

Northern Territory of Australia
Public and Environmental Health Act 2011

COVID-19 Directions (No. 28) 2020

Directions to Close Public Places, Services and Activities

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 23:59 (midnight) on 1 May 2020 and remain in force while the public health emergency declaration is in force.

Note

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 My COVID-19 Directions (No. 26) 2020 are revoked.

- 3 In these Directions:

amusement venue means a venue used principally for playing:

- (a) billiards, pool or other like games; or
- (b) electronic or mechanical amusement devices, such as pinball machines, computer or video games or similar.

indoors means an area, room or place that is or are substantially enclosed by a roof and walls, regardless of whether the roof or walls or any part of them are permanent or temporary or open or closed.

outdoors means an area or premises that is not indoors.

public, in relation to a place or business, includes members of the business or any entity that is the occupier of the place.

Examples

Members of a gymnasium, golf club or community club.

- 4 An occupier of a place and a proprietor of a business must:
- (a) close to the public any place specified in direction 5; and
 - (b) cease conducting with, or providing to, the public any activity or service specified in direction 5.
- 5 The following places, activities and services are closed to the public:
- (a) the business of serving food or beverages for consumption in, on or at the premises of the business or, if the premises are adjacent to an indoor food court, in that food court, but not including an accommodation provider serving food or beverages for consumption by a guest in the guest's room;
 - (b) a casino within the meaning of the *Gaming Control Act 1993*;
 - (c) a business that holds a gaming machine licence within the meaning of the *Gaming Machine Act 1995*;
 - (d) a cinema, theatre, concert hall, music hall, dance hall, nightclub or any other similar entertainment venue;
 - (e) an amusement venue or amusement park;
 - (f) an indoor market, other than a food market;
 - (g) a place that provides beauty therapy, including tanning, waxing, nail care, eyebrow care or any other activity intended to maintain, alter or enhance a person's appearance, but not including hairdressing;

Examples
Facial, body wrap, exfoliation, the application of cosmetics, epilation, the application of semi-permanent makeup.
 - (h) a place that provides tattooing or body art, including any activity intended to permanently decorate, pierce, brand, scar or adorn a person's skin or permanently alter a person's appearance;
 - (i) a place that provides yoga, Pilates, barre, massage or other wellness services, but not including massage services by a provider registered for a private health insurance rebate;

- (j) a strip club or any place that:
 - (i) sells admission to the place for customers to participate in sexual activity with each other; or
 - (ii) provides services that involve a person participating in sexual activity with another person in return for payment or reward;

Examples

A sex on premises venue or a brothel.

- (k) a bathhouse or an indoor public swimming pool;
- (l) an indoor arena, indoor stadium or indoor sporting or recreation facility;
- (m) a place or business that provides sporting or physical training activities indoors;
- (n) an indoor gymnasium;
- (o) an indoor community centre;
- (p) a venue operated by the Returned & Services League of Australia Limited;
- (q) an art gallery or a museum;
- (r) a public library, except for the purposes of returning books or borrowing books reserved or requested in advance;
- (s) a toy library or indoor play centre;
- (t) a place used for religious worship, except for the conduct of a wedding or funeral in accordance with direction 10 or 11;
- (u) a venue that operates a totalisator or conducts totalisator wagering in accordance with a totalisator licence granted under the *Totalisator Licensing and Regulation Act 2000*.

6 To avoid doubt, direction 5(l) permits an indoor area of a predominately outdoor sporting or recreation facility or outdoor swimming pool to be open to the public, but does not permit an indoor swimming pool to be open at a facility that has both indoor and outdoor swimming pools.

Examples:

- 1 *An indoor toilet, indoor kiosk or indoor reception area at a golf course or an outdoor swimming pool.*
- 2 *The outdoor pools at the Alice Springs Aquatic & Leisure Centre may be open to the public, but the indoor pools must be closed.*

- 7 Essential volunteer or public services provided at a venue otherwise closed under direction 5 are exempt from that direction.

Examples

A food bank or services for the homeless.

