

South Australia

Emergency Management (Use of Point of Care Tests) (COVID-19) Direction 2021

under section 25 of the *Emergency Management Act 2004*

Preamble

- 1 On 22 March 2020 I, Grantley Stevens, Commissioner of Police, being the State Co-ordinator for the State of South Australia pursuant to section 14 of the Emergency Management Act 2004 (the Act), declared pursuant to section 23 of the Act that a Major Emergency is occurring in respect of the outbreak of the Human Disease named COVID-19 within South Australia.
 - 2 Now I, Grantley Stevens, being of the opinion that this is necessary to achieve the purposes of the Act, give the following directions pursuant to section 25 of the Act.
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1—Short title

This direction may be cited as the *Emergency Management (Use of Certain Point of Care Test) (COVID-19) Direction 2021*.

2—Revocation

- (1) This direction replaces the *Emergency Management (Prohibition of Certain Point of Care Tests No 3) (COVID-19) Direction 2020*.
- (2) The *Emergency Management (Prohibition of Certain Point of Care Tests No 3) (COVID-19) Direction 2020* is revoked.

3—Definitions

- (1) In this direction—

Nominated residential premises means a residential premises nominated by a person who returns a positive result to COVID-19 from a point-of-care test to undertake a period of quarantine or isolation;

PCR test means— analysis of a combined oropharyngeal/nasal specimen taken by an appropriately trained and qualified health care worker to test for COVID-19 (also referred to as SARS-Co V-2) using Polymerase Chain Reaction;

quarantine as directed is the requirement that for the period specified a person must reside and remain quarantined and segregated from other persons at a place, or place of a class, determined by an authorised officer or employee of the Department for Health and Wellbeing.

4—Direction

- (1) Subject to subclause (2), a person may use a point-of-care antigen based or nucleic acid based (upper or lower respiratory tract or oropharyngeal specimen) test (including an assay or device), as a tool to detect or diagnose COVID-19.
- (2) A person who returns a positive result to COVID-19 from a point-of-care test must obtain a COVID-19 PCR test immediately and quarantine until a negative PCR test result is received.

5— Quarantine requirements

- (1) A person required to comply with the **quarantine** requirement in this direction must, unless directed by an authorised officer to quarantine in a health facility—
 - (a) travel by the most direct practical route and means to a nominated residential premises, if not already at those premises; and
 - (b) reside and remain at the premises for the remainder of the period specified in this direction; and
 - (c) remain at those premises, except—
 - (i) for the purposes of obtaining medical care or medical supplies; or
 - (ii) in any other emergency situation; or
 - (iii) for any reason approved in advance by the State Co-ordinator or his delegate or an authorised officer; or
 - (iv) for the purpose of undergoing a COVID-19 test as specified in this direction; during which times a mask must be worn at all times and, in the case of a person leaving the premises to obtain a COVID-19 PCR test, the person must travel directly to the relevant site and inform the person performing the PCR test of the reason for obtaining the PCR test; and
 - (d) take reasonable steps to ensure that no other person enters the premises unless that other person—
 - (i) usually lives at the premise; or
 - (ii) is also complying with a direction to isolate; or
 - (iii) is required to provide care and support to, or receive care and support from, the person to whom this direction applies at the place; or
 - (iv) is required for medical or emergency purposes; and
 - (e) follow all reasonable directions from a treating medical practitioner.

6—Powers of Authorised Officers

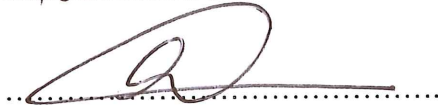
Nothing in this direction derogates from the powers of authorised officers to exercise powers pursuant to the Act.

IMPORTANT—

FAILURE TO COMPLY WITH THIS DIRECTION IS AN OFFENCE.

This direction operates from the 23rd day of December 2021 at 1832 hours

SIGNED at ADELAIDE on this 23rd day of December 2021
at 1832 hours



GRANTLEY STEVENS
STATE CO-ORDINATOR

