

EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT ACT 2005 (WA)

Sections 67, 70, 71 and 72A

DFES (FIRE SEASON) CREW DIRECTIONS

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, 71 and 72A of the Act.

PREAMBLE

1. The purpose of these directions is to facilitate the entry to Western Australia and the undertaking of the work of an **air tanker crew member** in Western Australia while preventing the importation or spread of COVID-19 into Western Australia.

CITATION

2. These directions may be referred to as the **DFES (Fire Season) Crew Directions**.

COMMENCEMENT

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

REVOCATION AND CONTINUING OBLIGATIONS

4. The DFES Air Tanker (Busselton) Crew Directions (**revoked directions**) are revoked.
5. Despite paragraph 4, if a **Busselton air tanker crew member** entered Western Australia before the commencement of these directions, the Busselton air tanker crew member must continue to comply with any requirement that still applied to them under the revoked directions immediately before they were revoked to the same extent that the Busselton air tanker crew member would if the revoked directions had not been revoked, and, for the avoidance of doubt, if the Busselton air tanker crew member fails to comply with a requirement that applied to them under the revoked directions, the Busselton air tanker crew member may commit an offence under the Act.

6. Any reference to the revoked directions in any **direction** or approval given under or pursuant to a direction is deemed to be a reference to these directions from the commencement of these directions.

DIRECTIONS

Interactions with other directions

Interaction with the Controlled Border for Western Australia Directions

7. Unless stated otherwise, an air tanker crew member must comply with these directions and not the Controlled Border for Western Australia Directions, except for paragraphs 4 and 5 of those directions and, except as otherwise expressly set out in these directions, the Controlled Border for Western Australia Directions do not apply to an air tanker crew member.
8. If after an air tanker crew member (other than an **air tanker support provider**) has **entered Western Australia** the person is informed by authorities outside of Western Australia that they are a **close contact**, the person must:
 - (a) immediately telephone 13 COVID (13 268 43) and tell the operator that they have been informed that they are a close contact by authorities outside of Western Australia; and
 - (b) ask for an **instruction**; and
 - (c) comply with any instruction given by that person or a **relevant officer**.

Interaction with the outbreak directions

9. Unless stated otherwise, an air tanker crew member must comply with these directions and not the **outbreak directions** and except as otherwise expressly set out in these directions, the outbreak directions do not apply to an air tanker crew member.

Interaction with the Presentation for Testing Directions (No 36)

10. Unless stated otherwise, an air tanker crew member must comply with these directions and not the Presentation for Testing Directions (No 36).

Interaction with the Flight Crew Directions (No 7)

11. For the purposes of the Flight Crew Directions (No 7), an air tanker crew member will not be a **domestic flight crew member** or an **international flight crew member**.

Inconsistency

12. If there is any inconsistency between these directions and any **approved plan**, these directions will prevail to the extent of the inconsistency.

Vaccination and testing requirements

Vaccination prior to entry

13. An air tanker crew member must not **enter Western Australia** or enter any **air tanker crew place** unless the person:
- (a) has had administered to them a **full course** of an **approved COVID-19 vaccine** and produces **accepted proof of vaccination** to a relevant officer on request; or
 - (b) is **vaccine ineligible** and produces evidence of this to the satisfaction of a relevant officer on request; or
 - (c) is **vaccine exempt** and produces **accepted proof of vaccination exemption** to a relevant officer on request; or
 - (d) is approved to enter Western Australia or an air tanker crew place by me or a person authorised by me for that purpose, notwithstanding that the person does not meet one of the requirements in paragraph 13(a), 13(b) or 13(c), and complies with any terms or conditions to which that approval is subject.

PCR testing prior to entry

14. An air tanker crew member may only enter Western Australia if the person:
- (a) has been **tested** for COVID-19 using an **approved testing methodology** in the 72 hours prior to **entering Western Australia**; and
 - (b) has received a **negative test result** in respect of the test undertaken pursuant to paragraph 14(a); or
 - (c) is approved to enter Western Australia by me or a person authorised by me for that purpose, notwithstanding that the person does not meet one of the requirements in paragraph 14(a) or paragraph 14(b), and complies with any terms or conditions to which that approval is subject.

Presentation for testing requirements for air tanker crew members

Initial presentation for testing requirement

15. Unless otherwise instructed by a relevant officer, an air tanker crew member entering Western Australia by disembarking from an **affected aircraft** (other than an air tanker support provider) must:
- (a) as soon as is practicable after the person disembarks at an **authorised airport**, and in accordance with any instruction or **direction**:
 - (i) report to an **authorised officer**; and
 - (ii) in accordance with any instruction or direction from that authorised officer, go to the place at an authorised airport where testing for COVID-19 is being conducted (**testing booth**), or if no testing is being conducted, comply with any other direction or instruction given to them by an authorised officer; and
 - (iii) comply with any instruction given to them by a relevant officer at the testing booth; and
 - (iv) answer truthfully if a relevant officer at the testing booth asks the air tanker crew member to describe their state of health or asks whether they have or have had any **symptoms**; and
 - (v) remain at the testing booth until:
 - (A) the air tanker crew member has been tested for COVID-19; or
 - (B) a relevant officer has instructed the air tanker crew member that they may leave the testing booth; or
 - (b) if it is not practicable to comply with the requirements of paragraph 15(a), the person must, on or before 48 hours after the person entered Western Australia:
 - (i) go directly and without stopping except as required by law to the nearest **COVID Clinic** and otherwise in accordance with these directions; and

- (ii) inform a relevant officer at the COVID Clinic that they are required to attend the COVID Clinic under these directions and the test they are required to present for; and
- (iii) comply with any instruction which a relevant officer at the COVID Clinic gives to them; and
- (iv) answer truthfully if a relevant officer at the COVID Clinic asks the person to describe their state of health or whether the person has or has had any symptoms; and
- (v) remain at the COVID Clinic until the person has been tested, or a relevant officer has instructed the person that they may leave the COVID Clinic.