- 8 The business of serving food and beverages, at any premises specified in the Schedule, to a person providing services for the transport or freight of goods and related logistics into, within, or out of the Territory, for consumption in, on or at those premises is exempt from direction 5(a).
- 9 A person must not provide, organise or participate in a sporting or physical training activity that involves physical contact.

Examples

- 1 *Contact sports such as football or rugby.*
- 2 *Sports that may involve contact, such as netball or basketball.*

- 10 A person must not organise or attend a wedding or funeral indoors at a place used for religious worship except for:
- (a) a wedding with no more than 10 people present, including the celebrant; or
 - (b) a funeral with no more than 10 people present, excluding persons necessary for the conduct of the funeral.

Example for direction 10(b)

A funeral director would be considered necessary for the conduct of a funeral.

- 11 Despite direction 10, a person may organise or attend a wedding or funeral indoors at a place used for religious worship with more than 10 people present if I have, in writing, exempted the wedding or funeral.
- 12 To avoid doubt, these Directions do not prohibit any service or activity provided or conducted electronically or online.

Examples

- 1 *A religious service may be delivered via live streaming from a place of worship.*
- 2 *A personal trainer may conduct an online training session from a gymnasium.*

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

Schedule

| Name | Address |
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| BP Truck Stop - Truck Central | 13 Distribution Drive, Wishart |
| Puma Palms | 907 Stuart Highway, Pinelands |
| United Acacia Hills | 3760 Stuart Highway, Acacia Hills |
| Adelaide River Inn | 106 Stuart Highway, Adelaide River |
| Emerald Springs Roadhouse | 721 Stuart Highway, Emerald Springs |
| Mary River Roadhouse | 3567 Kakadu Highway, Pine Creek |
| Pine Creek Hotel | 44 Moule Street, Pine Creek |
| Roper Bar Store | Lot 1035 Roper Highway, Limmen |
| Puma Katherine Truck Stop | 85 Bicentennial Road, Katherine South |
| Shell Katherine Truck Stop | Zimmen Drive, Katherine |
| Mataranka Roadhouse | Lot 118 Roper Terrace, Mataranka |
| Mataranka Store and Service Station | 67 Roper Terrace, Mataranka |
| United Mataranka | 13 Roper Terrace, Mataranka |
| Larrimah Wayside Inn | 5 Mahony Street, Mataranka |
| Daly Waters Hi-Way Inn | Corner Stuart Highway and Carpentaria Highway, Daly Waters |
| Dunmarra Wayside Inn | 13729 Stuart Highway, Daly Waters |
| Mobil Roadhouse Elliott | Lot 83 Stuart Highway, Elliott |
| Renner Springs Desert Inn | Stuart Highway, Renner Springs |
| Threeways Roadhouse | Stuart Highway (corner Barkly Highway), Tennant Creek |
| Devils Marbles Hotel | 11275 Stuart Highway, Wauchope |
| Wycliffe Well | 13030 Stuart Highway, Tennant Creek |
| Barrow Creek Hotel | 22255 Stuart Highway, Barrow Creek |
| Ti Tree Roadhouse | Lot 3 Stuart Highway, Ti Tree |
| Aileron Hotel & Roadhouse | Aileron Access Road, off Stuart Highway, Aileron |
| Stuarts Well Roadhouse | Lot 3715 Stuart Highway, Hugh |
| Desert Oaks Resort | 19668 Stuart Highway (corner Lasseter Highway), Erldunda |
| Kulgera Roadhouse | South Stuart Highway (corner Kulgera Crescent), Kulgera |

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| Barkly Homestead | Corner Barkly and Tablelands Highways, Tennant Creek |
| Victoria River Roadhouse | 19405 Victoria Highway, Victoria River |
| Timber Creek Hotel | 94 Victoria Highway, Timber Creek |
| Heartbreak Hotel | Carpentaria Highway, Katherine |
| Top Springs Hotel | Corner Buntine and Buchanan Highways, Top Springs |
| Cooinda Lodge Kakadu | 1 Kakadu Highway, Kakadu |
| Curtin Springs Wayside Inn | Lasseter Highway, Via Alice Springs |
| Glen Helen Lodge | 1 Namitjira Drive, Alice Springs |
| Tilmouth Well Roadhouse | 16640 Tanami Highway, Anmatjere |
