

EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT ACT 2005 (WA)

Sections 67, 70 and 72A

RIG OR PLATFORM CREW MEMBER DIRECTIONS (NO 3)

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, 70 and 72A of the Act.

PREAMBLE

1. These directions set out the requirements that apply to **rig or platform crew members** disembarking onto land in Western Australia and are for the purpose of preventing the importation of COVID-19 into Western Australia and otherwise limiting the spread of COVID-19 in Western Australia.

CITATION

2. These directions may be referred to as the **Rig or Platform Crew Member Directions (No 3)**.

COMMENCEMENT

3. These directions come into effect at 12.01 am on 5 February 2022.

REVOCATION AND CONTINUING OBLIGATIONS

4. The Rig or Platform Crew Member Directions (No 2) (**revoked directions**) are revoked.
5. Despite paragraph 4, 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came into effect, to the same extent that the person would have to comply with them if the revoked directions had not been revoked, and for the avoidance of doubt, if a person fails to comply with an obligation that applied to them under the revoked directions, the person may commit an offence under the Act.

DIRECTIONS

Note: These directions only address rig or platform crew members disembarking onto land in Western Australia from a rig or platform. A person who flies into Western Australia for the purpose of travelling to a rig or platform to work on the rig or platform will be dealt with in accordance with the COVID Transition (Border Requirements) Directions.

6. Unless stated otherwise a rig or platform crew member must comply with these directions and not the COVID Transition (Border Requirements) Directions.

All rig or platform crew members to comply with paragraphs 4, 5 and 6 of the COVID Transition (Border Requirements) Directions

7. A rig or platform crew member may only disembark from a **rig or platform** onto land in Western Australia if that rig or platform crew member complies with paragraphs 4, 5 and 6 of the COVID Transition (Border Requirements) Directions.
8. A rig or platform crew member who is not an **exposed rig or platform crew member** must comply with paragraphs 4, 5 and 6 of the COVID Transition (Border Requirements) Directions, but is not otherwise subject to obligations under these directions or the COVID Transition (Border Requirements) Directions.

Exposed rig or platform crew member declaration

9. An exposed rig or platform crew member must not disembark onto land in Western Australia unless an **exposed rig or platform crew member declaration** has been completed and emailed to the following address:

industryentry@police.wa.gov.au
10. An exposed rig or platform crew member declaration required for the purposes of paragraph 9 may be completed and emailed by:
 - (a) the exposed rig or platform crew member; or
 - (b) another person or entity on behalf of the exposed rig or platform crew member.
11. A person who completes an exposed rig or platform crew member declaration must do so truthfully and accurately.

Approved destinations for exposed rig or platform crew members

12. An exposed rig or platform crew member who disembarks onto land in Western Australia must travel, in accordance with the **journey requirements**, to:
- (a) **suitable premises**; or
 - (b) a **company quarantine facility**; or
 - (c) Perth Airport; or
 - (d) if given a specific **direction** by an **authorised officer**, to the location specified in that specific direction.

Journey requirements

13. An exposed rig or platform crew member undertaking a **journey** must travel to their destination as soon as possible and by the most direct route available and without stopping except as required by law or necessary for fuel, rest or to transfer between **journey stages**, provided that an exposed rig or platform crew member will not contravene their obligation to travel by the most direct route available where the exposed rig or platform crew member:
- (a) travels on a **dedicated conveyance** collecting:
 - (i) rig or platform crew members; or
 - (ii) a mixture of rig or platform crew members and **on-board workers**, from more than one **vessel** for the purpose of disembarking them onto land in Western Australia provided that such collection proceeds as efficiently as practicable; or
 - (b) travels on a charter flight collecting:
 - (i) rig or platform crew members; or
 - (ii) a mixture of rig or platform crew members and on-board workers, from more than one **regional airport** for transport to Perth provided that such collection proceeds in a manner which is as efficient and as direct as practicable.

14. An exposed rig or platform crew member must travel by:
- (a) dedicated conveyance for all journey stages where it is practicable to do so; or
 - (b) private vehicle, taxi or rideshare service for a journey stage where it is not practicable to travel by dedicated conveyance.
15. At all times during an exposed rig or platform crew member's journey the exposed rig or platform crew member must:
- (a) take all reasonable steps to avoid coming within 1.5 metres of another person; and
 - (b) at all times when coughing or sneezing, do so into the person's elbow or a tissue; and
 - (c) wash their hands often with soap and water or using alcohol hand rub, particularly before and after eating and after attending a bathroom; and
 - (d) wear a **face mask** (except when alone and in the exposed rig or platform crew member's allocated room with the door closed if the exposed rig or platform crew member rests at a **crew hotel** during a journey).
16. An exposed rig or platform crew member who disembarks in accordance with paragraph 18 must:
- (a) as soon as possible after arriving at Perth Airport, proceed directly to the departure terminal from which their flight is scheduled to depart; and
 - (b) remain at the departure terminal until they board their flight, unless otherwise directed by an authorised officer; and
 - (c) leave Australia on the flight; or
 - (d) if the exposed rig or platform crew member is unable to leave Australia on the flight for any reason, as soon as possible after they become unable to leave on the flight they must:
 - (i) travel back to and board the rig or platform from which they disembarked as soon as possible, by the most direct route and without stopping except as required by law or necessary for fuel; or

- (ii) contact an authorised officer as soon as possible and ask for a direction and comply with any direction given, if it is impracticable for them to comply with paragraph 16(d)(i).