Seven day presentation protocol

16. An air tanker crew member, other than an **extreme risk arrival air tanker crew member**, must comply with the **seven day presentation protocol** for a period ending 14 days after the day on which the air tanker crew member entered Western Australia, unless the air tanker crew member:
- (a) is, at the time, complying with the requirements for testing for COVID-19 in accordance with Transport, Freight and Logistics Directions (No 8); or
 - (b) leaves Western Australia by the seventh day after the day on which the air tanker crew member was last tested; or
 - (c) is given a direction to quarantine at a **quarantine centre** or a **hospital**; or
 - (d) is required to quarantine or isolate under either or both of the **relevant directions** (other than paragraph 10 of the Quarantine (Undiagnosed) Directions).
17. Unless otherwise instructed by a relevant officer, an air tanker crew member who must comply with the seven day presentation protocol must, on or before the seventh day after the day on which the person was last tested at a location in Australia using an approved testing methodology:
- (a) go directly and without stopping except as required by law to the nearest COVID Clinic and otherwise in accordance with these directions; 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 person to describe their state of health or whether the person has or has had any symptoms; and
- (e) remain at the COVID Clinic until the person has been tested, or a relevant officer has instructed the person that they may leave the COVID Clinic.

Note: because the seven day presentation protocol lasts for a period ending 14 days after an air tanker crew member enters Western Australia, an air tanker crew member may have to comply with the requirements of this paragraph more than once during that period.

Presentation for testing requirements for extreme risk arrival air tanker crew member

PCR presentation protocol for extreme risk arrival air tanker crew members

18. An extreme risk arrival air tanker crew member must comply with the **PCR presentation protocol** for a period ending 12 days after the day on which the air tanker crew member entered Western Australia, unless the air tanker crew member:
 - (a) leaves Western Australia before a day on which the air tanker crew member would be required to be tested in accordance with the PCR presentation protocol; or
 - (b) is given a direction to quarantine at a quarantine centre or a hospital; or
 - (c) is required to quarantine or isolate under either or both of the relevant directions (other than paragraph 10 of the Quarantine (Undiagnosed) Directions).

19. Unless otherwise instructed by a relevant officer, a person who must comply with the PCR presentation protocol must on or before:
 - (a) 48 hours (unless the person has complied with the presentation requirement under paragraph 15(b)); and
 - (b) six days; and

(c) twelve days,

after the person entered Western Australia:

(d) go directly and without stopping except as required by law to the nearest COVID Clinic and otherwise in accordance with these directions; and

(e) inform a relevant officer at the COVID Clinic that they are required to attend the COVID Clinic under these directions and the test they are required to present for; and

(f) comply with any instruction which a relevant officer at the COVID Clinic gives to them; and

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

(h) remain at the COVID Clinic until the person has been tested, or a relevant officer has instructed the person that they may leave the COVID Clinic.

20. Notwithstanding anything to the contrary in either of the relevant directions, an air tanker crew member who undertakes a **PCR test** after presenting for a test under these directions does not become a **high risk tested person** for the purposes of the Quarantine (Undiagnosed) Directions by reason only of having undertaken a PCR test.

General requirements for air tanker crew members

General entry requirements

21. An air tanker crew member must not enter Western Australia except at an authorised airport.

Personal requirements

22. While in Western Australia, an air tanker crew member must:

(a) take all reasonable steps to maintain a distance of at least 1.5 metres from any other person; and

(b) practise good hygiene, including but not limited to washing their hands often with soap and water or using alcohol hand rub, particularly before and after eating, before and after refuelling any **air tanker crew team vehicle**, and after attending the bathroom, and covering their cough or sneeze; and

- (c) undertake contactless only interactions for the provision of goods and services; and
- (d) when at the **approved air tanker crew member premises** or at an **approved firefighting staging area**, take all reasonable steps to limit interactions with any person other than:
 - (i) in the case of an air tanker crew member, another air tanker crew member who is not an extreme risk arrival air tanker crew member and subject to an **extreme risk air tanker crew member separate quarantine period**; or
 - (ii) in the case of an extreme risk arrival air tanker crew member, another extreme risk arrival air tanker crew member, when each is subject to an extreme risk air tanker crew member separate quarantine period; and

Note: when an air tanker crew team consists of a cohort of air tanker crew members who are subject to an extreme risk air tanker crew member separate quarantine period and a cohort who are not, then these directions require that the two cohorts remain separated for both residence and work (in accordance with this paragraph 22(d), paragraph 26 and paragraph 30). This means that under these directions they will stay in separate residences and there will be a separation between them accommodated by the green zone and they should remain separate while at the approved firefighting staging area (unless otherwise directed or approved under paragraph 35).

- (e) if an air tanker crew member has **direct contact** with any person other than:
 - (i) a person referred to (under the conditions referred to) in paragraphs 22(d)(i) or 22(d)(ii) (as the case may be); or
 - (ii) a relevant officer; or

- (iii) a person who an air tanker crew member is authorised to have direct contact with in accordance with any approved plan,

an air tanker crew member must:

- (iv) immediately telephone 13 COVID (13 268 43) and tell the operator that they have been in direct contact with a person not authorised by these directions; and
- (v) truthfully provide all details of the person with which they have had direct contact to the extent the details are known to them; and
- (vi) ask for an instruction; and
- (vii) comply with any instruction given by that person or a relevant officer.

23. For the avoidance of doubt, despite the operation of paragraph 9, if a person would otherwise be an **extreme risk arrival** or an **exposed household contact** under the outbreak directions but for these directions, that person is considered an extreme risk arrival or an exposed household contact but only for the purposes of the operation of paragraph 31 of the outbreak directions.

