

EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT ACT 2005 (WA)

Sections 67 and 72A

PRESENTATION FOR TESTING (QUARANTINE CENTRE WORKERS) DIRECTIONS (NO 8)

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**) (**State of Emergency**). 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 and 72A of the Act.

PREAMBLE

1. The purpose of these directions is to prevent the importation of COVID-19 into the Western Australian community and to otherwise limit the spread of COVID-19 in Western Australia.

CITATION

2. These directions may be referred to as the **Presentation for Testing (Quarantine Centre Workers) Directions (No 8)**.

COMMENCEMENT

3. These directions come into effect upon signing.

REVOCATION AND CONTINUING OBLIGATIONS

4. The Presentation for Testing (Quarantine Centre Workers) Directions (No 7) (**revoked directions**) are revoked.
5. Despite paragraph 4 and subject to paragraph 6, a person must continue to comply with any obligations which still applied to the person under the revoked directions immediately before these directions came into effect, to the same extent that the person would have to comply with them if the revoked directions had not been revoked, and, for the avoidance of doubt, if a person fails to comply with an obligation that applied to them under a revoked direction, the person may commit an offence under the Act.

6. A person who was required to comply with the seven day presentation protocol (as that term is defined in the revoked directions and not these directions) is no longer required to comply with that seven day presentation protocol but must instead comply with the **seven day presentation protocol** in these directions.

DIRECTIONS

*Note 1: any **protocol** referred to in these directions DOES NOT require a **quarantine centre worker**, or a person who has ceased to be a quarantine centre worker but who is required to present for testing in accordance with these directions, to be **tested** for COVID-19. They must consent to be tested for COVID-19 unless they are **directed** to have the **test** by an **emergency officer** under the Public Health Act 2016 (WA).*

Note 2: a quarantine centre worker, or a person who has ceased to be a quarantine centre worker but who is required to present for testing in accordance with these directions, who tests positive for COVID-19 in respect of a test done after having complied with a protocol referred to in these directions must comply with the Isolation (Diagnosed) Directions (No 2).

Standard requirements to present for testing

*Note: Quarantine centre workers must comply with the seven day presentation protocol, which involves presenting at a **COVID Clinic** for testing every seven days on an ongoing basis until the completion of their final shift or last shift before a period of leave or absence or until 14 days after their last **direct contact** with a person in a quarantine centre who is subject to **quarantine requirements**. In addition, they must comply with the **shift presentation protocol** on each day they work a shift at a **quarantine centre**, which involves going to the place at the quarantine centre where mouth swabs are collected. However, a quarantine centre worker is not required to comply with the shift presentation protocol if their shift falls on a day that they receive a nasopharyngeal test for COVID-19 after having complied with either the seven day presentation protocol or the **absence presentation protocol**.*

7. A person who is a quarantine centre worker must comply with the seven day presentation protocol from the date of commencement of these directions on an ongoing basis:
- (a) until the person completes their final shift at a quarantine centre due to no longer being employed or otherwise engaged as a quarantine centre worker; or
 - (b) subject to paragraph 8, until the person completes their last shift at a quarantine centre before commencing a period of leave or absence from their position as a quarantine centre worker of more than 4 consecutive days in duration; or

(c) in the case of a person who is a quarantine centre worker only by reason of subparagraph (e) of the definition of quarantine centre worker, for a period ending 14 days after the day on which last knowingly had direct contact with a person in a quarantine centre who is subject to quarantine requirements,

unless the person:

(d) is not in Western Australia on a day that they are required to go to a COVID Clinic in accordance with the seven day presentation protocol (but for the avoidance of doubt the person must comply with the seven day presentation protocol on such a day when they are in Western Australia); or

(e) is given a **direction** to quarantine at a quarantine centre or a **hospital**; or

(f) is required to quarantine or isolate under either or both of the **relevant directions**.

8. A person to whom paragraph 7(b) applies must recommence complying with the seven day presentation protocol when they recommence their duties as a quarantine centre worker.