Requirements for disembarkation by exposed rig or platform crew members

17. An exposed rig or platform crew member must not disembark onto land in Western Australia unless the exposed rig or platform crew member:
- (a) is captured by paragraph 18 or paragraph 19 (**relevant paragraph**); and
 - (b) complies with the requirements of the relevant paragraph.

Exposed rig or platform crew member leaving Australia on a flight

18. An exposed rig or platform crew member may disembark onto land in Western Australia provided that:
- (a) the exposed rig or platform crew member has a ticket or other confirmed booking to a destination outside of Australia that is scheduled to depart from Perth Airport; and
 - (b) the exposed rig or platform crew member remains on the rig or platform for as long as possible consistent with catching the relevant flight out of Australia; and
 - (c) as soon as possible after disembarking, the exposed rig or platform crew member travels:
 - (i) to Perth Airport if it is practicable to travel to Perth Airport without resting; or
 - (ii) to a crew hotel if it is not practicable for the exposed rig or platform crew member to travel to Perth Airport without resting; and
 - (d) if the exposed rig or platform crew member travels to a crew hotel:
 - (i) immediately after arriving at the crew hotel, the exposed rig or platform crew member remains in an allocated room at the crew hotel for as long as is consistent with having enough time to leave on the flight out of Australia; and

- (ii) whilst at the crew hotel, the exposed rig or platform crew member does not allow another person to access the exposed rig or platform crew member's allocated room at the crew hotel unless the person:
 - (A) is a **relevant officer** or a person assisting a relevant officer;
or
 - (B) accesses the allocated room for medical or emergency purposes; or
 - (C) is required to access the allocated room for the purpose of performing critical and time-sensitive maintenance; or
 - (D) is acting in compliance with a direction or **instruction** given by a relevant officer,provided that no more than two persons access the allocated room at any one time if they access the allocated room in accordance with paragraph 18(d)(ii)(B) or 18(d)(ii)(C); and
- (iii) as soon as possible after leaving the crew hotel, the exposed rig or platform crew member travels to Perth Airport.

Exposed rig or platform crew member ordinarily resident in Australia

19. An exposed rig or platform crew member who ordinarily resides in Australia may disembark onto land in Western Australia provided that the exposed rig or platform crew member travels to:
- (a) suitable premises; or
 - (b) a company quarantine facility; or
 - (c) if given a specific direction by an authorised officer, to a location specified in that specific direction.

Company quarantine facilities

20. An exposed rig or platform crew member who travels to a company quarantine facility must only leave the company quarantine facility:
- (a) to work on **exposed vessels**;

- (b) to work on a rig or platform in compliance with an **approved COVID-19 risk mitigation plan**;
 - (c) to discharge **presentation requirements**; or
 - (d) on conclusion of their **company quarantine facility swing**.
21. An exposed rig or platform crew member who is still within their **quarantine period** on conclusion of their company quarantine facility swing must travel to suitable premises.

Obligation to self-quarantine

22. An exposed rig or platform crew member who travels to suitable premises (whether directly following their disembarkation onto land in Western Australia, or on conclusion of their company quarantine facility swing) must, from arrival at the suitable premises, and for the remainder of their quarantine period, comply with the **exposed rig or platform crew member self-quarantine requirements**.

Certain exposed rig or platform crew members subject to presentation requirements

23. An exposed rig or platform crew member who is ordinarily resident in Australia and who disembarks onto land in Western Australia must comply with the **48 hour presentation requirement** and the **12th day presentation requirement**.
24. An exposed rig or platform crew member who would otherwise be subject to a presentation requirement under these directions is not required to comply with the relevant presentation requirement if:
- (a) the exposed rig or platform crew member worker is given a direction to quarantine at a **quarantine centre** or a **hospital**; or
 - (b) the exposed rig or platform crew member is required to quarantine or isolate under either or both of the **relevant directions**.

48 hour presentation requirement

25. An exposed rig or platform crew member who must comply with the 48 hour presentation requirement must, within 48 hours after their **quarantine commencement time**:
- (a) go to the **COVID Clinic** nearest to them as early as possible within that 48 hour period; 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 exposed rig or platform crew member to describe their state of health or asks whether the exposed rig or platform crew member has or has had any **symptoms**; and
- (e) remain at the COVID Clinic until:
 - (i) the exposed rig or platform crew member has been tested for COVID-19; or
 - (ii) a relevant officer has instructed the exposed rig or platform crew member that they may leave the COVID Clinic.

Note: Neither this paragraph, nor paragraph 26, require a person to be tested for COVID-19. A person 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).

12th day presentation requirement

26. An exposed rig or platform crew member who must comply with the 12th day presentation requirement must, on the 12th day after their quarantine commencement time:
- (a) go to the COVID Clinic nearest to them as early as possible on the 12th day; 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 exposed rig or platform crew member to describe their state of health or whether the exposed rig or platform crew member has or has had any symptoms; and

- (e) remain at the COVID Clinic until the exposed rig or platform crew member has been tested, or a relevant officer has instructed the exposed rig or platform crew member that they may leave the COVID Clinic.

