

Northern Territory of Australia
Public and Environmental Health Act 2011
COVID-19 Directions (No. 7) 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:

Directions for Infected Persons

- 1 These Directions have effect while the public health emergency declaration is in force.

Note for direction 1

These Directions will remain in force during any subsequent extensions of that declaration, which may be made under section 50(2) of the Public and Environmental Health Act 2011.

- 2 In these Directions:

isolated, see direction 6.

- 3 A person must comply with these Directions if the person is notified by an authorised officer or health practitioner that the person is infected with COVID-19.

Note for direction 3

Under section 7 of the Notifiable Diseases Act 1981, a person who has reasonable grounds to believe that the person may be an infected person or suspect person must consult a medical practitioner at the first reasonable opportunity.

- 4 The person must travel directly to a hospital, or another place for medical treatment, specified by an authorised officer or health practitioner.
- 5 The person must remain isolated in that place until notified in writing, by me or my delegate, that the person no longer needs to remain isolated.

6 A person who must remain isolated in a place must not leave that place except:

(a) for the purpose of obtaining medical care, including testing or assessment for infection with COVID-19; or

(b) for an emergency.

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 the Chief Health Officer under section 52(3) of that 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