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Summary

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Direction from Chief Health Officer in accordance with emergency powers arising from the declared public health emergency

Public Health Act 2005 (Qld)

Section 362B

On 29 January 2020, under the *Public Health Act 2005*, the Minister for Health and Minister for Ambulance Services made an order declaring a public health emergency in relation to coronavirus disease (COVID-19). The public health emergency area specified in the order is for 'all of Queensland'. Its duration has been extended by regulation to 29 June 2021 and may be further extended.

Further to this declaration, I, Dr Jeannette Young, Chief Health Officer, reasonably believe it is necessary to give the following direction pursuant to the powers under s 362B of the *Public Health Act 2005* to assist in containing, or to respond to, the spread of COVID-19 within the community.

Guidance

A person entering Queensland must comply with any relevant requirements of other Public Health Directions while the person is in Queensland. A person entering Queensland who has been overseas in the 14 days prior to arriving in Queensland must comply with the entry and quarantine requirements under the *Quarantine for International Arrivals Direction* or its successor. If there are declared COVID-19 hotspots, a person entering Queensland who has been in a declared COVID-19 hotspot in the 14 days prior to entering Queensland must comply with the requirements under the *Border Restrictions Direction* or its successor.

Separately from the requirements under Public Health Directions, under sections 362G and 362H of the *Public Health Act 2005*, a person may be given a direction by an **emergency officer (public health)** to stay at or in a particular place for up to 14 days if the emergency officer believes it is reasonably necessary to assist in containing, or to respond to, the spread of COVID-19 in the community.

Citation

1. This Public Health Direction may be referred to as the *Interstate Exposure Venues Direction (No. 2)*.

Revocation

2. The *Interstate Exposure Venues Direction* made on 28 April 2021 is revoked from the time of publication of this Direction.

Commencement

3. This Direction applies from the time of publication until the end of the declared public health emergency, unless revoked or replaced.

PART 1 – DIRECTION – QUARANTINE FOR PERSONS ENTERING QUEENSLAND WHO HAVE VISITED AN INTERSTATE EXPOSURE VENUE

4. The purpose of this Part is to require individuals who enter Queensland and have been to an ***interstate exposure venue*** during the exposure period to quarantine in order to limit the spread of COVID-19.
5. A person who enters Queensland and has been to an ***interstate exposure venue*** during the exposure period must quarantine at ***nominated premises*** in accordance with the requirements in paragraphs 6 to 9.

Requirements for quarantine

6. A person who has been to an ***interstate exposure venue*** during the exposure period must quarantine, unless:
 - a. more than 14 days has passed since the person was at the ***interstate exposure venue***; or
 - b. otherwise directed by an ***emergency officer (public health)***.
7. A person required to quarantine under this part must comply with the following quarantine requirements:
 - a. for a person arriving before an ***identified date***, the person must quarantine at ***nominated premises***, such as the person's residence or other accommodation, from their date of arrival in Queensland until 14 days have passed since the person was at the ***interstate exposure venue***; or
 - b. for a person arriving after an ***identified date***, the person must quarantine at ***government-nominated accommodation*** for 14 days commencing on the date of the person's arrival in Queensland; or

c. as otherwise directed by an **emergency officer (public health)**.

8. A person who has been to an **interstate exposure venue** required to quarantine under this part or by a direction of an **emergency officer (public health)** will be quarantined for a further period of 14 days from the end of the quarantine period if the person is not tested for COVID-19 when requested to do so by an **emergency officer (public health)**.

9. A person who has been to an **interstate exposure venue** must:

a. travel to the **nominated premises** in the manner instructed by an **emergency officer (public health)**, or if not instructed by an **emergency officer (public health)**, by the most direct practical route and means to the place; and

Note: nominated premises may be the person's home or government-nominated accommodation.

