



Northern Territory of Australia

*Public and Environmental Health Act 2011*

**COVID-19 Directions (No. 27) 2021:  
Directions to close etc. certain places, premises, activities and  
services in former lockdown area**

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 1:00 pm on 2 July 2021 and remain in force until the earlier of:
  - (a) the public health emergency declaration ceasing to be in force; or
  - (b) 1:00 pm on 9 July 2021.
- 2 The following are revoked:
  - (a) my COVID-19 Directions (No. 17) 2021;
  - (b) my COVID-19 Directions (No. 24) 2021.
- 3 In these Directions:

**former lockdown area**, see my COVID-19 Directions (No. 26) 2021 (as amended from time to time) or any subsequent Directions that replace and substantially correspond to those Directions.

**the public**, in relation to a business, place, activity or service, includes a customer or member of the business, place, activity or service.
- 4 These Directions apply in and to the former lockdown area.

- 5 The occupier of a place and the proprietor of a business must:
- (a) close the place or the premises of the business to the public if direction 6 requires it to be closed; and
  - (b) cease conducting with, or providing to, the public any activity or service if direction 6 requires it to be closed.
- 6 The following places, activities and services in the former lockdown area must be closed to the public:
- (a) a market, whether indoors or outdoors, but not including a permanent store;
  - (b) an indoor gymnasium;
  - (c) a place or business that provides sporting or physical training activities indoors;
  - (d) an indoor arena, indoor stadium or indoor sporting or recreation facility;
  - (e) a bathhouse or indoor public swimming pool.
- 7 To avoid doubt, direction 6(d) permits an indoor area of a predominantly 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.

*Example for direction 7*

*An indoor bathroom, indoor kiosk or indoor reception area at a golf course or outdoor swimming pool may be open.*

- 8 The proprietor of a business that serves food or beverage must not serve food or beverage to a person unless:
- (a) it is for consumption off the business premises; or
  - (b) the person is seated.
- 9 A person must not, in the former lockdown area, provide, organise or participate in a sporting or physical training activity that involves physical contact.

*Examples for direction 9*

1 *Contact sports such as football or rugby.*

2 Sports that may involve contact, such as netball or basketball.

10 To avoid doubt, these Directions do not prohibit any service or activity provided or conducted electronically or online.

*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(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.



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Chief Health Officer

Dated 12:56 2/7/2021

