# **EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT ACT 2005 (WA)**

## Sections 67, 70 and 72A

# COVID TRANSITION (BORDER REQUIREMENTS) AMENDMENT DIRECTIONS (NO 5)

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

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

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

#### **PREAMBLE**

1. These directions amend the COVID Transition (Border Requirements) Directions (**Primary Directions**) and are for the purpose of preventing the importation of COVID-19 into Western Australia, to otherwise limit the spread of COVID-19 in Western Australia and to facilitate the management of people coming into Western Australia during the State of Emergency.

#### **CITATION**

2. These directions may be referred to as the COVID Transition (Border Requirements) Amendment Directions (No 5).

## **COMMENCEMENT**

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

#### **DIRECTIONS**

- 4. The Primary Directions are amended by:
  - (a) deleting paragraph 18 and inserting in its place the following paragraph and note:
    - 18. An exposed household contact must either:
      - (a) on the day that is 6 days from the day on which the affected arrival with whom the person is residing at the suitable

premises became subject to a quarantine requirement comply with;

- (i) the presentation for testing requirements set out in paragraph 12 of the self-quarantine requirements; or
- (ii) if the exposed household contact is a person responsible for the care of a child residing at the suitable premises, paragraph 12 of the children requirements; or
- (b) be able to produce photographic evidence, upon request by a relevant officer, of a result in respect of a rapid antigen test for COVID-19 which has been taken by the person on the seventh day after the day on which the affected arrival with whom the person is residing at the suitable premises became subject to a quarantine requirement.

Note: A person who tests positive to COVID-19 as a result of a rapid antigen text must register that result as soon as possible in accordance with the COVID Transition (Testing and Isolation) Directions and comply with the isolation requirements in those directions.

- (b) deleting paragraph 58(b) and inserting in its place the following paragraph:
  - (b) ending on the day the affected arrival's self-quarantine period ends.
- (c) deleting paragraph 1 of Schedule 3 and inserting in its place the following paragraph:
  - 1. Subject to paragraphs 2 to 5, you must travel with your child as soon as possible and by the most direct route available and without stopping except as required by law or necessary for fuel or rest to:
    - (a) suitable premises, if your child falls within paragraph 10 or12(a) of the COVID Transition (Border Requirements)Directions; or

(b) unless otherwise directed, an allocated room at a quarantine centre if your child falls within paragraph 12(b) of the COVID Transition (Border Requirements) Directions.

# (relevant place).

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

**Christopher John Dawson** 

Commissioner of Police and State Emergency Coordinator

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