b. not leave the **nominated premises** for a 14-day period, except:

i. for the purposes of obtaining essential medical care at a **hospital**; or

ii. to avoid injury or illness or to escape a risk of harm; or

Example – escaping a risk of harm related to sexual or domestic and family violence

iii. in the event of an emergency situation; or

iv. as otherwise required or permitted under a direction given to the person by an **emergency officer (public health)**; and

c. provide a negative COVID-19 test result prior to being able to leave quarantine for any reason other than:

i. to avoid immediate injury or illness or to escape a risk of harm; or

ii. an emergency situation; or

iii. as otherwise required or permitted under a direction given to the person by an **emergency officer (public health)**; and

d. if directed to quarantine at **government-nominated accommodation**, not open the door to the **nominated premises**, except when:

i. leaving the **nominated premises** for a permitted purpose under paragraph 9(b); or

ii. allowing a person to enter a **nominated premises** for a permitted purpose under paragraph 9(i); or

iii. permitted by a **quarantine facility worker** to collect any food, laundry, medical supplies or other

items left at the door of their **nominated premises**;
or

- iv. permitted by a **quarantine facility worker** to place any laundry, rubbish or other items directly outside the door of their **nominated premises** for collection; and

e. for a person directed to quarantine at **government-nominated accommodation**, must not:

- i. physically interact with other guests from another **nominated premises** on a balcony of the **nominated premises**; or

*Note: a quarantined person should maintain **physical distancing** from other guests on other balconies at **government-nominated accommodation***

- ii. accept or exchange items with other guests between balconies at **government-nominated accommodation**; or
- iii. enter any balcony other than a balcony of the person's **nominated premises**.

f. wear a **surgical mask** whenever:

- i. directed to do so by an **emergency officer (public health)**; and
- ii. when leaving quarantine as permitted under paragraph 9(b); and
- iii. when the door to a **nominated premises** within **government-nominated accommodation** is open as permitted under paragraph 9(d), unless:
 - 1. it is not practicable because of the emergency situation or the need to avoid immediate injury or illness or to escape a risk of harm; or
 - 2. permitted under a direction given to the person by an **emergency officer (public health)**; and

g. ensure any travel when permitted to leave and return to the **nominated premises** during quarantine under paragraph 9(b)(i) must be by ambulance service; and

h. ensure any travel to leave and return to the **nominated premises** under paragraph 9(b)(ii),(iii) or (iv) is by:

- i. ambulance service; or
- ii. from the time of publication of this Direction until 9.00am on 21 May 2021, transport arranged by a government authority; or
- iii. from 9.00am on 21 May 2021, a transport provider endorsed by a government authority and with a

Transport Plan in the form approved by the Chief Health Officer; or

- iv. an emergency services vehicle in emergency or serious situations as permitted or allowed under a direction given to the person by an **emergency officer (public health)**; or
 - v. for a person not quarantining at **government-nominated accommodation, private transport**; or
 - vi. as otherwise required, permitted or allowed under a direction given to the person by an **emergency officer (public health)**; and
- i. not permit any other person to enter the **nominated premises** unless that other person:
- i. resides in the **nominated premises** for the purpose of complying with this direction; or
 - ii. is required or permitted under a direction given to the person by an **emergency officer (public health)** to perform a COVID-19 test; or
 - iii. for **government-nominated accommodation**, is required or permitted under a direction given to the person by an **emergency officer (public health)** in an emergency situation and contact details of the other person are recorded; or
- Example: an emergency medical situation where it is not practicable to transport the quarantined person to a hospital.*
- iv. for a **residence**, is required to enter in an emergency situation; and

Note: A nominated premises includes the balcony of a government-nominated hotel room. A quarantined person must not permit any person to enter their balcony unless they are permitted by paragraph 9(i) above.

Masks

10. A requirement of this Direction to wear a **surgical mask** does not apply to:

- a. a child under the age of 12 years; or
- b. a person with a physical or mental health illness or condition, or disability, which makes wearing a mask unsuitable.

Examples: persons who have obstructed breathing, a serious skin condition on their face, an intellectual disability, a mental health illness, or who have experienced trauma.

