



Northern Territory of Australia

*Public and Environmental Health Act 2011*

## **COVID-19 Directions (No. 32) 2021: Directions relating to places, businesses, activities and services**

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:

### **Part 1 Preliminary matters**

- 1 These Directions 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 Each of the following are revoked:
  - (a) my COVID-19 Directions (No. 27) 2021;
  - (b) my COVID-19 Directions (No. 28) 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.

## **Part 2        Directions relating to places, businesses, activities and services in the former lockdown area**

- 4        This Part applies 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)    if a place or business, or part of a place or business, provides sporting or physical training activities indoors – the place, business or part of the place or business that provides sporting or physical training activities indoors;
  - (d)    if a place is or includes an indoor arena, indoor stadium or indoor sporting facility – the indoor arena, indoor stadium or indoor sporting facility;
  - (e)    a bathhouse or indoor public swimming pool.
- 7        To avoid doubt:
  - (a)    direction 6(d) and (e) do not require that an indoor area of a predominantly outdoor sporting facility or outdoor swimming pool be closed to the public, but do require an indoor swimming pool to be closed at a facility that has both indoor and outdoor swimming pools; and
  - (b)    in relation to a place that includes an indoor sporting facility and other facilities, direction 6(d) does not require the other facilities to be closed to the public.

*Example for direction 7(a)*

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

*Example for direction 7(b)*

*At a place that comprises a tenpin bowling alley or a basketball court, arcade games and a café, only the tenpin bowling alley or basketball court is required to be closed.*

- 8 The proprietor of a business that serves food or beverages must not serve food or beverages to a person except:
- (a) for consumption away from the business premises; or
  - (b) for consumption when 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, this Part does not prohibit any service or activity provided or conducted electronically or online.

### **Part 3 Directions relating to persons who exit former lockdown area**

- 11 This Part applies in and to the Territory.
- 12 A person who, immediately before 1:00 pm on 2 July 2021, was in the former lockdown area must comply with these Directions while outside the former lockdown area.
- 13 The person must not enter, attend or participate in any of the following places, activities or services outside the former lockdown area:
- (a) a market, whether indoors or outdoors, but not including a permanent store;
  - (b) an indoor gymnasium;
  - (c) if a place or business, or part of a place or business, provides sporting or physical training activities indoors – the place, business or part of the place or business that provides sporting or physical

training activities indoors;

(d) if a place is or includes an indoor arena, indoor stadium or indoor sporting facility – the indoor arena, indoor stadium or indoor sporting facility;

(e) a bathhouse or indoor public swimming pool.

14 The person must not, outside the former lockdown area, 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.*

15 To avoid doubt, this Part does not prohibit the person from accessing a 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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