Shift presentation protocol

9. A person who is a quarantine centre worker must comply with the shift presentation protocol each day that the quarantine centre worker attends a quarantine centre to undertake a shift unless a shift falls on a day that the quarantine centre worker is tested after having complied with a protocol other than the shift presentation protocol.

Special additional requirements for quarantine centre workers who engage in other employment

Note: Paragraph 10 deals specifically with requirements for presentation for testing when a quarantine centre worker engages in other employment. However, nothing in this paragraph should be taken to permit a quarantine centre worker to engage in any other employment while employed or engaged as a quarantine centre worker if they are otherwise under a legal obligation not to undertake such work.

10. A person who:
 - (a) is a quarantine centre worker; and
 - (b) engages in **other employment**,

must comply with the **other employment presentation protocol** each day that the quarantine centre worker undertakes other employment unless that other employment is undertaken on a day that the quarantine centre worker is tested after having complied with a protocol other than the other employment presentation protocol.

11. A quarantine centre worker is not required to comply with the other employment presentation protocol on a day that they undertake other employment if it is not reasonably practicable to do so.

Example: If a quarantine centre worker was engaging in other employment (including for the same employer) at a location other than a quarantine centre and the quarantine centre worker was not a person whose employer offered facilities for saliva testing (mouth swab) for COVID-19 at the location the person works when not at the quarantine centre, it would not be considered practicable for the person to travel to a quarantine centre for the purpose of presenting for testing on a day where they engage in that other employment. In such an instance they would instead include that day in the leave or absence presentation protocol as outlined at paragraph 19.

12. Where a quarantine centre worker is tested after complying with the other employment presentation protocol on a day that the person undertakes other employment, that day does not constitute a period of leave or absence for the purposes of paragraph 14(b) notwithstanding that the person may not have attended a quarantine centre to complete a shift on that day.
13. If a quarantine centre worker does not need to comply with the other employment presentation protocol on a day they undertake other employment by virtue of the operation of paragraph 11, or they are not tested after complying with the other employment presentation protocol, that day constitutes a period of leave or absence for the purposes of paragraph 14(b).

Requirements to present for testing during leave or absence

Note: Paragraph 14 deals specifically with what happens when a quarantine centre worker takes a period of leave of more than 4 consecutive days, but has not ceased employment or ceased being a quarantine centre worker. Quarantine centre workers must comply with the absence presentation protocol on the day of their last shift before starting the period of leave

or absence, on the day they undertake their first shift after that period and on certain days during that period. The places where a person can present for testing will vary depending upon what day of the protocol they are on. A person who is presenting for testing on the day of their first shift back from a period of leave must present to a quarantine centre for testing. A person who is presenting for testing on the last day before they start leave, or on day 3, 7 or 10 of their leave or absence must present to a COVID clinic or to a hospital emergency department.

14. A person who:

- (a) is a quarantine centre worker; and
- (b) is on a period of leave or absence from their position as a quarantine centre worker of more than 4 consecutive days in duration (irrespective of whether that period commenced before or commences after these directions come into effect),

must comply with the absence presentation protocol unless the person:

- (c) is not in Western Australia on a day that they are required to comply with the absence presentation protocol (but, for the avoidance of doubt, the person must comply with the absence presentation protocol on such a day when they are in Western Australia); or
- (d) is given a direction to quarantine at a quarantine centre or a hospital; or
- (e) has been directed otherwise by me or a person authorised by me for the purposes of this paragraph; or
- (f) is required to quarantine or isolate under either or both of the relevant directions.

Note: Paragraphs 12 and 13 contain important provisions which are relevant to determining what constitutes a period of leave or absence. Subject to those paragraphs, a period of leave or absence is any day on which a quarantine centre worker does not attend a quarantine centre to complete a shift as a quarantine centre worker.

Requirements to present for testing on ceasing being a quarantine worker

Note: Paragraph 15 deals specifically with what happens when a quarantine centre worker ends their employment or engagement or otherwise stops being a quarantine centre worker. The requirements apply in addition to any other requirements that a quarantine centre worker is required to comply with under these directions.