General transport requirements

24. Except as expressly provided otherwise in these directions or as may be approved in writing by me or a person authorised by me for that purpose, an air tanker crew team may only travel by road in Western Australia in an air tanker crew team vehicle.
25. The person in charge of an air tanker crew team vehicle must comply with the relevant **approved transport plan** or, if there is no such plan, as otherwise approved or directed in accordance with paragraph 35. If an approved transport plan does not provide for how a person must travel by road from one place to another place, then an air tanker crew member must undertake that journey by road by the most direct and practicable route available and without stopping except as required by law.

Excluding other persons from approved vehicles

26. An air tanker crew member must not allow any person to access an air tanker crew team vehicle unless the person:
- (a) is, in the case of an air tanker crew member, another air tanker crew member who is not an extreme risk arrival air tanker crew member and subject to an extreme risk air tanker crew member separate quarantine period; or
 - (b) is, in the case of an extreme risk arrival air tanker crew member, another extreme risk arrival air tanker crew member when each is subject to an extreme risk air tanker crew member separate quarantine period; or
 - (c) is a person who:
 - (i) is approved either orally or in writing by me or a person authorised by me for that purpose; and
 - (ii) complies with any terms or conditions to which that approval is subject; or
 - (d) is a relevant officer or a person assisting a relevant officer (including for the purpose of conducting testing for COVID-19); or
 - (e) accesses the vehicle for medical or emergency purposes; or
 - (f) is acting in compliance with a direction or instruction given by a relevant officer.

Quarantine requirements

Travel by road to approved places

27. Upon disembarking an aircraft at an authorised airport and subject to paragraph 15, an air tanker crew member (other than an air tanker support provider) must travel directly to an approved place without stopping except as required by law and where the distance is less than 2km to the **approved place**, may do so by foot, or otherwise in an air tanker crew team vehicle.

Obligation to remain at an approved place

28. Following arrival by an air tanker crew member at an approved place, an air tanker crew member must remain at the approved place unless the air tanker crew member:
- (a) leaves to travel from the approved place to another approved place in accordance with paragraph 29(a) or paragraph 29(b) (as the case may be); or
 - (b) leaves an approved firefighting staging area to undertake firefighting duties or for preparation and training for firefighting duties in accordance with paragraph 29(b); or
 - (c) leaves from the authorised airport on their outward-bound flight to a place outside of Western Australia;
 - (d) leaves to return to an airport for their outward-bound flight to a place outside of Western Australia in accordance with paragraph 29(c); or
 - (e) is otherwise directed in accordance with paragraph 29(d); or
 - (f) leaves in order to comply with the seven day presentation protocol (in accordance with paragraph 29(e)) or the PCR presentation protocol (in accordance with paragraph 29(f)); or
 - (g) must leave to receive urgent medical treatment at a hospital in accordance with paragraph 29(g); or
 - (h) must leave to escape an imminent threat to their safety in accordance with paragraph 29(h).

Conditions for leaving the approved places

29. If the air tanker crew member (other than an air tanker support provider) leaves an approved place:
- (a) to travel to another approved place, then the person may only do so in accordance with the approved plans (unless a person travels to another approved place in accordance with paragraph 29(h)); or
 - (b) to travel to an approved firefighting staging area, then the person may only do so to undertake firefighting duties or for preparation and training for firefighting duties and only then in accordance with the approved plans

(unless a person travels to another approved place in accordance with paragraph 29(h)); or

- (c) to return to an airport for their outward-bound flight to a place outside of Western Australia, the air tanker crew member must travel directly to the authorised airport without stopping except as required by law in the air tanker crew team vehicle or by another means and in a manner that an authorised person directs (either orally or in writing) the air tanker crew member to travel; or
- (d) because of a direction, the person must only do so in accordance with and subject to any conditions of the direction; or
- (e) to comply with the seven day presentation protocol, the person must only do so in accordance with paragraph 17; or
- (f) to comply with the PCR presentation protocol, the person must only do so in accordance with paragraph 19; or
- (g) to receive urgent medical treatment at a hospital then the air tanker crew member must:
 - (i) prior to leaving the approved place (and if it is practicable to do so), telephone the ambulance service or the hospital at which the urgent medical treatment will be sought and inform them that they are subject to the **quarantine requirements** in these directions and need to attend the hospital for urgent medical treatment; and
 - (ii) go to the hospital in the air tanker crew team vehicle by the most direct and practicable route available and without stopping except as required by law or, if this is not possible, by ambulance; and
 - (iii) comply with any direction or instruction given by an **emergency officer** or a **responsible officer**; and
 - (iv) unless otherwise directed by an emergency officer or a responsible officer, return to an approved place in the air tanker crew team vehicle as soon as possible after the urgent medical treatment has been provided by the most direct and practicable route available and

without stopping except as required by law, or if this is not possible, as directed by an authorised officer; or

- (h) to escape an imminent threat to their safety, then subject to complying with any approved plan, the person must:
 - (i) go to another approved place; or
 - (ii) if it is not possible to go to another approved place, go no further from the approved place than the person has to in order to escape that threat; and
 - (iii) if paragraph 29(h)(ii) applies, return to an approved place as soon as it is safe to do so; and
 - (iv) if it is not possible to go to another approved place within an hour of leaving an approved place, telephone the police on 131 444 and inform them that they are subject to the quarantine requirements in these directions and had to leave an approved place and cannot return to an approved place; and
 - (v) comply with any instructions given.

