



Northern Territory of Australia

*Public and Environmental Health Act 2011*

**COVID-19 Directions (No. 66) 2021:  
Directions to check vaccination status and regulate service and  
access to places, activities and services in Darwin**

I, Charles Hawkhurst Pain, Acting 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:

- 1 These Directions take effect on signing and remain in force in force until the earlier of:
  - (a) 23:59 on 7 November 2021; or
  - (b) the public health emergency declaration ceasing to be in force.

2 My COVID-19 Directions (No. 62) 2021 are revoked.

3 In these Directions:

**essential business, place, activity or service**, means a service or activity provided by an essential worker.

**essential worker**, see my COVID-19 Directions (No. 67) 2021, as amended from time to time, or any subsequent Directions that replace and substantially correspond to those Directions..

**fully vaccinated person**, see my COVID-19 Directions (No. 67) 2021, as amended from time to time, or any subsequent Directions that replace and substantially correspond to those Directions..

**lockout area**, see my COVID-19 Directions (No. 67) 2021, as amended from time to time, or any subsequent Directions that replace and substantially correspond to those Directions..

**unvaccinated person**, see my COVID-19 Directions (No. 67) 2021, as amended from time to time, or any subsequent Directions that replace and substantially correspond to those Directions..

- 4 These Directions apply in and to the lockout area.
- 5 An occupier of a place and the proprietor of a business in the lockout area must:
  - (a) check whether any person entering the place or premises is a fully vaccinated person or an unvaccinated person; and
  - (b) refuse entry to the place and premises of the business to an unvaccinated person.
- 6 A provider of activities or services in the lockout area must:
  - (a) check whether any person entering the place or premises is a fully vaccinated person or an unvaccinated person; and
  - (b) cease providing services and activities to unvaccinated persons.
- 7 The following are exempt from directions 5 and 6:
  - (a) an essential business, place, activity or service, other than a food outlet with fixed premises;
  - (b) an essential worker;
  - (c) a place for the conduct of a funeral with no more than 10 funeral attendees in total, not including persons providing the funeral services.
- 8 A food outlet with fixed premises is not required check or refuse entry to any person who is attending the premises for takeaway only.
- 9 To avoid doubt, these Directions do not prohibit any service or activity provided or conducted electronically or online.

- 10 Any business, place, activity or service exempted from restriction or otherwise permitted by or under these Directions is subject to my COVID-19 Directions (No. 61) 2021 or any subsequent Directions that replace and substantially correspond to those Directions.
- 11 For these Directions, an occupier of a place, the proprietor of a business, a provider of activities or services and an authorised officer may request, use and disclose immunisation information that is protected information under section 22(2) of the *Australian Immunisation Register Act 2015* (Cth).

*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.*
- 4 *An infringement notice may be given for failing to comply with 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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Acting Chief Health Officer

Dated 5.11.21 20.20'