15. A person who:

- (a) is a quarantine centre worker; and
- (b) is not a quarantine centre worker only by reason of subparagraph (e) of the definition of quarantine centre worker; and
- (c) ceases to be employed or engaged as, or otherwise be, a quarantine centre worker,

must comply with the **end of employment presentation protocol** unless the person:

- (d) is not in Western Australia on a day that they are required to comply with the end of employment presentation protocol (but for the avoidance of doubt the person must comply with the end of employment presentation protocol on such a day when they are in Western Australia); or
- (e) is given a direction to quarantine at a quarantine centre or a hospital; or
- (f) has been directed otherwise by me or a person authorised by me for the purposes of this paragraph; or
- (g) is required to quarantine or isolate under either or both of the relevant directions.

Seven day presentation protocol

16. A quarantine centre worker who must comply with this paragraph must, within seven days after the then current **presentation trigger date** for that quarantine centre worker:

- (a) go to a COVID Clinic; and
- (b) inform a **relevant officer** at the COVID Clinic that they are required to attend the COVID Clinic under these directions; and
- (c) comply with any **instruction** which a relevant officer at the COVID Clinic gives to them; and
- (d) answer truthfully if a relevant officer at the COVID Clinic asks the quarantine centre worker to describe their state of health or whether the quarantine centre worker has or has had any **symptoms**; and

- (e) remain at the COVID clinic until the quarantine centre worker has been tested, or a relevant officer has **instructed** the quarantine centre worker that they may leave the COVID Clinic.

Note: testing for COVID-19 at COVID Clinics is undertaken by way of a nasopharyngeal swab.

Shift presentation protocol

- 17. A quarantine centre worker who must comply with this paragraph must, prior to completing a shift at a quarantine centre:
 - (a) go to the place at the quarantine centre where mouth swabs are being collected for the purpose of testing for COVID-19; and
 - (b) comply with any instruction given to them at the **testing location** at which they present in compliance with subparagraph (a); and
 - (c) answer truthfully if asked, either orally or in writing, to describe their state of health or whether the person has or has had any symptoms.

Note: testing for COVID-19 at quarantine centres is undertaken by way of a mouth swab.

Other employment presentation protocol

- 18. A quarantine centre worker who must comply with this paragraph must, as early as possible on each day that they undertake other employment:
 - (a) go to the place at the quarantine centre where mouth swabs are being collected for the purpose of testing for COVID-19; and
 - (b) comply with any instruction given to them at the testing location at which they present in compliance with subparagraph (a); and
 - (c) answer truthfully if asked, either orally or in writing, to describe their state of health or whether the person has or has had any symptoms.

Absence presentation protocol

19. A person who must comply with this paragraph must:

- (a) on the day on which the person undertakes their last shift at a quarantine centre before commencing their period of leave or absence (*start day*) and on each of the third, seventh and tenth days after the start day, unless the person is no longer on leave on the relevant day:
 - (i) go to a COVID Clinic, or emergency department at a hospital; and
 - (ii) inform a relevant officer at the COVID Clinic or emergency department that they are required to attend the COVID Clinic or emergency department under these directions; and
 - (iii) comply with any instruction which a relevant officer at the COVID Clinic or emergency department gives to them; and
 - (iv) answer truthfully if a relevant officer at the COVID Clinic or emergency department asks the quarantine centre worker to describe their state of health or whether the quarantine centre worker has or has had any symptoms; and
 - (v) remain at the COVID Clinic or emergency department until the quarantine centre worker has been tested, or a relevant officer has instructed the quarantine centre worker that they may leave the COVID Clinic or emergency department; and
- (b) for the avoidance of doubt, on the day that the person undertakes their first shift at a quarantine centre after returning from a period of leave or absence, comply with the shift presentation protocol.

Note: testing for COVID-19 at COVID Clinics and emergency departments is undertaken by way of a nasopharyngeal swab. Testing at quarantine centres is undertaken by way of mouth swab.