Excluding other persons from the approved places

30. An air tanker crew member must not allow any person to access an approved place (or in the case of an approved firefighting staging area, that part of the **dedicated green zone** set aside for an air tanker crew member under these directions) unless the person:

- (a) is, in the case of an air tanker crew member, another air tanker crew member who is not an extreme risk arrival air tanker crew member and subject to an extreme risk air tanker crew member separate quarantine period; or
- (b) is, in the case of an extreme risk arrival air tanker crew member, another extreme risk arrival air tanker crew member when each is subject to an extreme risk air tanker crew member separate quarantine period; or
- (c) enters (as the case may be):
 - (i) an approved air tanker crew member premises in accordance with the **approved air tanker crew member premises plan**; or

- (ii) an approved firefighting staging area in accordance with the **approved firefighting staging area plan**; or

Note: Unless expressly set out in any approved plan, nothing in any approved plan is to be taken to allow an air tanker crew member who is not an extreme risk arrival air tanker crew member and subject to an extreme risk air tanker crew member separate quarantine period to have direct contact with an air tanker crew member who is an extreme risk arrival air tanker crew member subject to an extreme risk air tanker crew member separate quarantine period.

- (d) is a person who:
 - (i) is approved either orally or in writing by me or a person authorised by me for that purpose; and
 - (ii) complies with any terms or conditions to which that approval is subject; or
- (e) is a relevant officer or a person assisting a relevant officer (including for the purpose of conducting testing for COVID-19); or
- (f) accesses the approved place for medical or emergency purposes; or
- (g) is required to access the approved place for the purpose of performing critical and time-sensitive maintenance; or
- (h) is acting in compliance with a direction or instruction given by a relevant officer,

provided that no more persons than are reasonably necessary access the approved place at any one time if they access the approved place in accordance with paragraph 30(c) to paragraph 30(g).

Vacating part of an approved place for an air tanker support provider

- 31. An air tanker crew member who is not an air tanker support provider must not access that part of an approved place (or in the case of an approved firefighting staging area,

that part of the dedicated green zone set aside for an air tanker crew member under these directions) when an air tanker support provider is in that place.

Obligations of an air tanker support provider

32. Except in accordance with an approved plan or as approved in writing by me or a person authorised by me for that purpose:
- (a) an air tanker support provider must not disembark an aircraft in Western Australia; or
 - (b) if an approved plan or other approval allows the air tanker support provider to disembark an aircraft in Western Australia, an air tanker support provider must not access that part of an approved place (or in the case of an approved firefighting staging area, that part of the dedicated green zone set aside for an air tanker crew member under these directions) when any other person is in that place.

Face masks

Obligation to wear a face mask

33. Without derogating from any other direction to wear a face covering, an air tanker crew member must wear a **face mask** at all times:
- (a) when transiting through a Western Australian airport terminal; or
 - (b) whenever an air tanker crew member opens a door to an approved air tanker crew member premises and speaks with, or otherwise interacts with, any person who does not reside at the air tanker crew member premises; or
 - (c) when outside of the air tanker crew member premises, other than when inside an air tanker or inside facilities exclusive to the air tanker crew members provided as part of the dedicated green zone, in each case when each door to such place is closed (and, for the avoidance of doubt, air tanker crew members must wear face masks when outdoors at an approved firefighting staging area); or
 - (d) while a person referred to in paragraph 30(c) to paragraph 30(g) is inside an approved place (including, for the avoidance of doubt, any air tanker),
- unless one or more of the **face covering exceptions** apply.

Inconsistency with the Airport and Transportation (Face Mask) Directions

34. If there is any conflict between these directions and the Airport and Transportation (Face Mask) Directions, these directions prevail to the extent of any inconsistency.

Setting or varying the conditions under which the quarantine requirements may be discharged

35. An air tanker crew member may be given an oral or written direction or may be given a written approval, by me or a person authorised by me for that purpose (whether before or following the approval of any approved plan) which direction or approval may require or allow the person to undertake their quarantine obligations under this direction including in any one or more of the following ways, by:
- (a) specifying or varying any location at which that person must discharge their requirements to quarantine, including where they may enter Western Australia, where they may reside and where they may undertake their work as an air tanker crew member; and
 - (b) specifying how and by what means a person must travel from one place to another place.

Air tanker crew member with symptoms of COVID-19

36. If the air tanker crew member develops or has recently experienced symptoms, the air tanker crew member must immediately telephone 13 COVID (13 268 43), ask for an instruction and comply with any instruction given.

Establishing more than one air tanker crew teams

37. If more than one **air tanker crew team** is established:
- (a) no member of any one air tanker crew team can be a member of any other air tanker crew team; and
 - (b) for the purposes of these directions, a member of one air tanker crew team is not to be considered a member of any other air tanker crew team.
38. Before any member of one air tanker crew team enters any air tanker crew place at any time after a member of another air tanker crew team has entered that air tanker crew place, that air tanker crew place must first be cleaned in accordance with any relevant approved plan.

Ceasing to be an air tanker crew member

39. If a person is an air tanker crew member, that person will cease to be an air tanker crew member for the purposes of these directions:
- (a) if the air tanker crew member is an air tanker support provider, immediately upon leaving Western Australia on the outward-bound flight ;or
 - (b) for all other air tanker crew members, immediately following the receipt of the last in time negative test result for all COVID-19 tests required to be conducted under paragraph 15, paragraph 17 and paragraph 19 by each person in the air tanker crew team.
40. Upon there being no air tanker crew member in an air tanker crew team, the most senior member of the air tanker crew team or a person delegated to do so by that senior member for that purpose will notify the **airport operator** that there are no longer any air tanker crew members in the air tanker crew team.

Note: this means that once a period of quarantine has been undertaken (this could be a 14 day period but will depend upon the facts of each case), each member of the relevant air tanker crew team will no longer be an air tanker crew member and will therefore not be subject to the quarantine restrictions unless one or more members of an air tanker crew team becomes an air tanker crew member, at which time all members of the air tanker crew team become an air tanker crew member and subject to the quarantine restrictions of this direction.

