

EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT ACT 2005 (WA)

Sections 67, 70 and 72A

**CONTROLLED BORDER FOR WESTERN AUSTRALIA
AMENDMENT DIRECTIONS (NO 17)**

The World Health Organization declared COVID-19 a pandemic on 11 March 2020.

On 15 March 2020, the Minister for Emergency Services declared a state of emergency with effect from 12 am 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**). The state of emergency applies to the State of Western Australia.

I, Christopher John Dawson, Commissioner of Police and State Emergency Coordinator, now give the following directions, pursuant to my powers under sections 67, 70 and 72A of the Act.

PREAMBLE

1. These directions amend the Controlled Border for Western Australia Directions (**Primary Directions**) and are for the purpose of preventing the importation of COVID-19 into Western Australia and otherwise limiting the spread of COVID-19 in Western Australia.

CITATION

2. These directions may be referred to as the **Controlled Border for Western Australia Amendment Directions (No 17)**.

COMMENCEMENT

3. These directions come into effect upon signing.

DIRECTIONS

4. The Primary Directions are amended by:
 - (a) deleting the final two schedules attached to the directions, currently identified as "Schedule 4" and "Schedule 4", and inserting in their place:
 - i. the Schedule 3 attached to these directions; and
 - ii. the Schedule 4 attached to these directions.

5. For the avoidance of doubt, I confirm that the Primary Directions continue in effect as in force immediately before the time specified in paragraph 3 of these directions but, from that time, as amended by paragraph 4 of these directions.



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Christopher John Dawson
Commissioner of Police and State Emergency Coordinator

15 March 2021 1632 hours

SCHEDULE 3

Children Requirements

1. Subject to paragraphs 2 to 5, you must travel with your child as soon as possible and by the most direct route available and without stopping except as required by law or necessary for fuel or rest to:
 - (a) suitable premises, if your child falls within paragraph 6 of the Controlled Border for Western Australia Directions; or
 - (b) unless otherwise directed, an allocated room at a quarantine centre if your child falls within paragraph 7 of the Controlled Border for Western Australia Directions

(relevant place).
2. You and your child may travel to suitable premises via **suitable overnight accommodation** if it is unsafe or impracticable for you and your child to travel directly to suitable premises without stopping for overnight rest.
3. If you and your child travel to suitable premises via suitable overnight accommodation, prior to your arrival at the suitable overnight accommodation you must:
 - (a) notify the accommodation provider in advance that you are subject to self-quarantine requirements; and
 - (b) ensure the accommodation provider is willing to accept you.
4. If you travel to suitable premises via suitable overnight accommodation, while at the suitable overnight accommodation you must:
 - (a) proceed directly to your **allotted room** and remain within that room until you leave pursuant to paragraph 5 unless you need to leave your allotted room to escape an immediate threat to your safety; and
 - (b) obtain food or refreshments only via room service or delivery; and
 - (c) keep the door to your allotted room closed at all times, except to the extent necessary:
 - (i) to allow a person referred to in paragraph 12 to enter the room; or
 - (ii) for receiving deliveries including meals, packages or medical treatment.

5. If you travel to suitable overnight accommodation, you must leave the suitable overnight accommodation as early as practicable on the morning following your overnight stay and recommence your travel to the relevant place.
6. You must travel to the relevant place:
 - (a) in your own vehicle or a private vehicle; or
 - (b) by taxi or rideshare service; or
 - (c) in another way which an authorised officer orally directs you to take, andfor the avoidance of doubt, you must not travel to the relevant place using any form of mass public transport, such as a bus or train.
7. You must wear a face mask if available and practicable, and take all reasonable steps to ensure that your child does the same if your child is aged 12 years or above, from when you enter Western Australia until you arrive at the relevant place, provided that:
 - (a) if the relevant place is an allocated room at a quarantine centre or an allocated room or apartment at an accommodation facility, you must continue to wear a face mask until you enter the allocated room or apartment; and
 - (b) if you travel to suitable premises via suitable overnight accommodation, you may remove your face mask when you are in your allotted room at the suitable overnight accommodation.
8. As soon as you arrive at the relevant place, you and your child must remain inside the relevant place for a period ending fourteen (14) days after the day on which your child entered Western Australia unless:
 - (a) you are given another direction which you are required by law to obey; or
 - (b) you or your child must leave them to escape an immediate threat to his or her or your safety.
9. If your relevant place falls within paragraph 1(a) and is an allocated room or apartment or other similar accommodation at an accommodation facility, you and your child must remain inside your allocated room or apartment or other similar accommodation, and not enter any shared facilities or common property at the accommodation facility.
10. If you or your child must leave the allotted room or the relevant place to escape an immediate threat to his or her or your safety, you must ensure that:

- (a) whoever leaves goes no further from the allotted room or the relevant place than he or she has to in order to escape that threat; and
 - (b) whoever leaves returns to the allotted room or the relevant place as soon as it is safe to do so; and
 - (c) if either or both of you are unable to return to the allotted room or the relevant place within an hour of leaving, you telephone the police on 131 444 and inform them that whoever is unable to return is subject to a quarantine direction and had to leave the allotted room or the relevant place.
11. You must immediately inform a person in authority at the quarantine centre, or otherwise call 13 COVID (13 268 43), if you or your child develop or have recently experienced any one or more of these symptoms:
- (a) a fever of 37.5 degrees or above; or
 - (b) a recent history of fever; or
 - (c) symptoms of acute respiratory infection (including, but without limitation, shortness of breath, a cough or sore throat); or
 - (d) loss of smell or loss of taste.

Note: even though these symptoms may not be caused by COVID-19, informing a person in authority or calling 13 COVID (13 268 43) is essential to your and your child's safety and the safety of everyone and will help to ensure that you and your child receive any treatment needed.

12. During the period you and your child must remain at the relevant place, you must:
- (a) take all reasonable steps to keep both you and your child at least 1.5 metres away from any other person except for each other; and
 - (b) not allow any person to access the allotted room or the relevant place unless the person:
 - (i) is a relevant officer, or a person assisting a relevant officer; or
 - (ii) accesses the allotted room or the relevant place for medical or emergency purposes; or

- (iii) is required to access the allotted room or the relevant place for the purpose of performing critical and time-sensitive maintenance at the relevant place; or
- (iv) is acting in compliance with a direction or instruction given by a relevant officer; or
- (v) usually resides at the suitable premises,

provided that no more than two persons access the allotted room or the relevant place at any one time if they access the suitable premises in accordance with subparagraph (b)(i) to (iii); and

- (c) if your relevant place falls within paragraph 1(b), keep the door to your allocated room closed at all times except to the extent necessary:
 - (i) to allow a person referred to in subparagraph (b) to enter the room;
 - (ii) for receiving deliveries including meals, packages or medical treatment; or
 - (i) for the disposal of rubbish and the collection of linen at pre-arranged times.

Note: when you arrive at the quarantine centre you will be met by people who will explain to you what you need to do while you are at the quarantine centre. Please cooperate with them and comply with their directions. They are there to help and protect you and other members of the Western Australian community.

DEFINITIONS

- 13. **Allotted room** means your allotted room at suitable overnight accommodation.
- 14. **Suitable overnight accommodation means** accommodation where you will have your own room and will not be required to share bathrooms or other facilities with any other persons.