End of employment presentation protocol

20. A person who must comply with this paragraph must:

- (a) on the day on which the person undertakes their last shift at a quarantine centre before ending their employment, or, in the event that the person does not cease to be a quarantine worker until a day that is a different day to the day on which

they completed their last shift, within 24 hours after the day on which they cease to be a quarantine worker (**cessation day**):

- (i) go to a COVID Clinic, or emergency department at a hospital; and
 - (ii) inform a relevant officer at the COVID Clinic or emergency department that they are required to attend the COVID Clinic or emergency department under these directions; and
 - (iii) comply with any instruction which a relevant officer at the COVID Clinic or emergency department gives to them; and
 - (iv) answer truthfully if a relevant officer at the COVID Clinic or emergency department asks the quarantine centre worker to describe their state of health or whether the quarantine centre worker has or has had any symptoms; and
 - (v) remain at the COVID Clinic or emergency department until the quarantine centre worker has been tested, or a relevant officer has instructed the quarantine centre worker that they may leave the COVID Clinic or emergency department; and
- (b) on each of the third, seventh, tenth and fourteenth days after the cessation day:
- (i) go to a COVID Clinic, or emergency department at a hospital; and
 - (ii) inform a relevant officer at the COVID Clinic or emergency department that they are required to attend the COVID Clinic or emergency department under these directions; and
 - (iii) comply with any instruction which a relevant officer at the COVID Clinic or emergency department gives to them; and
 - (iv) answer truthfully if a relevant officer at the COVID Clinic or emergency department asks the quarantine centre worker to describe their state of health or whether the quarantine centre worker has or has had any symptoms; and
 - (v) remain at the COVID Clinic or emergency department until the quarantine centre worker has been tested, or a relevant officer has instructed the quarantine centre worker that they may leave the COVID Clinic or emergency department; or

Other requirements

21. A quarantine centre worker, or a person who has ceased to be a quarantine centre worker but is required to present for testing in accordance with these directions, does not have to comply with paragraph 5 of the Quarantine and Isolation (Undiagnosed) Directions (No 2) in respect of any test that is performed on them following compliance with a protocol, unless the quarantine centre worker:
 - (a) displayed symptoms at the time the test was undertaken; or
 - (b) is directed otherwise.
22. If a quarantine centre worker, or a person who has ceased to be a quarantine centre worker but is required to present for testing in accordance with these directions, develops or has recently experienced symptoms, the quarantine centre worker must:
 - (a) immediately telephone 13 COVID (13 268 43) and ask for an instruction; and
 - (b) comply with any instruction given.
23. A quarantine centre worker, or a person who has ceased to be a quarantine centre worker but is or was required to present for testing in accordance with these directions, must produce for inspection evidence of any test that is performed on them if requested to do so by a relevant officer.

DEFINITIONS

24. **Absence presentation protocol** means the requirements of paragraph 19, of these directions.
25. **Authorised officer** has the same meaning that it has in the Act.
26. **COVID Clinic** has the same meaning that it has in the Presentation for Testing Directions (No 23) or any further directions that replace those directions but for the purposes of these directions also includes a clinic that has been set up at a quarantine centre specifically for the purposes of enabling nasopharyngeal testing for COVID-19, whether or not that place would otherwise constitute a COVID Clinic.
27. **Direct contact** means:
 - (a) more than 15 minutes of face-to-face contact in any setting; or
 - (b) more than 2 hours in the same room.