Commencing or recommencing to be an air tanker crew member

General requirements

41. At any time a person (other than an air tanker support provider) in an air tanker crew team is or becomes an air tanker crew member, all persons in the air tanker crew team at that time (the "affected air tanker crew team") become air tanker crew members and will remain so until such time as the conditions in paragraph 39 are satisfied.

Affected air tanker crew team to enter quarantine

42. Each member of an **affected air tanker crew team** who is not at an approved place:
- (a) must travel to the relevant approved place for that air tanker crew member as soon as practicable after being made aware that they are again an air tanker crew member; and

- (b) when undertaking the travel to the approved place as contemplated by paragraph 42(a), need not travel in an air tanker crew team vehicle (despite anything to the contrary in these directions).

Requirement to notify the airport operator

43. Upon there being an affected air tanker crew team, the most senior member of the affected air tanker crew team or a person delegated to do so by that senior member for that purpose will notify the airport operator that the air tanker crew team is an affected air tanker crew team.

Note: this means that once an air tanker crew team has a person in it who is an air tanker crew member, each person in the affected air tanker crew team will be an air tanker crew member and will therefore be subject to the quarantine and other restrictions of this direction until such time as the conditions in paragraph 39 are satisfied.

Obligations on the airport operator and other persons

Restricted entry to the approved firefighting staging area

44. While any air tanker crew member is present at an approved firefighting staging area, the airport operator, and any person employed or engaged by them or employed or engaged by such a person (including any officer, employee, agent or contractor):

- (a) must not allow, and must take all reasonable steps to prevent, any person entering the approved firefighting staging area:
 - (i) when that air tanker crew member is an air tanker support provider, any other person; or
 - (ii) when that air tanker crew member is not an air tanker support provider, any other person unless that person:
 - (A) is also an air tanker crew member (other than an air tanker support provider) and enters by and into any relevant part of the dedicated green zone applicable to that air tanker crew member; or
 - (B) enters the approved firefighting staging area in accordance with the approved firefighting staging area plan; or

- (iii) accesses the approved firefighting staging area for medical or emergency purposes; or
 - (iv) is required to access the approved firefighting staging area for the purpose of performing critical and time-sensitive maintenance at an approved firefighting staging area; or
 - (v) is a relevant officer, or a person assisting a relevant officer; or
 - (vi) is acting in compliance with a direction or instruction given by a relevant officer; or
 - (vii) is a person who:
 - (A) is approved either orally or in writing by me or a person authorised by me for that purpose; and
 - (B) complies with any terms or conditions to which that approval is subject; and
- (b) must comply with any approved firefighting staging area plan that applies to them; and
 - (c) in the case of the airport operator, must take all reasonable steps to ensure that any person employed or engaged by them or employed or engaged by such a person (including any officer, employee, agent or contractor) complies with any approved firefighting staging area plan to the extent it applies to a person.

45. While any air tanker crew member is present at an approved firefighting staging area, a person must not enter the approved firefighting staging area unless that person is a person falling within a category of persons referred to in paragraph 44(a)(ii)(A) to paragraph 44(a)(vii).

Obligation to provide and maintain dedicated green zone

46. Where any air tanker crew member must enter any **relevant airport** and the person may come into contact with another person, who is not air tanker crew member or a person who may come into contact with an air tanker crew member in accordance with an approved plan, the airport operator must establish and maintain a dedicated green zone.

47. The dedicated green zone must comply with the **dedicated green zone requirements**.
48. The airport operator must ensure that:
- (a) the dedicated green zone is supervised at all times the dedicated green zone is being occupied by any air tanker crew member; and
 - (b) the supervisor of the dedicated green zone immediately notifies a **police officer** if any person fails to comply with requests to:
 - (i) move to or remain within a dedicated green zone; or
 - (ii) not enter or remain outside of a dedicated green zone; or
 - (iii) wear a face mask in the areas of the dedicated green zone subject to a face mask wearing obligation; and
 - (c) the dedicated green zone is cleaned in accordance with each relevant part of the **cleaning protocols** each time that the dedicated green zone is vacated after being occupied by any person, and before the dedicated green zone is occupied by any other person.

AUTHORISATION

49. Wherever this direction contemplates a person authorised by me giving any approval or a further oral or written direction, I authorise any police officer acting at or above the rank of Inspector to give that approval or a further oral or written direction (as the case may be).

INTERPRETATION

50. Any reference in these directions to any other direction made by the State Emergency Coordinator is deemed to be a reference to that direction as amended or replaced from time to time.
51. If there is established more than one air tanker crew team, a reference in these directions to an air tanker crew member in the context of any other air tanker crew member is only a reference to an air tanker crew member in that person's air tanker crew team.

DEFINITIONS

52. **Accepted proof of vaccination** has the same meaning that it has in the Controlled Border for Western Australia Directions.

53. **Accepted proof of vaccination exemption** has the same meaning that it has in the Controlled Border for Western Australia Directions.

54. **Affected air tanker crew team** has the meaning given in paragraph 41.

55. **Affected aircraft** has the same meaning that it has in the Controlled Border for Western Australia Directions.

56. **Air tanker** means any aircraft used by an air tanker crew member for the purposes of undertaking firefighting duties or for preparation and training for firefighting duties.

57. **Air tanker crew member** means:

(a) each **air tanker pilot** and **engineer** who enters Western Australia by disembarking from an affected aircraft:

(i) who is an **indirect international arrival**; or

(ii) who, in the 14 days before they enter Western Australia, has been in a **restricted location**; and

(b) each **air tanker refueler**:

(i) who is an indirect international arrival; or

(ii) who, in the 14 days before they enter Western Australia, has been in a restricted location,

on and from the time that they first enter:

(iii) a relevant airport; or

(iv) an approved crew member premises proximate to a relevant airport; and

Note: the effect of paragraph 57(b) is that the refueler of an air tanker who has entered Western Australia by road under another direction will become an air tanker crew member and subject to these directions upon first entering an approved place which is the base for firefighting activities.