PART 2 – DIRECTION – QUARANTINE FOR PERSONS WHO ARE ALREADY IN QUEENSLAND

11. A person who has been to an **interstate exposure venue** during the exposure period, who is already present in Queensland when the **interstate exposure venue** is published, must quarantine at a **nominated premises**, such as the person's residence or other accommodation, until 14 days have passed since the person was at the **interstate exposure venue**, unless:
 - a. more than 14 days has passed since the person was at the **interstate exposure venue**; or
 - b. otherwise directed by an **emergency officer (public health)**.
12. A person who has been to an **interstate exposure venue** required to quarantine under this part must:
 - a. immediately contact Queensland Health; and
 - b. immediately travel by **private transport** directly to their home or place of accommodation or other suitable premises to quarantine at until further instructions are provided by Queensland Health or a direction is given by an **emergency officer (public health)** under section 362G or 362H of the *Public Health Act 2005*.

PART 3 – EXEMPTIONS

13. The Chief Health Officer, Deputy Chief Health Officer or their delegate may give a person or class of persons an exemption from a requirement of this Direction if other extreme exceptional circumstances exist.
14. An exemption may be given on conditions and if so, the person given the exemption must comply with the conditions.

PART 4 – DEFINITIONS

15. Definitions used in this Direction are in Schedule 1.

PART 5 – PENALTIES

A person to whom the direction applies commits an offence if the person fails, without reasonable excuse, to comply with the direction.

Section 362D of the *Public Health Act 2005* provides:

Failure to comply with public health directions

A person to whom a public health direction applies must comply with the direction unless the person has a reasonable excuse.
Maximum penalty—100 penalty units or 6 months imprisonment.

Dr Jeannette Young

Chief Health Officer

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SCHEDULE 1 – DEFINITIONS

For the purposes of this Public Health Direction:

Emergency officer (public health) means an emergency officer appointed under the *Public Health Act 2005*.

Note: Emergency officers appointed under the Public Health Act 2005 include public health officers and police.

Government-nominated accommodation means a hotel or other accommodation premises at which the person is directed to quarantine by an **emergency officer (public health)**.

Identified date means a particular time and date identified by Queensland's Chief Health Officer and published on the Queensland Health website (<https://www.qld.gov.au/health/conditions/health-alerts/coronavirus-covid-19/current-status/contact-tracing¹>).

Interstate exposure venue means a place that is:

- a. identified by the relevant government authority for a State or Territory or **safe travel zone country** as a venue where a person who was present at that venue during an exposure period is required to quarantine, isolate or be tested for COVID-19 and isolate until they receive a negative result or for another period due to potential exposure to COVID-19; and
- b. published on the Queensland Health website.

Note: an interstate exposure venue includes all venues identified by a relevant government authority including venues identified as either close contact venues or casual contact venues. These venues are published on the Queensland Health contact tracing website: <https://www.qld.gov.au/health/conditions/health-alerts/coronavirus-covid-19/current-status/contact-tracing¹>.

Nominated premises means:

- a. a person's allocated room within **government-nominated accommodation** as directed by an **emergency officer (public health)**; or
- b. another premises as directed by an **emergency officer (public health)**, such as the person's residence or other accommodation.

Note: A person may be required to pay a fee for quarantine under chapter 8, part 7AA (Fees for quarantine during COVID-19 emergency) of the Public Health Act 2005.

Private transport means:

- a. a private vehicle; or
- b. if travel by (a) is not available, a taxi with a protective shield between driver and passenger or a taxi van that allows for physical distancing between the driver and passengers; or

- c. if travel by (a) and (b) is not available, a taxi or ride share sitting in the back seat on the passenger side.

Safe travel zone country has the same meaning as in the *Quarantine for International Arrivals Direction*, or its successors.

Surgical mask means a single use, surgical mask with a minimum level 1 barrier protection level under the Australian Standard (AS 4381:2015) that covers the nose and mouth.

Symptoms consistent with COVID-19 means fever or history of fever, symptoms of acute respiratory infection (cough, shortness of breath, sore throat), loss of smell, loss of taste, runny nose, diarrhoea, nausea, vomiting or fatigue.

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Understanding this Direction

Information to help you understand what this Direction means to travellers and residents.

[Find out more²](#)

Links

1. <https://www.qld.gov.au/health/conditions/health-alerts/coronavirus-covid-19/current-status/contact-tracing>
2. <https://www.qld.gov.au/health/conditions/health-alerts/coronavirus-covid-19/current-status/public-health-directions/interstate-exposure-venues>

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