

EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT ACT 2005 (WA)

Sections 61, 67 and 72A

**COVID RESTRICTIONS
(ADAPTED HOUSEHOLD CONTACTS QUARANTINE AND
PRESENTATION FOR TESTING) 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**) (**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, consider it reasonably necessary to give other directions to prevent, control or abate the risks associated with the emergency presented by the pandemic caused by COVID-19 pursuant to my powers under sections 61, 67 and 72A of the Act.

PREAMBLE

1. The purpose of these directions is to set out certain requirements applying to persons who reside with a person undertaking quarantine at suitable premises following a period of quarantine in a quarantine centre and to give further directions in order to prevent, control or abate the risks associated with the emergency presented by the pandemic caused by COVID-19 and to otherwise limit the spread of COVID-19.

CITATION

2. These directions may be referred to as the COVID Restrictions (Adapted Household Contacts Quarantine and Presentation for Testing) Directions.

COMMENCEMENT

3. These directions come into effect on signing.

DIRECTIONS

Requirement for household contacts to quarantine at designated premises and present for testing

4. An **adapted household contact** must comply with the **adapted quarantine and presentation for testing requirements** during the **quarantine period** unless they receive a direction to the contrary.

AUTHORISATION

5. For the avoidance of doubt, in addition to and without limiting any other authorisation any relevant officer may have to do so, all relevant officers are authorised under section 61 of the Act to give any direction to a person for the purpose of giving effect to these directions.

INTERPRETATION

6. Unless specified otherwise, 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.

DEFINITIONS

7. In addition to the definitions set out below, and except where the context requires otherwise, words used in these directions have the same meaning as in the Controlled Border for Western Australia Directions, as amended from time to time.
8. **Adapted household contact** means a person who resides in premises which are being used as designated premises by an **adapted quarantine traveller** and at which the person continues to reside while the premises are being so used.
9. **Adapted quarantine and presentation for testing requirements** means the requirements set out in the Schedule marked as Schedule 5 to these directions.
10. **Adapted quarantine traveller** means a person who is subject to paragraphs 9 – 20 of the centre quarantine requirements or paragraphs 16-20 of the children requirements.
11. **Designated premises** means the premises at which the adapted household contact and the adapted quarantine traveller are residing during the period when the adapted quarantine traveller is subject to paragraphs 9-20 of the centre quarantine requirements or paragraphs 16-20 of the children requirements.

12. **Quarantine period** means the period commencing from the time the **adapted quarantine traveller** and the adapted household contact are first in or at the **designated premises** at the same time and concluding at the date and time that is 14 days from the date and time that the adapted quarantine traveller became subject to the centre quarantine requirements or the child requirements.

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

14 January 2022 0951 hours

SCHEDULE 1-4 (NOT USED IN THESE DIRECTIONS)

SCHEDULE 5

Adapted Quarantine and Presentation for Testing Requirements

1. As soon as you arrive at the designated premises, you must remain inside them for a period ending 14 days from the date and time that the adapted quarantine traveller with whom you are residing at the designated premises became subject to the centre quarantine requirements or the children requirements 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 3; or
 - (c) you leave them to seek urgent medical treatment in accordance with paragraph 4.
2. If the designated premises are an **allotted room** or apartment or other similar accommodation at an accommodation facility, you must remain inside your allotted room or apartment or other similar accommodation, and not enter any shared facilities or common property at the accommodation facility.
3. If you leave the designated 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 the designated premises as soon as it is safe for you to do so; and
 - (c) if you are unable to return to the designated premises within an hour of leaving, telephone the police on 131 444 and inform them that you are subject to these requirements as an adapted household contact and had to leave the designated premises.
4. You may leave the designated premises to seek urgent medical treatment at a hospital for you or for someone else at the designated premises provided that:
 - (a) it is necessary for you or that other person to leave those premises in order for that treatment to be provided; and
 - (b) before leaving the designated premises to go to the hospital you:
 - (i) notify the relevant hospital that you are subject to these requirements; and

- (ii) obtain approval from the relevant hospital to attend for treatment at the relevant hospital; and
 - (c) after obtaining the approval referred to in subparagraph (b)(ii) and as soon as reasonably practicable, contact an authorised officer and inform the authorised officer that you have approval to attend the relevant hospital for treatment; and
 - (d) you and the other person, if any, go to the hospital by ambulance or by the most direct route available and without stopping except as required by law or necessary for fuel or rest; and
 - (e) you and the other person, if any, comply with any direction or instruction given by a relevant officer at the hospital; and
 - (f) unless otherwise directed or instructed by a relevant officer, you and the other person, if any, return to the designated premises as soon as possible after the urgent treatment has been provided and by the most direct route available and without stopping except as required by law or necessary for fuel or rest.
5. Unless otherwise directed by an authorised officer or a responsible officer who falls within paragraph (a), (b) or (c) of the definition of responsible officer, you must present for COVID-19 testing on the day that is 12 days from the day on which the adapted quarantine traveller with whom you are residing at the designated premises became subject to the centre quarantine requirements or the children requirements.
6. When complying with a requirement to present for COVID-19 testing, you must:
- (a) leave the designated premises and travel to the COVID Clinic nearest to you 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; and
 - (b) comply with any other instruction which a relevant officer at the COVID Clinic gives you; and
 - (c) answer truthfully if a relevant officer at the COVID Clinic asks you to describe your state of health or asks whether you have or have had any symptoms; and
 - (d) remain at the COVID Clinic until:

- (i) you have been tested for COVID-19; or
 - (ii) a relevant officer has instructed you that you may leave the COVID Clinic; and
- (e) once you are no longer required to remain at the COVID Clinic, 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 the designated premises and remain there in accordance with these requirements; and
- (f) travel to and from the COVID Clinic nearest to you by:
- (i) private vehicle, a taxi or rideshare service; or

Note: a rideshare service does not include a bus, train or other form of mass public transport.

- (ii) walking, provided that:
 - (A) the COVID Clinic is located within 2 km of the designated premises; and
 - (B) you take all reasonable steps to keep at least 1.5 metres away from any other person whilst walking to and from the COVID Clinic.

Note: You must not leave your designated premises for the purposes of being vaccinated against COVID-19.

7. While you are subject to these requirements 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 these symptoms may not be caused by COVID-19, calling that number to tell someone is essential to your safety and the safety of everyone and will help to ensure that you receive any treatment you need.

8. While you are subject to these requirements, you must:
- (a) take all reasonable steps to keep at least 1.5 metres away from any other person other than a person who is also subject to these requirements, the centre quarantine requirements or the children requirements and was in the designated premises with you; and
 - (b) not allow any person to enter the designated premises unless the person:
 - (i) resides at the designated premises with you; or
 - (ii) is a relevant officer, or a person assisting a relevant officer; or
 - (iii) enters the designated premises for medical or emergency purposes; or
 - (iv) is required to enter the designated premises for the purpose of performing critical and time-sensitive maintenance at the designated premises; or
 - (v) is acting in compliance with a direction or instruction given by a relevant officer,provided that no more persons than is reasonably necessary in the circumstances enter your allotted room or the designated premises at any one time if they enter the designated premises in accordance with subparagraph (b)(iv); and
 - (c) wear a face mask in the following circumstances, unless one or more of the face covering exceptions apply to you at that time:
 - (i) from when you become subject to these requirements until you arrive at the designated premises provided that if the designated 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

- (ii) whenever you open a door to the designated premises and speak with, or otherwise interact with any person who does not ordinarily reside at the designated premises; and
 - (iii) whenever any person who is not subject to a quarantine requirement enters the designated premises or where the designated premises are an allotted room or apartment or other similar accommodation at an accommodation facility, your allotted room or apartment or other similar accommodation; and
 - (iv) at any time you are outside of the designated 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.
9. As soon as you become an adapted household contact, you must:
- (a) download the **G2G Now app** to a **suitable device** which will be accessible to you at all times during the quarantine period; and
 - (b) notify the WA Police Force by calling the 13 COVID (13 268 43) hotline at the earliest practicable time, providing the following information in relation to any person who is an adapted household contact at the designated premises unless it has already been provided by another adapted household contact :
 - (i) full name; and
 - (ii) date of birth; and
 - (iii) telephone number; and
 - (iv) email address; and
 - (v) address of suitable premises.
10. Unless you are an **exempt child** or have been otherwise directed, you must at all times during the quarantine period:
- (a) do all things necessary to ensure that the G2G Now app may be used through your suitable device, including but not limited to:
 - (i) enabling camera access for the G2G Now app; and

- (ii) enabling push notifications for the G2G Now app; and
 - (iii) enabling location services for the G2G Now app; and
 - (b) have read and comply with the **terms of use**; and
 - (c) remain in close proximity to your suitable device; and
 - (d) monitor your suitable device for messages or instructions received from the G2G Now app; and
 - (e) promptly respond to any message received from the G2G Now app in a manner consistent with that message, and comply with any instructions received from the G2G Now app; and
 - (f) subject to paragraph 11, use the G2G Now app in accordance with the terms of use.
11. Notwithstanding anything to the contrary in the terms of use, during the quarantine period:
- (a) unless you are an exempt child or have been otherwise directed, your use of the G2G Now app is mandatory; and
 - (b) any request to provide consent that is built into the terms of use should not be read as a request to provide consent but instead as a request to read the terms of use, and any confirmation provided by you will take effect not as a consent but as an acknowledgment that you have read the terms of use.

DEFINITIONS

1. **Allotted room** means your allotted room at suitable overnight accommodation.
2. **Exempt child** means a person who:
 - (a) is under the age of 16 at the time they enter Western Australia; and
 - (b) will remain under the supervision of a parent or guardian at all times while they remain subject to a quarantine requirement under these directions.
3. **G2G Now app** means the app known as 'G2G Now' that facilitates electronic compliance checks on persons subject to a quarantine requirement.
4. **Suitable device** means a mobile phone or other electronic device which is capable of supporting the use of the G2G Now app.

5. **Terms of use** means the terms and conditions for the use of the G2G Now app, including any consent contained therein.

