



Northern Territory of Australia

Public and Environmental Health Act 2011

COVID-19 Directions (No. 119) 2021: Testing requirements for COVID-19 risk zone – Katherine East

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 (the **public health emergency declaration**), by making the following directions:

- 1 These Directions take effect at the time they are made and remain in force until the earlier of:
 - (a) 6:00 pm on 11 December 2021; or
 - (b) the public health emergency declaration ceasing to be in force.

Note for direction 1

The period the public health emergency declaration is in force has been extended under section 50(2) of the Public and Environmental Health Act 2011. These Directions remain in force during the periods of extension.


- 2 In these Directions:

COVID-19 risk zone means that part of the Municipality of Katherine within the area delineated in red on the map in the Schedule.
- 3 A person must not exit the COVID-19 risk zone unless the person:
 - (a) submits to a COVID-19 testing procedure before exiting; or
 - (b) produces evidence of having submitted to a COVID-19 testing procedure within a period of 72 hours immediately prior to seeking exit from the zone.
- 4 Direction 3 does not apply to:
 - (a) any of the following:

- (i) a health practitioner involved in the Northern Territory's COVID-19 response;
 - (ii) a police officer;
 - (iii) an authorised officer;
 - (iv) a person approved by me; or
- (b) a person exiting the COVID-19 risk zone to receive urgent medical treatment that cannot be reasonably received in the zone.
- 5 In the COVID-19 risk zone an authorised officer or a health practitioner involved in the Northern Territory's COVID-19 response may request a person to submit to a COVID-19 testing procedure.
- 6 If requested under direction 5, a person in the COVID-19 risk zone must submit to a COVID-19 testing procedure.
- 7 If a person does not comply with a request made under direction 5, an authorised officer may direct the person to travel to a place specified by the authorised officer.
- 8 My COVID-19 Directions (No. 118) 2021 and my Directions given at 7:24 pm on 9 December 2021 are revoked.

Notes for COVID-19 Directions

- 1 *Section 56 of the Public and Environmental Health Act 2011 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 the offence is 400 penalty units.*
- 3 *A person is not guilty of the offence if the person has a reasonable excuse.*
- 4 *An infringement notice may be given for failing to comply with 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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