

Northern Territory of Australia
Public and Environmental Health Act 2011
COVID-19 Directions (No. 43) 2020
Amendment to COVID-19 Directions (No. 38) 2020

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, by making the following directions:

- 1 These Directions take effect from the date they are made and remain in force while the public health emergency declaration is in force.

Note for direction 1

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

- 2 These Directions amend my COVID-19 Directions (No. 38) 2020.

- 3 Direction 2, insert:

COVID-19 hotspot, see direction 2A.

- 4 After direction 2, insert:

2A A **COVID-19 hotspot** is a specified area of Australia determined by me from time to time and published on the website coronavirus.nt.gov.au.

5 After direction 26, insert:

26A Despite any direction to the contrary, the exemptions in this Division do not apply to a person entering the Territory from a State or another Territory if the person has been in a COVID-19 hotspot within 28 days of the person's entry into the Territory.

Notes for COVID-19 Directions

- 1 *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.*

Dated

Chief Health Officer