SCHEDULE 4

Modified Quarantine Directions

1. Subject to paragraphs 2 to 5 you must travel as soon as possible and by the most direct route available and without stopping except as required by law or necessary for fuel or rest to suitable premises.
2. You may travel to suitable premises via **suitable overnight accommodation** if it is unsafe or impracticable for you to travel directly to suitable premises without stopping for overnight rest.
3. If you travel to suitable premises via suitable overnight accommodation, prior to your arrival at the suitable overnight accommodation you must:
 - (a) notify the accommodation provider in advance that you are subject to self-quarantine requirements; and
 - (b) ensure the accommodation provider is willing to accept you.
4. If you travel to suitable premises via suitable overnight accommodation, while at the suitable overnight accommodation you must:
 - (a) proceed directly to your allotted room and remain within that room until you leave pursuant to paragraph 5 unless you need to leave your allotted room to escape an immediate threat to your safety; and
 - (b) obtain food or refreshments only via room service or delivery; and
 - (c) keep the door to your allotted room closed at all times, except to the extent necessary:
 - (i) to allow a person referred to in paragraph 14 to enter the room; or
 - (ii) for receiving deliveries including meals, packages or medical treatment.
5. If you travel to suitable overnight accommodation, you must leave the suitable overnight accommodation as early as practicable on the morning following your overnight stay and recommence your travel to the suitable premises.
6. You must travel to the suitable premises:
 - (a) in your own vehicle or a **permitted vehicle**; or
 - (b) by taxi or rideshare service; or

- (c) in another way which an authorised officer orally directs you to take, and for the avoidance of doubt, you must not travel to the suitable premises using any form of mass public transport, such as a bus or train.
7. You must wear a face mask if available and practicable from when you enter Western Australia until you arrive at the suitable premises provided that:
- (a) if the suitable premises is an allocated room or apartment at an accommodation facility, you must continue to wear a face mask until you enter the allocated room or apartment; and
 - (b) if you travel to suitable premises via suitable overnight accommodation, you may remove your face mask when you are in your allotted room at the suitable overnight accommodation.
8. As soon as you arrive at the suitable premises, you must remain inside them for a period ending fourteen (14) days after the day on which you entered Western Australia unless:
- (a) you are given another direction which you are required by law to obey; or
 - (b) you must leave them to escape an immediate threat to your safety in accordance with paragraph 10; or
 - (c) you leave the suitable premises for the purpose of travelling to a **particular place** in accordance with paragraph 11 in order to:
 - (i) provide care to a dependent person who resides in Western Australia; or
 - (ii) receive care from a person who resides in Western Australia; or
 - (iii) attend a **funeral service**; or
 - (iv) visit a relative who has had a serious medical episode or whose death is imminent; or
 - (v) receive urgent and essential medical treatment; or
 - (vi) comply with an order of an Australian court,as nominated in your G2G Pass Declaration or updated G2G Pass Declaration (whichever is applicable) or otherwise indicated to an authorised officer (*relevant purpose*), in accordance with paragraph 5 of the Controlled Border for Western Australia Directions; or

- (d) you leave the suitable premises to leave Western Australia in accordance with paragraph 12.
9. If the suitable premises are an allocated room or apartment or other similar accommodation at an accommodation facility, you must remain inside your allocated room or apartment or other similar accommodation, and not enter any shared facilities or common property at the accommodation facility.
10. If you leave your allotted room or the suitable premises to escape an immediate threat to your safety, you must:
- (a) go no further from them than you have to in order to escape that threat; and
 - (b) return to your allotted room or the suitable premises as soon as it is safe for you to do so; and
 - (c) if you are unable to return to your allotted room or the suitable premises within an hour of leaving, telephone the police on 131 444 and inform them that you are subject to a self-quarantine direction and had to leave your allotted room or the suitable premises.
11. You may leave your suitable premises to travel to the particular place or places for the relevant purpose, provided that:
- (a) unless you are attending a private residence, you seek approval in advance from a **person in authority** at the particular place and notify them that you are subject to a self-quarantine direction and comply with any requirements of that place; and
 - (b) you travel in a permitted vehicle to the particular place or places by the most direct and practicable route available and without stopping, except as required by law or necessary for fuel; and
 - (c) while you are at the particular place or places, you remain there, and only for so long as is reasonably necessary for the relevant purpose; and
 - (d) if you are required to travel from one particular place to another particular place for the relevant purpose while you are not at your suitable premises, you comply with the terms in subparagraph (a) to (c); and
 - (e) following your attendance at the particular place or places, you travel in a permitted vehicle to the suitable premises by the most direct and practicable

route available and without stopping, except as required by law or necessary for fuel; and

- (f) you comply with paragraph 14.