Note: If a person becomes a re-exposed rig or platform crew member, their quarantine commencement time is reset, and they must re-commence their compliance with the 48 hour presentation requirement and the 12th day presentation requirement.

Additional provisions relating to presentation requirements

27. An exposed rig or platform crew member who is subject to a presentation requirement under these directions:

- (a) may leave the company quarantine facility or suitable premises (as applicable) for the purposes of travelling to the COVID Clinic nearest to them; and
- (b) must return to the company quarantine facility or suitable premises (as applicable) once they are no longer required to remain at the COVID Clinic; and
- (c) in addition to the modes of transport contemplated at paragraph 14, may make a journey to or from a COVID Clinic by walking, provided that the COVID Clinic is located within 2 km of the company quarantine facility or suitable premises (as applicable); and
- (d) is not required to comply with paragraph 10 of the Quarantine (Undiagnosed) Directions (or any paragraph having an equivalent effect if those directions are amended or replaced) in respect of any test that is performed on them following compliance with a presentation requirement, unless the exposed rig or platform crew member:
 - (i) displayed symptoms at the time the test was undertaken; or
 - (ii) is **directed** otherwise.

Exposed rig or platform crew members not to leave Western Australia within their quarantine period

28. An exposed rig or platform crew member who disembarks onto land in Western Australia pursuant to paragraph 19 of these directions must not leave Western

Australia within their quarantine period unless authorised by a **police officer** acting at or above the rank of Senior Sergeant.

Deemed exposure events

29. If an exposed rig or platform crew member enters a rig or platform, each rig or platform crew member on that rig or platform will be deemed to have suffered an **exposure event** unless the exposed rig or platform crew member is managed in accordance with the provisions of an approved COVID-19 risk mitigation plan.

Note: If a rig or platform is likely to be entered by any exposed rig or platform crew member, it is strongly recommended that the person apparently in charge of the rig or platform prepare and submit a draft COVID-19 risk mitigation plan, and work with an authorised PHEOC officer to arrive at an approved COVID-19 risk mitigation plan, well in advance of such entry.

30. If a **deemed exposure event** occurs:
- (a) the person apparently in charge of the rig or platform must immediately notify **PHEOC** that a deemed exposure event has occurred, and provide particulars of the deemed exposure event; and
 - (b) if:
 - (i) an approved COVID-19 risk mitigation plan does not exist in respect of the relevant rig or platform; or
 - (ii) an approved COVID-19 risk mitigation plan exists in respect of the relevant rig or platform, but:
 - (A) the procedures in such plan have not been complied with; or
 - (B) such plan does not provide for the management of the relevant deemed exposure event,

the person apparently in charge of the rig or platform must, as a matter of urgency, prepare or update (as the case may be) a draft COVID-19 risk mitigation plan, and submit such plan to an **authorised PHEOC officer** for approval, and upon approval by an authorised PHEOC officer, such plan will become the approved COVID-19 risk management plan for the rig or platform, and the person apparently in charge of the rig or platform must

ensure the deemed exposure event is managed in accordance with the provisions of that plan; and

- (c) no person may enter the rig or platform unless:
 - (i) such entry occurs in accordance with the relevant approved COVID-19 risk management plan; or
 - (ii) the entry is specifically approved by an authorised PHEOC officer; or
 - (iii) urgent entry by that person is necessary to prevent or mitigate loss of life, damage to health, or serious damage to rig or platform infrastructure; and
- (d) an authorised PHEOC officer may, by written notice:
 - (i) declare that some or all of the rig or platform crew members who were deemed to have suffered an exposure event no longer need to be treated as exposed rig or platform crew members; or
 - (ii) remove constraints on entering a rig or platform arising under paragraph 30(c).

Ceasing to be an exposed rig or platform crew member

31. An exposed rig or platform crew member will cease to be an exposed rig or platform crew member when:

- (a) the exposed rig or platform crew member:
 - (i) has been tested for COVID-19 following compliance with the 48 hour presentation requirement and the 12th day presentation requirement, and has returned a **negative test result** in respect of each of those tests; and
 - (ii) their quarantine period has concluded; or
- (b) 28 days have elapsed since the exposed rig or platform crew member last:
 - (i) suffered, or was deemed to have suffered, an exposure event; or
 - (ii) entered the rig or platform as a **specialist**; or

- (c) an authorised PHEOC officer has given written notice under paragraph 30(d) in relation to that rig or platform crew member.

Direction given by authorised officers

- 32. An exposed rig or platform crew member must comply with any direction given by an authorised officer, including a direction in relation to:
 - (a) how an exposed rig or platform crew member undertakes a journey; or
 - (b) the location at which an exposed rig or platform crew member must rest while en route to their ultimate destination; or
 - (c) the location at which an exposed rig or platform crew member must spend their quarantine period.
- 33. If an exposed rig or platform crew member cannot comply with a requirement under these directions, they must contact an authorised officer as soon as possible and ask for a direction and comply with any direction given.

