

25B An aircrew member who is required to quarantine under direction 14(a) must submit to the COVID-19 testing procedure referred to in direction 23 on entering the Territory, if the member has not been tested, in Australia, for infection with COVID-19 during the 7 days prior to entering the Territory.

5 Part 4, Division 1

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6 After direction 33A, in Part 4, Division 4

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33B Nothing in these Directions prevents an aircrew member who is required to quarantine under direction 14(a) or (b) from leaving the Territory by aircraft on a prescribed flight, before the member's quarantine period expires, by proceeding directly to the airport for the purposes of the flight and practising social distancing measures until the member leaves the Territory.

33C To avoid doubt, direction 33B applies to an aircrew member even if the member has, under Part 3, submitted to a COVID-19 testing procedure and has not been notified of the results of the test.

7 Directions 35 and 35A

omit, insert

35 The person must submit to a test or assessment for infection with COVID-19 if required by me.

35A If required to submit to a test or assessment under direction 35, the person must travel directly to a suitable place for quarantine and remain in that place, except to submit to the test or assessment or for a reason referred to in direction 19, until notified of the results of the test or assessment.

Note for direction 35A

If the result of the test or assessment is negative, the person may leave the place. If the result is positive, the person must comply with my directions related to infected persons.

35B However, if the person is an aircrew member, the person may leave the Territory by aircraft, before the person is notified of the results of the test or assessment, by proceeding directly to the airport for the purposes of the flight and practising social distancing measures until the member leaves the Territory.

8 After direction 36

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Part 6A Obligations of employers of aircrew

36A An employer of an aircrew member must ensure the member does not board an aircraft flying from the Territory unless the member has complied with all of my directions that apply to the member.

9 After Part 7 heading

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Division 1 Revocations and transitional matters for COVID-19 Directions (No. 49) 2020

10 After direction 41

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Division 2 Transitional matters for COVID-19 Directions (No. 2) 2021

42 Despite any other provision of these Directions, an aircrew member who entered the Territory between 00:01 on 6 January 2021 and 00:01 on 20 January 2021 must continue to comply with these Directions, as in force immediately before my COVID-19 Directions (No. 61) 2021 took effect, until the member leaves the Territory.

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Chief Health Officer

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