
On 15 March 2020, the Minister for Emergency Services declared a state of emergency with effect from 12 a.m. on 16 March 2020 in respect of the pandemic caused by COVID-19 pursuant to section 56 of the Emergency Management Act 2005 (WA) (Act) (State of Emergency). The State of Emergency applies to the State of Western Australia.

Pursuant to my powers as a police officer under section 71 of the Act, and the powers given to me under section 72A of the Act to give other directions to prevent, control or abate the risks associated with the emergency presented by the pandemic caused by COVID-19, on 17 May 2020, I gave the Quarantine (Closing the Border) Directions (Directions).

Pursuant to the same powers, I, Christopher John Dawson, Commissioner of Police and State Emergency Coordinator, now give the following directions.

PREAMBLE

1. The purpose of these directions is to make more specific provision for the quarantine of any relevant Woodside FIFO worker, each of whom is required under paragraph 27(k) of the Directions, immediately after entering Western Australia, to be subject to strict quarantine provisions and to complete a mandatory 14 day period of isolation in a location agreed with me as the State Emergency Coordinator or somebody authorised by me before the person enters a workplace in Western Australia.

CITATION

2. These Directions may be referred to as the Woodside FIFO Worker Directions.

COMMENCEMENT

3. These directions come into effect at the time of signing.
DIRECTIONS

4. Subject to paragraph 5, a relevant Woodside FIFO worker must, immediately after entering Western Australia:

(a) as soon as possible and by the most direct route available and without stopping except as required by law, travel directly to the Quest Midland in a vehicle provided by Woodside; and

(b) remain inside their allocated room for a period ending fourteen (14) days after the day on which the person entered Western Australia, except to the extent that the person:

   (i) is given another direction which they are required by law to obey; or

   (ii) leaves their allocated room to seek urgent medical treatment at a hospital for the person, provided that:

       (A) it is necessary for the person to leave their allocated room in order for that treatment to be provided; and

       (B) prior to leaving their allocated room (and if it is practicable to do so), the person telephones the ambulance service or the hospital or other treatment facility at which the urgent medical treatment will be sought and informs them that they are subject to a quarantine direction and need to attend the hospital or other treatment facility for urgent medical treatment;

       (C) the person goes to the hospital by ambulance or by the most direct route available and without stopping except as required by law or necessary for fuel or rest; and

       (D) the person complies with any direction or instruction given by a relevant officer at the hospital; and

       (E) unless otherwise directed or instructed by a relevant officer, the person returns to their allocated room as soon as possible after the urgent treatment has been provided and by the most direct route available and without stopping except as required by law or necessary for fuel or rest; or
(iii) must leave their allocated room to escape an immediate threat to their safety (other than any threat posed by COVID-19), provided that:

(A) the person does not go any further from their allocated room than is reasonably necessary to ensure that the person is safe from that threat, and from any other threat to their safety (other than any threat posed by COVID-19); and

(B) unless the person has reasonable grounds to believe that someone else has already done so, the person telephones the police on 131 444 as soon as possible to inform the police that the person is required to quarantine and has had to leave the allocated room where the person was in quarantine; and

(C) if it is safe for the person to do so and the person is not otherwise directed or instructed by a relevant officer, the person returns to their allocated room as soon as possible; or

(iv) is undertaking **authorised exercise**; and

(c) if the person believes they have developed symptoms, telephone 1300316555 to report the person's belief as soon as possible; and

(d) answer truthfully if a relevant officer asks the person to describe their state of health or asks whether the person has or has had any symptoms; and

(e) comply with any other direction or instruction the person is given by a relevant officer.

5. A relevant Woodside FIFO worker who is in quarantine at the Quest Midland under a direction immediately before these directions come into effect must comply with paragraph 4(b) to (e) of these directions rather than the direction under which the person was in quarantine immediately before these directions came into effect.

**DEFINITION OF AUTHORIZED EXERCISE**

6. **Authorized exercise** means exercise that is engaged in by the person:

(b) in the **exercise area**; and

(c) without physical contact with, or coming within 1.5 metres of, any other person; and

(d) without the use of any equipment; and

(e) for no more than a one hour period on any one occasion and for more no more than two such periods each day.
OTHER DEFINITIONS

7. **Allocated room** means the room at the Quest Midland which a relevant Woodside FIFO worker is allocated to reside in while the person is in quarantine.

8. **Authorised officer** has the same meaning that it has in the Act.

9. **Direction** includes a direction under the Act or the *Public Health Act 2016* (WA), whether the direction is given orally or in writing, and **directed** includes directed by way of a direction under the Act or the *Public Health Act 2016* (WA), whether the direction is given orally or in writing.

   *Note: these directions recognise that a person in quarantine may receive an instruction rather than a direction from a relevant officer, because not all relevant officers are empowered to give directions. The person must comply with the directions and with instructions which are given by relevant officers for the purposes of these directions.*

10. **Emergency officer** has the same meaning that it has in the *Public Health Act 2016* (WA).

11. **Enter** has the meaning that term has in the Directions and **entering** means entering in the same sense that enter is used in the Directions.

12. **Exercise area** means the outdoor courtyard within the Quest Midland which is closed to the public and is set out in the attached map.

13. **Hospital** has the same meaning that it has in the *Health Services Act 2016* (WA).

14. **Instruction** means an instruction given for the purposes of these directions which is not a direction, whether the instruction is given orally or in writing, and **instructed** means instructed by way of an instruction given for the purposes of these directions, whether the instruction is given orally or in writing.

15. **Quest Midland** means Quest Midland, 3 The Crescent, Midland Western Australia.

16. **Relevant officer** means:

   (f) an authorised officer; or

   (g) an emergency officer; or

   (h) a responsible officer.
17. **Relevant Woodside FIFO Worker** means a person described in paragraph 27(k) of the Directions who is employed or engaged by Woodside and works in the manner described in paragraph 27(k), and who will complete the 14 day period of isolation mandated by paragraph 27(k) at the Quest Midland.

18. **Responsible officer** means:
   (i) an officer, employee or contractor of the Department of Health; or
   (j) an officer, employee or contractor of a health service provider, as that term is defined by section 6 of the *Health Services Act 2016* (WA); or
   (k) any other person authorised by the Chief Health Officer orally or in writing to give an instruction for the purposes of these directions.

19. **Symptoms** means any one or more of:
   (l) a fever of 38 degrees or above;
   (m) a recent history of fever; or
   (n) symptoms of acute respiratory infection (including, but without limitation, shortness of breath, a cough or sore throat).

20. **Woodside** means Woodside Energy Ltd.

**PENALTIES**

It may be an offence to fail to comply with the requirements of this direction or the Directions more generally, punishable by imprisonment for up to 12 months or a fine of up to $50,000 for individuals and $250,000 for bodies corporate.

Christopher John Dawson  
State Emergency Coordinator and Commissioner of Police  
2 July 2020  
105 hours
Attachment: Map showing exercise area at the Quest Midland