INTERPRETATION

- 34. 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

- 35. **12th day presentation requirement** means the requirements of paragraph 26 of these directions.
- 36. **48 hour presentation requirement** means the requirements of paragraph 25 of these directions.
- 37. **Approved COVID-19 risk mitigation plan** means a plan which has been approved by an authorised PHEOC officer, and which documents how separation will be maintained between exposed rig or platform crew members and other persons on the rig or platform, and how the risk of exposed rig or platform crew members transmitting COVID-19 to other persons will otherwise be mitigated.
- 38. **Authorised officer** has the same meaning that it has in the Act.
- 39. **Authorised PHEOC officer** means a person authorised by me to act as an authorised PHEOC officer for the purposes of the **maritime directions**.

40. **Company quarantine facility** means a facility used for accommodating exposed rig or platform crew members or exposed on-board workers during their quarantine period.
41. **Company quarantine facility swing** means, in respect of an exposed rig or platform crew member staying in a company quarantine facility, the period of time between an exposed rig or platform crew member arriving at the company quarantine facility, and the exposed rig or platform crew member's final departure from the company quarantine facility.
42. **Compliant shift** means a period of time spent on an exposed vessel:
- (a) during which the rig or platform crew member worker performs work or delivers services; and
 - (b) which is not more than 12 hours in duration; and
 - (c) during which the rig or platform crew member consumes only food and drink that the rig or platform crew member has bought with them to the relevant shift; and
 - (d) during which the rig or platform crew member does not sleep; and
 - (e) during which the rig or platform crew member complies with the **hand hygiene protocols**; and
 - (f) during which the rig or platform crew member complies with the **PPE protocols** at all times; and
 - (g) during which no person on the exposed vessel comes within 1.5 metres of the rig or platform crew member unless the person on the exposed vessel is wearing a face mask.

Note: While a compliant shift can be up to 12 hours duration, experience suggests breaches in infection control protocols become more prevalent with fatigue, and as such it is strongly recommended that:

- *shifts on exposed vessels be limited to 8 hours, with longer shifts only used where longer shifts are essential having regard to the nature of the task to be performed; and*

- *rig or platform crew members have had adequate rest prior to commencing a shift on an exposed vessel.*

43. **Compliant transfer** means a period of time spent on a vessel:
- (a) for the purposes of transporting the rig or platform crew member in connection with their work; and
 - (b) during which the rig or platform crew member complies with the hand hygiene protocols; and
 - (c) during which the rig or platform crew member complies with the PPE protocols at all times; and
 - (d) during which no person on the vessel comes within 1.5 metres of the rig or platform crew member unless the person on the vessel is wearing a face mask.
44. **COVID Clinic** has the meaning given in the Presentation for Testing Directions (No 39) or any further directions that replace those directions.
45. **Crew hotel** means a hotel which has been organised by the employer of the rig or platform crew member, and if a crew hotel has not been organised, includes any other place which a rig or platform crew member is given a direction to travel to and remain in instead of a crew hotel.
46. **Cruise ship** means a ship, boat or any other kind of vessel for travelling on water that:
- (a) has sleeping facilities for 100 or more passengers; and
 - (b) is usually used to provide a service of sea transportation, being a service that:
 - (i) is provided in return for a fee payable by persons using the service; and
 - (ii) is available to the general public.
47. **Dedicated conveyance** means any vessel, vehicle or aircraft used for the transport of:
- (a) rig or platform crew members; or
 - (b) a mixture of rig or platform crew members and on-board workers,
- including a tender vessel or helicopter transferring such persons to or from a vessel or a rig or platform, but excluding any taxi or rideshare service, any form of public transport, and any private vehicle used for non-commercial purposes.

48. **Deemed exposure event** means one or more rig or platform crew members being deemed to have suffered an exposure event pursuant to paragraph 29.
49. **Direction** includes any direction given 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.
50. **Emergency officer** has the same meaning that it has in the *Public Health Act 2016* (WA).
51. **Exposed maritime crew member** has the meaning given in the Maritime Crew Member Directions (No 3) or any further directions that replace those directions.
52. **Exposed on-board worker** has the meaning given in the Exposed On-Board Worker Directions (No 3) or any further directions that replace those directions.
53. **Exposed rig or platform crew member** means a rig or platform crew member who:
- (a) has experienced an exposure event; or
 - (b) is deemed to have suffered an exposure event pursuant to paragraph 29; or
 - (c) is a specialist; and
 - (d) has not ceased to be an exposed rig or platform crew member pursuant to paragraph 31.
54. **Exposed rig or platform crew member declaration** means a declaration in a form provided at the following URL:
- <https://www.wa.gov.au/government/publications/covid-19-coronavirus-exposed-on-board-worker-declaration-forms>.
55. **Exposed rig or platform crew member self-quarantine requirements** means the requirements set out in Schedule 1 to these directions.
56. **Exposed vessel** means a vessel that is not an **unexposed vessel**.
57. **Exposure event**, in respect of a rig or platform crew member, means:
- (a) an entry by the rig or platform crew member onto an exposed vessel; or
 - (b) the rig or platform crew member, whilst on, in the vicinity of, or travelling to or from the rig or platform, came into contact with:

- (i) an exposed rig or platform crew member; or
- (ii) a person who had been in a location that is not within Australia or Australia's Exclusive Economic Zone in the previous 14 days; or
- (iii) a person who was required to undertake some form of quarantine in Western Australia related to COVID-19 and did not do so,

other than in undertaking a **compliant shift** or a **compliant transfer**.