Note: You must not visit cafes, restaurants, shopping centres, public parks, or any other place while you are not at your suitable premises if it is not essential or reasonably necessary to carry out the relevant purpose.

- 12. You may leave your suitable premises for the purpose of leaving Western Australia, provided that:

- (a) when you need to travel to the departure terminal to embark on a departing flight, you travel in a permitted vehicle from the suitable premises to the departure terminal by the most direct and practicable route available and without stopping except as required by law or necessary for fuel; and
- (b) as soon as you arrive at the departure terminal, you remain at the departure terminal until you leave on the departing flight; and
- (c) you board the departing flight when it is possible to do so and remain on the departing flight until it takes off; and
- (d) if you are unable to leave Western Australia on the departing flight for any reason, you contact an authorised officer as soon as possible and ask for a direction and comply with any direction given.

- 13. You must call 13 COVID (13 268 43) immediately if you develop or have recently experienced any one or more of these symptoms:

- (a) a fever of 37.5 degrees or above; or
- (b) a recent history of fever; or
- (c) symptoms of acute respiratory infection (including, but without limitation, shortness of breath, a cough or sore throat); or
- (d) loss of smell or loss of taste.

Note: even though the symptoms may not be caused by COVID-19, calling this number is essential to your safety and the safety of everyone and will help to ensure that you receive any treatment you need.

14. At all times while you are in Western Australia, you must:
- (a) take all reasonable steps to keep at least 1.5 metres away from any other person; and
 - (b) not allow any person to access your allotted room or the suitable premises unless the person:
 - (i) is a relevant officer, or a person assisting a relevant officer; or
 - (ii) accesses your allotted room or the suitable premises for medical or emergency purposes; or
 - (iii) is required to access your allotted room or the suitable premises for the purpose of performing critical and time-sensitive maintenance at the suitable premises; or
 - (iv) is acting in compliance with a direction or instruction given by a relevant officer; or
 - (v) usually resides at the suitable premises,provided that no more than two persons access your allotted room or the suitable premises at any one time if they access the suitable premises in accordance with subparagraph (b)(i) to (iii); and
 - (c) wear a face mask, if practicable and available, when you are travelling or in an enclosed space outside of your suitable premises; and
 - (d) when coughing or sneezing, do so into your elbow or a tissue; and
 - (e) wash your hands often with soap and water or using alcohol hand rub, particularly before and after attending a bathroom.

DEFINITIONS

15. **Allotted room** means your allotted room at suitable overnight accommodation.
16. **Funeral service** means an official ceremony or memorial service for a deceased person that can be travelled to by a motor vehicle in one hour or less, but does not include, for the avoidance of doubt, a wake or other associated gathering.
17. **Particular place** means any place that is essential or reasonably necessary for you to attend in order to carry out the relevant purpose.

18. **Person in authority** means:

- (a) if you are receiving care, the manager of the relevant facility at which you are receiving the care; and
- (b) if you are attending a funeral service, the funeral director; and
- (c) if you are visiting a relative who has had a serious medical episode or whose death is imminent:
 - (i) at an aged care facility, the manager of the aged care facility; or
 - (ii) at a medical facility, the Nurse Manager of the relevant ward; and
- (d) if you are seeking urgent and essential medical treatment, the Nurse Manager of the relevant ward or the relevant doctor at the medical facility; and
- (e) if you are complying with an order of an Australian court, a court officer at the relevant court; and
- (f) in any other circumstance, the owner, operator or person apparently in charge of that place.

19. **Permitted vehicle** means:

- (a) for the purposes of paragraph 6(a), a vehicle in which you and any other persons with whom you entered Western Australia are the sole occupants other than a driver; or
- (b) for the purposes of paragraph 11, a vehicle in which you are the sole occupant other than a driver, unless you are providing or receiving care and it is reasonably necessary for other persons to be in the vehicle; or
- (c) for the purposes of paragraph 12, a vehicle in which you and any other persons with whom you are leaving Western Australia are the sole occupants other than a driver.

20. **Suitable overnight accommodation** means accommodation where you will have your own room and will not be required to share bathrooms or other facilities with any other persons.