(c) each air tanker pilot and engineer in Western Australia in the affected air tanker crew team from the time any person referred to in paragraph 57(a) or paragraph 57(b) first enters:

(i) a relevant airport; or

- (ii) an approved crew member premises proximate to a relevant airport;
and
 - (d) each air tanker support provider.
58. **Air tanker crew place** means any:
- (a) air tanker; or
 - (b) approved air tanker crew member premises; or
 - (c) approved firefighting staging area; or
 - (d) air tanker crew team vehicle.
59. **Air tanker crew team** means each air tanker pilot and engineer which are part of a team operating the air tankers during a contiguous period of time, but does not include an air tanker support provider.
60. **Air tanker crew team vehicle** means each:
- (a) private vehicle provided by the employer of a member of the air tanker crew team at an authorised airport for use by members of the air tanker crew team who are not extreme risk arrival air tanker crew members subject to an extreme risk air tanker crew member separate quarantine period; and
 - (b) private vehicle provided by the employer of a member of the air tanker crew team at an authorised airport for use by members of the air tanker crew team who are extreme risk arrival air tanker crew members subject to an extreme risk air tanker crew member separate quarantine period.
61. **Air tanker refueler** means the refueler of an air tanker who enters Western Australia by road.
62. **Air tanker pilot** means a pilot or other member of the flight crew of an air tanker that is to operate the aircraft in Western Australia for firefighting duties or for preparation and training for firefighting duties.
63. **Air tanker support provider** means each air tanker crew member who disembarks an aircraft at an authorised airport or a firefighting staging area for the purposes of delivering air tankers, or supplies or technical support for air tankers, but which person does not leave the authorised airport or the firefighting staging area (as the case may be) other than to take an outward-bound flight to a place outside of Western Australia.

64. **Airport operator** means the occupier or person apparently in charge of a relevant airport.
65. **Approved COVID-19 vaccine** has the same meaning that it has in the Controlled Border for Western Australia Directions.
66. **Approved air tanker crew member premises** means, for an approved airport, any place identified in the approved air tanker crew member premises plan for an air tanker crew team or any other place as may be directed or approved from time to time in accordance with paragraph 35.
67. **Approved air tanker crew member premises plan**, in relation to an approved air tanker crew member premises, means those elements of the approved plan that relate to the operation of the approved air tanker crew member premises (and as may be amended from time to time in accordance with paragraph 35).
68. **Approved firefighting staging area** means, for an approved airport, the area identified in an approved firefighting staging area plan for use by the air tanker crew members (and any other person in accordance with the approved firefighting staging area plan) and for the operation of any air tanker (as such plan may be amended from time to time in accordance with paragraph 35).
69. **Approved firefighting staging area plan**, in relation to the approved firefighting staging area, means those elements of the approved plan that relate to the operation of the approved firefighting staging area (as such plan may be amended from time to time in accordance with paragraph 35).
70. **Approved place** means each approved air tanker crew member premises and each approved firefighting staging area, except that during an extreme risk air tanker crew member separate quarantine period:
- (a) the separate approved air tanker crew member premises and that part of the dedicated green zone each for extreme risk arrival air tanker crew members who are subject to an extreme risk air tanker crew member separate quarantine period will not be an approved place for any air tanker crew member other than those extreme risk arrival air tanker crew members; and
 - (b) the separate approved air tanker crew member premises and that part of the dedicated green zone each for air tanker crew members other than extreme

risk arrival air tanker crew members who are subject to an extreme risk air tanker crew member separate quarantine period will not be an approved place for extreme risk arrival air tanker crew members who are subject to an extreme risk air tanker crew member separate quarantine period.

71. **Approved plan** means any one or more of:
- (a) an approved air tanker crew member premises plan; or
 - (b) an approved firefighting staging area plan; or
 - (c) an approved transport plan,
- as approved by me or a person authorised by me for that purpose, as the case may be.
72. **Approved testing methodology** has the same meaning that it has in the outbreak directions.
73. **Approved transport plan**, in relation to an air tanker crew team vehicle, means those elements of the approved plan that relate to the transport arrangements of the air tanker crew team in air tanker crew team vehicles in relation to an approved airport (as such plan may be amended from time to time in accordance with paragraph 35).
74. **Authorised airport** means the:
- (a) Balladonia airport (ICAO: YBAL); or
 - (b) Busselton Margaret River airport (ICAO: YBLN); or
 - (c) Esperance airport (ICAO: YESP); or
 - (d) Forrest airport (ICAO: YFRT); or
 - (e) RAAF Base Gingin (ICAO: YGIG); or
 - (f) Jandakot airport (ICAO: YPJT); or
 - (g) Kalgoorlie airport (ICAO: YPKG); or
 - (h) Northam airport (ICAO: YNTM); or
 - (i) Perth airport (ICAO: YPPH); or
 - (j) RAAF Base Pearce (ICAO: YPEA), or
- any other airport as may be approved in writing by me or a person authorised by me for that purpose.

75. **Authorised officer** has the same meaning that it has in the Act.
76. **Busselton air tanker crew member** has the same meaning as "air tanker crew member" under the revoked directions.
77. **Cleaning protocols** means the practices and protocols for cleaning as set out in Schedule 1.
78. **Close contact** has the same meaning that it has in the Quarantine (Undiagnosed) Directions.
79. **COVID Clinic** has the same meaning that it has in the Presentation for Testing Directions (No 36).
80. **Dedicated green zone** means the area or areas established and maintained at a relevant airport to provide the air tanker crew members access to and accommodation at the relevant airport but to keep them from coming into direct contact with any person other than another person authorised by these directions (and in accordance with the dedicated green zone requirements), a relevant officer or a person who an air tanker crew member is authorised to have direct contact with in accordance with any approved plan.
81. **Dedicated green zone requirements** means the requirements for the dedicated green zone set out in Schedule 2.
82. **Direct contact** has the same meaning that it has in the outbreak directions.
83. **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.
84. **Domestic flight crew member** has the same meaning that it has in the Flight Crew Directions (No 7).
85. **Emergency officer** has the same meaning that it has in the Controlled Border for Western Australia Directions.