28. **Direction** includes any 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.
29. **Emergency officer** has the same meaning that it has in the *Public Health Act 2016* (WA).
30. **End of employment presentation protocol** means the requirements of paragraph 20.
31. **Health service provider** has the same meaning that it has in the *Health Services Act 2016* (WA).
32. **Hospital** has the same meaning that it has in the *Health Services Act 2016* (WA).
33. **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.
34. **Other employment** means paid employment or work of any kind other than as a quarantine centre worker or which is performed at any place other than a quarantine centre, including provision of services, whether as an employee, independent contractor or otherwise but does not include any work done in a voluntary or unpaid capacity.
35. **Other employment presentation protocol** means the requirements of paragraph 18 of these directions.
36. **Police officer** means a person appointed under Part I of the *Police Act 1892* (WA) to be a member of the Police Force of Western Australia.
37. **Presentation trigger date** means, in respect of a quarantine centre worker, the most recent date on which any of the following occurred:
 - (a) the quarantine centre worker was last tested after having complied with the seven day presentation protocol under these directions or the revoked directions;
or
 - (b) the quarantine centre worker completed their first shift at a quarantine centre, in the case of a quarantine centre worker who was employed, engaged or otherwise became a quarantine centre worker at or after the time these directions come into effect; or

- (c) the quarantine centre worker completed their first shift at a quarantine centre after taking a period of leave or absence from their position as a quarantine centre worker of more than 4 consecutive days in duration; or
 - (d) the quarantine centre worker last knowingly had direct contact with a person in a quarantine centre who is subject to quarantine requirements, in the case of a person who is a quarantine centre worker only by reason of subparagraph (e) of the definition of quarantine centre worker.
38. **Protocol** means any of the:
- (a) seven day presentation protocol; and
 - (b) shift presentation protocol; and
 - (c) other employment presentation protocol; and
 - (d) absence presentation protocol; and
 - (e) end of employment presentation protocol.
39. **Quarantine centre** means any quarantine centre operated or managed by the State Health Incident Coordination Centre (including a hotel quarantine centre) or which has been arranged by the State Health Incident Coordination Centre for the quarantining of people for public health purposes in connection with COVID-19.
40. **Quarantine centre driver** has the same meaning that it has in the Quarantine Centre Drivers Directions or any direction that replaces or amends those directions.
41. **Quarantine centre worker** means:
- (a) a person employed or otherwise engaged to provide at a quarantine centre:
 - (i) security services, cleaning services or reception services; or
 - (ii) food and beverage or hotel maintenance services; or
 - (b) a person who is employed or otherwise engaged to provide at a quarantine centre services that involve the provision of medical, health or ancillary services, including welfare related services; or
 - (c) a **police officer** who is deployed to carry out an assigned shift at a quarantine centre; or
 - (d) a member of the Australian Defence Force who is deployed to carry out an assigned shift at a quarantine centre; or

- (e) a person who for any other reason knowingly has direct contact with a person in a quarantine centre who is subject to quarantine requirements,
but does not include a **quarantine centre driver**.
42. **Quarantine requirements** has the same meaning that it has in the Controlled Border for Western Australia directions.
43. **Relevant directions** means:
- (a) the Quarantine and Isolation (Undiagnosed) Directions (No 2); and
 - (b) the Isolation (Diagnosed) Directions (No 2).
44. **Relevant officer** means:
- (a) an **authorised officer**; or
 - (b) an emergency officer; or
 - (c) a **responsible officer**.
45. **Responsible officer** means:
- (a) an officer, employee or contractor of the Department of Health; or
 - (b) an officer, employee or contractor of a health service provider; or
 - (c) any other person authorised by the Chief Health Officer orally or in writing to perform a function for the purposes of these directions.
46. **Seven day presentation protocol** means the requirements of paragraph 16 of these directions.
47. **Shift presentation protocol** means the requirements of paragraph 17 of these directions.
48. **Symptoms** means any one or more of:
- (a) a fever of 37.5 degrees or above;
 - (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.
49. **Test** and **tested** means test for COVID-19 and tested for COVID-19 respectively.

50. **Testing location** means each of the places where mouth swabs are being collected for the purpose of testing for COVID-19 referred to in paragraphs 17(a) and 18(a).

PENALTIES

It may be an offence to fail to comply with any of these directions, punishable by imprisonment for up to 12 months or a fine of up to \$50,000 for individuals and \$250,000 for bodies corporate.



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Christopher John Dawson

Commissioner of Police and State Emergency Coordinator

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