



Northern Territory of Australia

Public and Environmental Health Act 2011

COVID-19 Directions (No. 55) 2020 – Directions for Quarantine Facilities

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 from the time they are made 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.

- 2 My COVID-19 Directions (No. 52) 2020 are revoked.
- 3 These Directions apply in relation to a person in a quarantine facility or being transported to or from a quarantine facility.
- 4 In these Directions:

allocated room, for a person, means the room in a quarantine facility, including any verandah attached to the room, that is allocated to the person when the person is quarantined under my border directions.

border directions means my COVID-19 Directions (No. 49) 2020, or any subsequent Directions that replace and substantially correspond to those Directions.

quarantine facility, see direction 5.

quarantine zone, for Part 3, see direction 10.

- 5 For these Directions, each of the following places is a **quarantine facility**:
- (a) Section 6128 Hundred of Bagot (Howard Springs Quarantine Facility);
 - (b) Lot 00290 Town of Alice Springs (Todd Quarantine Facility);
 - (c) Lot 00427 Town of Alice Springs (Ross Quarantine Facility).

Part 2 General matters

- 6 A person must wear a face mask during transit to or from a quarantine facility.
- 7 A person must stay in the person's allocated room except as permitted under:
- (a) my border directions; or
 - (b) direction 8.
- 8 An authorised officer may permit a person to leave the person's allocated room for a specified period of time not exceeding 2 periods each of 20 minutes in any 24 hour period.
- 9 When a person is not in the person's allocated room the person must:
- (a) take all reasonable measures to stay at least 1.5 m away from any other person in the quarantine facility, except for the person's spouse, de facto partner, child or parent; and
 - (b) wear a face mask unless an authorised officer permits the person to remove the face mask; and

- (c) for the Howard Springs Quarantine Facility located at Section 6128 Hundred of Bagot – comply with any directions given by an authorised officer to avoid people congregating in a quarantine zone.

Note for direction 9

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 and my COVID-19 Directions (No. 5) 2020, or any subsequent Directions that replace and substantially correspond to those Directions.

Part 3 Howard Springs Quarantine Facility

- 10 For this Part, each area of the Howard Springs Quarantine Facility located at Section 6128 Hundred of Bagot that is shaded on the plan in the Schedule and labelled as a Zone is a **quarantine zone**.
- 11 A person who is quarantined in the Howard Springs Quarantine Facility must not leave the quarantine zone in which the person's allocated room is located unless the person is escorted by an authorised officer, except in an emergency.

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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Chief Health Officer

Dated

Schedule