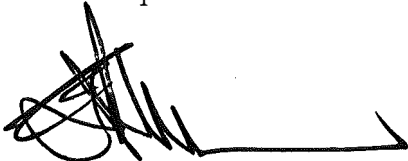
86. **Engineer** means a person who is exclusively involved in the operation or maintenance of an air tanker, but who is not an air tanker pilot and who is not an air tanker support provider.
87. **Enter Western Australia, enters Western Australia, entered Western Australia, entering Western Australia** and similar terms of that nature have the same meaning that "Enter" has in the Controlled Border for Western Australia Directions.
88. **Exposed household contact** has the same meaning that it has in the outbreak directions.
89. **Extreme risk air tanker crew member separate quarantine period** means any period an extreme risk arrival air tanker crew member is required to quarantine from air tanker crew members who are not extreme risk arrival air tanker crew members in a separate approved air tanker crew member premises under these directions.
90. **Extreme risk arrival air tanker crew member** includes a person who:
- (a) is an indirect international arrival; or
 - (b) but for paragraph 9, would be an **extreme risk traveller**.
91. **Extreme risk traveller** has the same meaning that it has in the outbreak directions.
92. **Face covering exceptions** has the same meaning that it has in the Controlled Border for Western Australia Directions.
93. **Face mask** means a disposable surgical mask that covers the nose and mouth (but does not include a face shield).
94. **Full course** has the same meaning that it has in the Controlled Border for Western Australia Directions.
95. **High risk tested person** has the same meaning that it has in the Quarantine (Undiagnosed) Directions.
96. **Hospital** has the same meaning that it has in the *Health Services Act 2016* (WA).
97. **ICAO** means the International Civil Aviation Organisation airport location identifier.
98. **Indirect international arrival** has the same meaning that it has in the Controlled Border for Western Australia Directions.

99. **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.
100. **International flight crew member** has the same meaning that it has in the Flight Crew Directions (No 7).
101. **Negative test result** has the same meaning that it has in the outbreak directions.
102. **Outbreak directions** means the Outbreak Outside of Western Australia Response Directions (No 14).
103. **PCR presentation protocol** means the PCR test presentation requirements of paragraph 19 of these directions.
104. **PCR test** has the same meaning as "approved testing methodology" in the outbreak directions.
105. **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.
106. **Quarantine centre** means a place specified as a quarantine centre by an authorised officer.
107. **Quarantine requirement** means each obligation under these directions which restricts an air tanker crew member's freedom of movement, residence, work and interactions with other persons in Western Australia.
108. **Relevant airport** means the airport at which an air tanker crew team has its approved firefighting staging area.
109. **Relevant directions** means:
- (a) the Quarantine (Undiagnosed) Directions; and
 - (b) the Isolation (Diagnosed) Directions (No 2).
110. **Relevant officer** has the same meaning that it has in the Controlled Border for Western Australia Directions.
111. **Responsible officer** has the same meaning that it has in the Controlled Border for Western Australia Directions.

- 112. **Restricted location** has the same meaning that it has in the Controlled Border for Western Australia Directions.
- 113. **Revoked directions** has the meaning given in paragraph 4.
- 114. **Seven day presentation protocol** means the requirements of paragraph 17 of these directions.
- 115. **Symptoms** has the same meaning that it has in the Controlled Border for Western Australia Directions.
- 116. **Test** and **tested** has the same meaning that it has in the Controlled Border for Western Australia Directions.
- 117. **Vaccine exempt** has the same meaning that it has in the Controlled Border for Western Australia Directions.
- 118. **Vaccine ineligible** has the same meaning that it has in the Controlled Border for Western Australia Directions.

PENALTIES

A failure to comply with these directions may be an offence which is 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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State Emergency Coordinator and Commissioner of Police

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SCHEDULE 1

Cleaning Protocols

Part A: Cleaning protocols for ablution facilities in the dedicated green zone

1. Ablution facilities in the dedicated green zone must be thoroughly cleaned and disinfected using the following protocol:
 - (a) close off the affected area before cleaning and disinfection;
 - (b) open outside doors and windows if possible to increase air circulation and then commence cleaning and disinfection;
 - (c) clean and disinfect all surfaces using a detergent with neutral pH and a disinfectant with viricidal properties which is approved by the Therapeutic Goods Administration for use against COVID-19. Products should be suitable as per the manufacturer's instructions for the surfaces and equipment they are to be used on. This cleaning and disinfection process may be a two-step process involving cleaning followed by disinfection, or a one-step process using a product that contains both ingredients. Cleaning and disinfection by wiping equipment and surfaces is preferred using disposable cleaning wipes, cloths or paper towel;
 - (d) once cleaning and disinfection is complete, place disposable cloths and PPE in a plastic rubbish bag, tie securely and dispose of the bag in the general waste;
 - (e) cleaning equipment that is reusable such as mop heads and cloths are to be laundered using hot water and detergent. They must be completely dried before re-use. Cleaning equipment such as buckets and mop handles are to be emptied, cleaned, disinfected and allowed to dry completely before re-use; and
 - (f) all rubbish may be disposed of into general waste.