58. **Face mask** means a disposable surgical mask that covers the nose and mouth (but does not include a face shield or a re-usable cloth mask).
59. **Hand hygiene protocols** mean the practices and protocols for maintaining hand hygiene as set out in Schedule 2.
60. **Hospital** has the same meaning that it has in the *Health Services Act 2016* (WA).
61. **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.
62. **Journey** means all travel undertaken by an exposed rig or platform crew member pursuant to these directions, including:
- (a) transfers by which an exposed rig or platform crew member travels between a rig or platform and locations on land in Western Australia; and
 - (b) travel to and from a company quarantine facility; and
 - (c) travel to suitable premises; and
 - (d) travel between suitable premises and exposed vessels or rigs or platforms for the purposes of undertaking work on such vessels or rigs or platforms; and
 - (e) travel to and from a COVID Clinic for the purposes of complying with a presentation requirement; and
 - (f) waiting time between concluding one journey stage and commencing the next journey stage.
63. **Journey requirements** mean the requirements set out in paragraphs 13 to 16.
64. **Journey stage** means a single stage of a journey, and by way of example each of the following represent a journey stage:
- (a) a single trip by charter vehicle; or

- (b) a single trip by charter flight; or
 - (c) a single transfer by tender vessel from an exposed vessel to the Western Australian mainland.
65. **Maritime directions** means the following directions made under the *Emergency Management Act 2005*:
- (a) Maritime Crew Member Directions (No 3); and
 - (b) Exposed On-Board Worker Directions (No 3); and
 - (c) these directions; and
 - (d) Transport and Accommodation Services (Exposed Maritime Worker) Directions (No 2),
- in each case as amended or replaced from time to time.
66. **Negative test result** means a test result:
- (a) where no evidence of infection with COVID-19 was detected; or
 - (b) where evidence of previous COVID-19 infection was detected, but where an authorised PHEOC officer has classified such infection as being a historical case.
67. **On-board worker** has the meaning given in the Exposed On-Board Worker Directions (No 2) or any further directions that replace those directions.
68. **PHEOC** means the Public Health Emergency Operations Centre.
69. **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.
70. **PPE protocols** mean the practices and protocols for selecting and wearing appropriate personal protective equipment as set out in Schedule 3.
71. **Presentation requirement** means, as context demands, the 48 hour presentation requirement or the 12th day presentation requirement.
72. **Quarantine centre** means any quarantine centre operated or managed by the State Health Incident Coordination Centre (including hotel quarantine centres) 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.

73. **Quarantine commencement time** means:
- (a) in the case of an exposed rig or platform crew member who is not a **re-exposed rig or platform crew member**, the time that person first disembarked onto land in Western Australia following their exposure event; or
 - (b) in the case of a re-exposed rig or platform crew member, the time that person first disembarked onto land in Western Australia following their most recent exposure event.
74. **Quarantine period** means:
- (a) in the case of an exposed rig or platform crew member who is not a re-exposed rig or platform crew member, the period of time ending 14 days after their quarantine commencement time; or
 - (b) in the case of a re-exposed rig or platform crew member, the period of time ending 14 days after their most recent quarantine commencement time.
75. **Re-exposed rig or platform crew member** means an exposed rig or platform crew member who suffers a further exposure event during their quarantine period.
76. **Regional airport** means an airport (other than Perth airport) through which rig or platform crew members transit in the course of their journey.
77. **Relevant directions** means:
- (a) the Quarantine (Undiagnosed) Directions or any further directions that replace those directions; and
 - (b) the Isolation (Diagnosed) Directions (No 2) or any further directions that replace those directions.
78. **Relevant officer** means:
- (a) an authorised officer; or
 - (b) an **emergency officer**; or
 - (c) a **responsible officer**.
79. **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, as that term is defined by section 6 of the *Health Services Act 2016* (WA); 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.
80. **Restricted location** has the same meaning that it has in the COVID Transition (Border Requirements) Directions.
81. **Rig or platform** means a natural gas or oil rig or an offshore platform which is located beyond the limit of the coastal waters of the State but within Australia's Exclusive Economic Zone.
82. **Rig or platform crew member** means a person who works or was (for work purposes) on a rig or platform.
83. **Specialist** means a person who provides time-critical services or is responsible for critical maintenance or repair of infrastructure on the rig or platform but does not include a person who:
- (a) completed a 14-day period of quarantine in Western Australia immediately before travelling to the rig or platform; or
 - (b) has only been in:
 - (i) Western Australia; or
 - (ii) other Australian States or Territories that are not a **restricted location**,in the 14-day period prior to travelling to the rig or platform; or
 - (c) completed a 14-day period of **supervised quarantine** in another State or Territory immediately before entering Western Australia and was not required to quarantine in Western Australia after entering Western Australia.
84. **Suitable premises** has the same meaning that it has in the COVID Transition (Border Requirements) Directions.
85. **Supervised quarantine** means quarantine undertaken under the supervision of medical or other staff of, or engaged by, the Australian State or territory in which the period of quarantine in relation to COVID-19 was completed.

