



Northern Territory of Australia

*Public and Environmental Health Act 2011*

## **COVID-19 Directions (No. 56) 2022: Directions for Major Public Events**

I, Charles Hawkhurst Pain, Deputy Chief Health Officer as delegate of the 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, by making the following directions:

### **Part 1 Preliminary matters**

1 These Directions take effect at the time they are made.

2 In these Directions:

**COVID-19 event safety plan** means the plan prepared under direction 5.

**COVID-19 safety supervisor** means the person designated under direction 9.

**major public event** means an event or public gathering referred to in direction 3.

**major population centre** means the following:

- (a) Municipality of Darwin;
- (b) Darwin Waterfront Precinct as specified under section 4 of the *Darwin Waterfront Corporation Act 2006*;
- (c) Municipality of Palmerston;

- (d) Municipality of Litchfield;
- (e) Town of Katherine;
- (f) Town of Tennant Creek;
- (g) Town of Alice Springs.

**organiser**, in relation to a major public event, means:

- (a) the person who is responsible for organising the major public event; or
  - (b) if that person cannot be identified – the person in charge of or apparently in charge of the major public event.
- 3 These Directions apply to any event or public gathering that is ticketed, or open to the public at a private location or a public place, and that is:
- (a) located inside a major population centre and expected to have more than 1 000 people in attendance; or
  - (b) located outside a major population centre and expected to have more than 500 people in attendance.
- 4 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 COVID-19 event safety plan**

- 5 The organiser of a major public event must prepare a COVID-19 event safety plan, in a form approved by the Chief Health Officer, before holding the event.
- 6 The organiser of a major public event must submit the COVID-19 event safety plan to the Agency for any major public event that is:
- (a) located inside a major population centre and expected to have more than 5 000 people in attendance; or
  - (b) located outside a major population centre and expected to have more than 2 000 people in attendance.

- 7 The organiser of a major public event must ensure that the event complies with the COVID-19 event safety plan.
- 8 A copy of the COVID-19 event safety plan must be provided to an authorised officer on request by the officer.

### **Part 3 COVID-19 safety supervisor**

- 9 The organiser of a major public event must designate a person as the COVID-19 safety supervisor for the event.
- 10 The COVID-19 safety supervisor must implement, on behalf of the organiser:
- (a) any COVID-19 Directions made under section 52 of the Act that apply in relation to the event; and
  - (b) the COVID-19 event safety plan.
- 11 A person must not be designated as a COVID-19 safety supervisor unless the person has the skills and knowledge to implement the COVID-19 event safety plan.
- 12 Evidence of the skills and knowledge of the COVID-19 safety supervisor must be given to an authorised officer on request by the officer.

*Note for direction 12*

*The evidence can be given to the authorised officer either orally or in writing.*

- 13 The holding of a major public event is subject to any further direction from the Chief Health Officer, including a direction to cancel the event.

### **Part 4 Directions for participants**

- 14 A participant who intends to attend a major public event is subject to any further direction from me, including a direction to submit to a COVID-19 testing procedure prior to the event.
- 15 A person must not attend a major public event if:
- (a) the person is within a class of persons determined by me from time to time and published on the website [coronavirus.nt.gov.au](https://www.coronavirus.nt.gov.au); or

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

## **Part 5      Revocation and transitional matters**

- 16      COVID-19 Directions (No. 36) 2021 are revoked.
- 17      A COVID-19 event safety plan submitted to the Agency or approved by me under COVID-19 Directions (No. 36) 2021 is taken to be a COVID-19 event safety plan prepared under Part 2 of these Directions.

### *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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