Part B: Cleaning protocols for areas in the dedicated green zone other than ablution facilities

2. The dedicated green zone must be thoroughly cleaned and disinfected using the following protocol:
 - (a) restrict access to the dedicated green zone before cleaning and disinfection;

- (b) open outside doors and windows if possible to increase air circulation and then commence cleaning and disinfection;
- (c) all areas of the dedicated green zone are to be cleaned and disinfected, paying particular attention to frequently touched areas such as door handles, tabletops, light switches, handrails, kitchen equipment and toilets;
- (d) clean and disinfect all surfaces using a detergent with neutral pH and a disinfectant with viricidal properties which is TGA approved for use against COVID-19. Products should be suitable as per the manufacturer's instructions for the surfaces and equipment they are to be used on. This cleaning and disinfection process may be a two-step process involving cleaning followed by disinfection, or a one-step process using a product that contains both ingredients. Cleaning and disinfection by wiping equipment and surfaces is preferred using disposable cleaning wipes, cloths or paper towel;
- (e) once cleaning and disinfection is complete, place disposable cloths and PPE in a plastic rubbish bag, tie securely and dispose of the bag in the general waste;
- (f) cleaning equipment that is reusable such as mop heads and cloths are to be laundered using hot water and detergent. They must be completely dried before re-use. Cleaning equipment such as buckets and mop handles are to be emptied, cleaned, disinfected and allowed to dry completely before re-use; and
- (g) all rubbish may be disposed of into general waste.

Part C: PPE for cleaners

3. Persons cleaning the dedicated green zone must be equipped with appropriate PPE and have had appropriate training in its use. This includes disposable gloves, protective eyewear and surgical masks. If there is visible contamination with respiratory secretions or other body fluids in the area being cleaned, the cleaning staff should also wear a disposable apron.

Part D: Hand hygiene for cleaners

4. Persons cleaning the dedicated green zone must adhere to the following hand hygiene protocols:
 - (a) When hands are visibly dirty, hand hygiene should be performed with soap and water using the following protocol:
 - (i) wet hands and apply soap;
 - (ii) lather for at least 20 seconds paying attention to the back of hands and fingers, fingernails and the webbing between fingers;
 - (iii) rinse hands under running water; and
 - (iv) dry hands with a clean towel or fresh paper towel.
 - (b) Hand hygiene can be performed with alcohol-based hand sanitiser (minimum 60% alcohol) using the following protocol:
 - (i) use enough product to cover both hands;
 - (ii) rub all surfaces of hands, paying attention to the backs of hands and fingers, fingernails, fingertips, and the webbing between fingers; and
 - (iii) rub hands together until dry.

SCHEDULE 2

Dedicated green zone requirements

1. The dedicated green zone must be located at the relevant airport.
2. The dedicated green zone must:
 - (a) maintain a separation between air tanker crew members and all other persons, including maintaining separation between:
 - (i) in the case of an air tanker crew member, another air tanker crew member who is an extreme risk arrival air tanker crew member and subject to an extreme risk air tanker crew member separate quarantine period; or
 - (ii) in the case of an extreme risk arrival air tanker crew member who is subject to an extreme risk air tanker crew member separate quarantine period, another air tanker crew member who is not also an extreme risk arrival air tanker crew member and subject to an extreme risk air tanker crew member separate quarantine period; or
 - (iii) in the case of an air tanker support provider, another air tanker crew member who is not an air tanker support provider; and

Note: when an air tanker crew team consists of a cohort of air tanker crew members who are subject to an extreme risk air tanker crew member separate quarantine period and a cohort who are not (or a cohort of air tanker support providers and a cohort who are not), then these directions require that the cohorts remain separated for both residence and work. This means that under these directions they will stay in separate residences (in the case of air tanker crew members who are not air tanker support providers) and there will be a separation between them accommodated by the green zone and they should remain separate while at the approved firefighting staging area.

- (b) contain signage and/or physical barriers as reasonably required to maintain the physical separation required by paragraph 2(a) of this Schedule 2; and
- (c) be adequately sized to allow for physical distancing; and
- (d) have rest and ablution facilities either within or adjacent to the dedicated green zone which are for the exclusive use of air tanker crew members, including maintaining separate such facilities for the period when:

- (i) an air tanker crew member is subject to an extreme risk air tanker crew member separate quarantine period, keeping separate:
 - (A) air tanker crew members who are not extreme risk arrival air tanker crew members and subject to an extreme risk air tanker crew member separate quarantine period; and
 - (B) extreme risk arrival air tanker crew members who are subject to an extreme risk air tanker crew member separate quarantine period; or
- (ii) an air tanker support provider is present, keeping separate:
 - (A) air tanker support providers; and
 - (B) air tanker crew members who are not air tanker support providers,

using the dedicated green zone; and

- (e) contain hand hygiene facilities (alcohol-based hand rub or a sink with liquid soap, running water and paper hand towels) available for the exclusive use of air tanker crew members (including maintaining separate such facilities for the period when:
 - (i) an air tanker crew member is subject to an extreme risk air tanker crew member separate quarantine period, keeping separate:
 - (A) air tanker crew members who are not extreme risk arrival air tanker crew members and subject to an extreme risk air tanker crew member separate quarantine period; and
 - (B) extreme risk arrival air tanker crew members who are subject to an extreme risk air tanker crew member separate quarantine period; or
 - (ii) an air tanker support provider is present, keeping separate:
 - (A) air tanker support providers; and
 - (B) air tanker crew members who are not air tanker support providers,

using the dedicated green zone; and

- (f) include facilities within the dedicated green zone for safe waste disposal (i.e. rubbish bins).

3. The following finishes are preferred in the dedicated green zone:

- (a) non-fabric furnishings are preferred to allow for effective cleaning and disinfection on departure; and
- (b) non-carpeted floor covering such as linoleum, floor boards or other hard surface are preferred so they can be easily cleaned and disinfected on departure.