86. **Symptoms** means any one or more of:
- (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.
87. **Unexposed vessel** means a vessel which:
- (a) in the previous 60 days:
 - (i) has not been in or at any ports outside of Australia; and
 - (ii) has not visited any ports which were a restricted location at the time the vessel visited the port, and which remain a restricted location; and
 - (iii) has not embarked an **exposed on-board worker, exposed maritime crew member**, or exposed rig or platform crew member (provided that a vessel will not become an exposed vessel by reason of embarking such persons for the purposes of a transfer where such persons comply with the requirements for a compliant transfer under these directions, the Exposed On-Board Worker Directions (No 3), or the Maritime Crew Member Directions (No 3) (as applicable)); and
 - (iv) has not embarked a person who, in the 14 days prior to their embarkation, had been in a place outside Australia; and
 - (v) has not embarked a person who has been in a location:
 - (A) that was a restricted location in the 14 days prior to the person embarking the vessel; and
 - (B) which remains a restricted location; and
 - (vi) has not had any person on board the vessel who was a confirmed case of COVID-19 while on board the vessel; or


- (b) has been returned to unexposed vessel status in accordance the **vessel protocols**, and subsequent to such return, has not been in a location or embarked a person contemplated in paragraph 87(a); or
- (c) the Chief Health Officer or an authorised PHEOC officer has designated as an unexposed vessel, and subsequent to such designation has not been in a location or embarked a person contemplated in paragraph (a), provided that:
 - (i) designation of a vessel as an unexposed vessel may be subject to terms and conditions; and
 - (ii) a person who is subject to terms and conditions under paragraph 87(c)(i), must comply with those terms and conditions.

88. **Vessel** means a ship, boat or any other kind of vessel for travelling on water but does not include an oil rig or offshore platform or a **cruise ship**.

89. **Vessel protocols** mean the protocols described in Schedule 4.

PENALTIES

It may be an offence to fail to comply with 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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SCHEDULE 1

Exposed rig or platform crew member self-quarantine requirements

1. As soon as you arrive at the suitable premises, you must remain inside them for the remainder of your quarantine period unless:
 - (a) you are given another direction which you are required by law to obey; or
 - (b) you are leaving the suitable premises for the purposes of working on exposed vessels or (subject to such work being permitted under an approved COVID-19 risk mitigation plan) rigs or platforms in accordance with paragraph 3 of this Schedule 1; or
 - (c) you are leaving the suitable premises for the purposes of satisfying a presentation requirement; or
 - (d) you are leaving the suitable premises to escape an immediate threat to your safety.
2. If your suitable premises are an allocated room or apartment or other similar accommodation at an accommodation facility, you must remain inside your allocated room or apartment or other similar accommodation, and not enter any shared facilities or common property at the accommodation facility.
3. If you leave your suitable premises for the purposes of working on an exposed vessel or a rig or platform (**relevant place of work**):
 - (a) you must comply with the journey requirements when travelling to the relevant place of work;
 - (b) you must travel only to the relevant place of work only for the purposes of working at that place and must stay at the relevant place of work only for so long as is reasonably necessary to carry out your work; and
 - (c) as soon as possible after carrying out your work, you must return to your suitable premises in compliance with the journey requirements.

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

4. If you leave the suitable premises to escape an immediate threat to your safety, you must:
- (a) go no further from them than you have to in order to escape that threat; and
 - (b) return to the suitable premises as soon as it is safe for you to do so; and
 - (c) if you are unable to return to the suitable premises within an hour of leaving, telephone the police on 131 444 and inform them that you are subject to a self-quarantine direction and had to leave the suitable premises.

5. 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.

6. 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; and
 - (b) not allow any person to access your suitable premises unless the person:
 - (i) is a relevant officer, or a person assisting a relevant officer; or
 - (ii) accesses the suitable premises for medical or emergency purposes; or
 - (iii) is required to access the suitable premises for the purpose of performing critical and time-sensitive maintenance at the suitable premises; or
 - (iv) is acting in compliance with a direction or instruction given by a relevant officer; or

(v) usually resides at the suitable premises,

provided that no more than two persons access the suitable premises at any one time if they access the suitable premises in accordance with paragraph 6(b)(ii) or 6(b)(iii) of this Schedule 1.

7. While in the suitable premises you must wear a face mask whenever:

- (a) you open a door to the suitable premises and speak with, or otherwise interact with, any person who does not ordinarily reside at the suitable premises; or
- (b) any person referred to in paragraph 6(b)(i), 6(b)(ii), 6(b)(iii) or 6(b)(iv) of this Schedule 1 is in the suitable premises.

SCHEDULE 2

Hand hygiene protocols

1. You must clean your hands with soap and water or an alcohol-based hand sanitiser at each of the following times:
 - (a) after touching commonly touched surfaces on board the exposed vessel;
 - (b) during the process of donning and doffing PPE;
 - (c) after you cough, sneeze or blow your nose;
 - (d) before, during and after preparing food;
 - (e) after cleaning items;
 - (f) after using ablutions;
 - (g) after smoking;
 - (h) after handling or patting animals; and
 - (i) any other time at which potential exposure may have occurred.
2. When hands are visibly dirty, hand hygiene should be performed with soap and water using the following protocol:
 - (a) wet hands and apply soap;
 - (b) lather for at least 20 seconds paying attention to the back of hands and fingers, fingernails and the webbing between fingers;
 - (c) rinse hands under running water; and
 - (d) dry hands with a clean towel or fresh paper towel.
3. Hand hygiene can be performed with alcohol-based hand sanitiser (minimum 60% alcohol) using the following protocol:
 - (a) use enough product to cover both hands;
 - (b) rub all surfaces of hands, paying attention to the backs of hands and fingers, fingernails, fingertips, and the webbing between fingers; and
 - (c) rub hands together until dry.

SCHEDULE 3

PPE protocols

1. Subject to paragraphs 2, 3 and 4 of this Schedule 3, you must wear a face mask at all times when on an exposed vessel.

Note: Single use, disposable surgical masks can be worn for up to four hours. After this time, they are less effective due to becoming damp with the wearer's breath. However, they must be changed sooner if they become wet or soiled or following a meal break.

2. You are not required to wear a face mask at times when the wearing of a face mask would expose you to increased health or safety risks by reason of you undertaking heavy physical activities, provided that:

- (a) the area in which you are undertaking heavy physical activities is clearly delineated, including, where appropriate, with signage or physical barriers; and
- (b) no maritime crew members enter the delineated area while you are in the delineated area and not wearing a face mask; and
- (c) you resume wearing a face mask as soon as you complete the heavy physical activities.

3. You are not required to wear a face mask at times when you are inside the cabin of a crane, bobcat or other vehicle which is on board an exposed vessel, but does not form part of that exposed vessel, provided that:

- (a) you are alone in the cabin; and
- (b) the cabin is fully enclosed and has all doors and windows closed; and
- (c) you resume wearing a face mask prior to opening a door or window, or disembarking the cabin.

4. Where other PPE is required for occupational safety and health (OSH) reasons such PPE may be worn in order to perform a specific task safely (e.g.: hard hats, industrial gloves, protective eye wear). If a face shield or specific mask is required for OSH reasons for a particular task, then this overrides the need to wear a face mask. Once

the particular task is completed, OSH PPE should be removed when safe to do so and a face mask applied.

5. Disposable gloves are not required (unless they are required for OSH purposes) as they prevent hand hygiene from being performed effectively.
6. Hand hygiene is to be performed frequently when gloves are not used and after taking off PPE (see Schedule 2).
7. There must be a sufficient supply of face masks and alcohol-based hand sanitiser available at all times while onboard the vessel.
8. All PPE must be put on (donned) and taken off (doffed) in the correct order to ensure safety to the wearer.

Note: Information about PPE protections relevant to rig or platform crew members is provided at the URL listed below. On-board workers are encouraged to familiarise themselves with such information, and to the extent stronger PPE protections are recommended, to adopt those stronger PPE protections.

<https://ww2.health.wa.gov.au/-/media/Corp/Documents/Health-for/Infectious-disease/COVID19/COVID19-FAQs-for-Maritime-workers.pdf>

SCHEDULE 4

Vessel protocols

Option 1: Full vessel quarantine with approved testing regime

1. In order for a vessel to return to unexposed vessel status pursuant to this Option 1, the vessel must undertake a 14 day at sea quarantine period, all persons onboard the vessel must be subject to a COVID-19 testing regime that has been approved by an authorised PHEOC officer, and a negative test result must be returned for each test undertaken.
2. The 14 day at sea quarantine must occur either within the coastal waters of Western Australia or in waters adjacent to the coastal waters of Western Australia, and at a location that facilitates access for COVID-19 testing. During the 14 day at sea quarantine period no person may embark the vessel without the approval of an authorised PHEOC officer. For the avoidance of doubt this extends to maritime pilots. The 14 day at sea quarantine period will commence when the on-vessel component of the first round of COVID-19 testing is completed. By way of example, if the first round of COVID-19 testing for a hypothetical vessel was completed at 3.30 pm on Tuesday 1 June 2021, the at sea quarantine period for that vessel would conclude at 3.30 pm on Tuesday 15 June 2021.
3. The specific COVID-19 testing regime applicable to the vessel must be approved by an authorised PHEOC officer. An approved COVID-19 testing regime will include the following particulars:
 - (a) the number of rounds of COVID-19 testing that must be undertaken (typically, and depending on vessel travel history, two or three rounds of COVID-19 testing will be required);
 - (b) the timing of each round of testing;
 - (c) the manner in which testing will be undertaken (including who will take the samples); and
 - (d) the testing facility that will analyse the samples.
4. During each round of COVID-19 testing, every person onboard the vessel must be tested for COVID-19. In order for the vessel to return to unexposed vessel status, a

negative test result must be returned for each COVID-19 test undertaken during each round of testing.

5. On conclusion of testing, the approved testing facility must provide a letter of notification, summarising the test results to:
 - (a) PHEOC at the following address: PHEOC@health.wa.gov.au (marked attention PHEOC Planning); and
 - (b) police at the following email address: industryentry@police.wa.gov.au
6. On conclusion of the 14 day at sea quarantine period, and provided that a negative test result has been returned for each COVID-19 test undertaken during each round of testing, the vessel will be deemed to be an 'unexposed vessel' for the purposes of these directions.
7. Note that, in respect of this Option 1:
 - (a) it is not necessary to clean the vessel in order for it to return to unexposed vessel status; and
 - (b) persons who disembark the vessel after it has returned to unexposed vessel status pursuant to this Option 1 will not be subject to further quarantine obligations under these directions.
8. A person intending to use this Option 1 must provide 14 days' written notice of their intention to use this Option 1 by contacting PHEOC at the following email address: PHEOC@health.wa.gov.au (marked attention PHEOC Planning).

Option 2: Whole of vessel clean

9. In order for a vessel to return to unexposed vessel status pursuant to this Option 2, the vessel must be cleaned pursuant to a vessel cleaning plan that has been approved by an authorised PHEOC officer, and all persons who were onboard the vessel when it arrived in waters adjacent to Western Australia must disembark the vessel.
10. Cleaning plans must be submitted to PHEOC at the following email address at least 14 days prior to the proposed commencement of the proposed cleaning activities: PHEOC@health.wa.gov.au (marked attention PHEOC Planning).

11. PHEOC hold the following expectations for vessel cleaning plans (and draft vessel cleaning plans submitted for approval by an authorised PHEOC officer should clearly document the matters below):
- (a) A professional cleaning company should be used, with the identity of the proposed cleaning company documented.
 - (b) Enough cleaners should be used so that the cleaning can be accomplished within 72 hours, with each cleaner only conducting shifts that are 8-10 hours (maximum 12 hours).
 - (c) Cleaning should be carried out in such a manner that disembarking persons are vacated from areas for cleaning, and as areas of the vessel are cleaned, disembarking persons are not able to re-access the cleaned areas; similarly, embarking persons only enter cleaned areas.
 - (d) If disembarking persons access areas that have been cleaned and disinfected, these areas must be re-cleaned.
 - (e) Vessels must be cleaned using a two-step cleaning process involving cleaning (using a detergent with a neutral pH) followed by disinfection (using a suitable disinfectant).
 - (f) Suitable disinfectant must have viricidal properties which is approved by the Therapeutic Goods Administration for use against COVID-19.
 - (g) All areas of the vessel must be cleaned and disinfected (including but not limited to accommodation rooms, internal passageways, internal stairways, elevator, mess room/galley, recreation rooms, offices, meeting rooms, the bridge, helipad, change rooms, laundry, engine room and storage spaces).
 - (h) All surfaces must be cleaned and disinfected including horizontal and vertical surfaces. Particular attention must be paid to high touch surfaces.
 - (i) Disinfection solutions must always be made up and applied in accordance with the manufacturer's guidelines.
 - (j) An area must be designated for cleaning staff to don (apply) and doff (remove) their PPE.
 - (k) An area must be designated for cleaners to take breaks/use bathroom facilities and this area must be cleaned and disinfected prior to use.

- (l) Multiple disposable cleaning cloths are preferred to reusable types.
- (m) The process for cleaning and disinfection of sensitive electrical equipment (e.g. computers, phones, and control panels) should also be specifically considered and documented, as choice of detergent and/or disinfectant may vary between surfaces.
- (n) The order of cleaning must be clearly documented and followed by cleaners to ensure no cross contamination or re-use of clean spaces by disembarking persons, and include how cleaning will be conducted as disembarking persons leave the vessel. This process should be clearly marked out on a map of the vessel and clear to cleaning staff and persons onboard the vessel.
- (o) A process must be documented to ensure that embarking crew only access those areas that have been cleaned and disinfected with enough time to allow all surfaces to be touch dry.
- (p) Appropriate PPE to be used by cleaners (surgical mask, protective eyewear, gloves, coveralls or gowns) is to be documented.
- (q) Staff conducting the clean must have undertaken PPE training, particularly with regards to donning and doffing of PPE.
- (r) Access to changes of PPE and hand hygiene facilities/hand sanitiser onboard is required.
- (s) A process must be documented for cleaning and disinfecting of equipment brought onboard the vessel by the cleaning team at the conclusion of the clean.
- (t) A process must be documented for the handling of waste and linen.

12. Following approval of a cleaning plan by an authorised PHEOC officer, PHEOC will provide an unsigned assurance certificate. At the end of the cleaning process, the assurance certificate must be signed by both the cleaning contractor and the Captain (Master) of the vessel. The assurance certificate must contain:

- (a) a full list of the areas that were cleaned;
- (b) confirmation that re-contamination of the clean areas did not occur;

- (c) confirmation that the vessel has been cleaned in accordance with the approved vessel cleaning plan; and
 - (d) confirmation that all persons who were onboard the vessel when it arrived in or adjacent to Western Australia have disembarked.
13. The completed assurance certificate must be forwarded to:
- (a) PHEOC at the following address: PHEOC@health.wa.gov.au (marked attention PHEOC Planning); and
 - (b) police at the following email address: industryentry@police.wa.gov.au
14. Once the original crew of the vessel have been disembarked, and the vessel has been cleaned, in accordance with the approved vessel cleaning plan, the vessel will be deemed to be an 'unexposed vessel' for the purposes of these directions.
15. Note that Option 2 does not provide any assurance that persons disembarking the vessel are free of COVID-19. As such, persons who disembark the vessel after it has returned to unexposed vessel status pursuant to this Option 2 will remain subject to usual quarantine obligations under these directions.

Note: This schedule does not create an entitlement for a person to disembark from a vessel in circumstances where that person is not otherwise entitled to disembark from that vessel under these directions.