

South Australia

Emergency Management (Exposure Sites, Contacts and Diagnosis Requirements No 3) (COVID-19) Direction 2022

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 (Exposure Sites, Contacts and Diagnosis Requirements No 3)(COVID-19) Direction 2022*.

2—Revocation

- (1) The *Emergency Management (Exposure Sites, Contacts and Diagnosis Requirements No 2)(COVID-19) Direction 2021* is revoked.
- (2) This direction replaces the *Emergency Management (Exposure Sites, Contacts and Diagnosis Requirements No 2)(COVID-19) Direction 2021*.

3—Purpose of this direction

The purpose of this direction is to—

- (a) impose testing and quarantine requirements on people who have been present at an exposure site during an exposure period; and
- (b) impose testing and quarantine requirements on people who have had close contact with a COVID-19 case; and
- (c) impose isolation requirements on people who have been diagnosed with COVID-19.

4—Application of this direction

- (1) This direction applies to any person who—
 - (a) has been present at an exposure site during an exposure period; or
 - (b) is a close contact of a COVID-19 case; or
 - (c) has been notified that they have been diagnosed with COVID-19.
- (2) For the avoidance of doubt, this direction applies to a person whether or not they have received a notification in writing (including by SMS) from SA Health that they are a close contact or were at an exposure site during an exposure period.

5—Interpretation

- (1) In this direction, unless the contrary intention appears—

close contact means—

- (a) a person who is a household member or an intimate partner of a COVID-19 case during their infectious period;
- (b) a person who has had close personal interaction with a COVID-19 case during their infectious period; or
- (c) a person who has been notified by SA Health that they are a close contact with a COVID-19 case; or
- (d) a person who has been at an exposure site during the exposure period for that site.

close personal interaction between a person and a COVID-19 case means interaction—

- (a) for 15 minutes or more; and
- (b) where masks are not worn by the person and the COVID-19 case; and
- (c) in close physical proximity; and
- (d) occurring in an indoor setting;

COVID case means a person who has been diagnosed with COVID-19;

COVID Management Plan events means any gathering or event in respect of which a COVID Management Plan is required under another direction;

COVID-19 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-CoV-2) using Polymerase Chain Reaction; or

exposure period, in relation to an exposure site, means the exposure period corresponding to that site specified on the SA Health website;

exposure site means a means a site listed on the SA Health website as an exposure site;

Note—

Exposure sites are settings where there has been significant transmission of COVID-19 or are high risk settings where a COVID-19 case has been present.

health facility, means a hospital or a medi-hotel and, in the case of a person who has been directed to remain in a medi-hotel, means the person's assigned room at the medi-hotel;

high risk setting has the same meaning as in the *Emergency Management (Arrivals No 2)(COVID-19) Direction 2021* or any direction replacing that direction;

household member of a COVID-19 case means any member of the household of a COVID-19 case, being a person regularly living in the household (or households if they live in more than one) of the COVID-19 case;

infectious period in relation to a COVID-19 case means the period commencing 2 days prior to the onset of symptoms, or a positive COVID-19 PCR test result (whichever is earlier) and ending 10 days after their first positive COVID-19 PCR test result;

isolated and segregated in relation to quarantine or isolation means isolated and segregated from other persons (including persons who usually live at the premises where the person is undertaking quarantine);

last exposure date—

- (a) in relation to a person who was present at an exposure site during an exposure period, means the date on which they were last present at the site;
- (b) in relation to a person who is otherwise a close contact, means the date on which they were last at the relevant setting, or last in contact with a COVID-19 case, as the case may be;

medi-hotel means a hotel operating in South Australia that has contracted with the State Government to provide supervised quarantine accommodation;

nominated residential premises means a residential premises nominated by a close contact or a person diagnosed with COVID-19 to undertake a period of quarantine or isolation;

notified— see clause 6(1);

private pathology laboratory means non-government pathology laboratories conducting Polymerase Chain Reaction COVID-19 tests including Clinpath and Australian Clinical Labs;

SoNG means the *Series of National Guidelines—Coronavirus Disease 2019 (COVID-19) CDNA National Guidelines for Public Health Units* published by the Australian Government Department of Health;

the SA Health website is:

<https://www.sahealth.sa.gov.au/wps/wcm/connect/public+content/sa+health+internet/conditions/infectious+diseases/covid-19/testing+and+tracing/contact+tracing>;

6—Interpretative provisions

- (1) For the purposes determining the commencement of requirements in this direction, a person has been *notified* that they are a close contact or diagnosed with COVID-19, as the case may be, upon—
 - (a) receiving notice in writing (including by SMS) by SA Health; or
 - (b) receiving notice in writing (including by SMS) by SA Pathology; or
 - (c) receiving notice in writing (including by SMS) by a private pathology laboratory;
or
 - (d) the relevant exposure site being published on the SA Health website; or
 - (e) receiving telephone contact by SA Health; or
 - (f) becoming aware that they are a close contact of a COVID-19 case;whichever is earlier.
- (2) For the purposes of this direction, if a person is required to do, or not to do, any specified act for a specified period of days after being present at an exposure site during an exposure period or after having close contact with a COVID-19 case, the day of exposure is not counted for the purpose of determining when the period expires but the person must comply with the requirement from the time of their exposure to COVID-19.

Note—

For a person who was present at an exposure site on 10 January 2022 and is required to quarantine for 7 days, the 7 day period of quarantine ends at 11:59 p.m. on 17 January 2022.

7—Declared requirements—close contacts

The table below sets out the requirements applying to a close contact.

	close contact	household members of COVID-19 case who cannot be isolated and segregated during 10 day isolation
Quarantine requirements	<p>Quarantine</p> <p>Specified period: 7 days from last exposure date (subject to negative COVID-19 PCR test result on day 6)</p>	<p>Quarantine</p> <p>Specified period: 14 days from the date the COVID-19 case’s first positive COVID-19 PCR test was taken.</p> <p>Note—</p> <p>A COVID-19 case is required to isolate for 10 days from the date of their first positive COVID-19 PCR test. If the COVID-19 case cannot remain isolated and segregated from other household members during that period, the household members are required to quarantine for 14 days from the date of the positive test. The COVID-19 case will be released from isolation after 10 days and the household members will be required to quarantine for an additional 4 days.</p>
Testing requirements	<p>COVID-19 PCR testing</p> <p>Specified times:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • immediately upon notification; and • on the 6th day after exposure; and • immediately upon developing symptoms 	<p>COVID-19 PCR testing</p> <p>Specified times:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • immediately upon developing symptoms
Other requirements	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Wear surgical mask when around others at all times • Do not attend COVID Management Plan events • Do not enter a high risk setting (unless for the purpose of performing work or duties and the operator of the high risk setting approves such entry) • Avoid non-essential activities (e.g. social activities) • Avoid contact with vulnerable people (young children, elderly, pregnant, people with chronic health conditions) unless it is your essential work • Avoid shared spaces and maintain physical distancing • Avoid working across worksites <p>Specified times:</p> <p>14 days from last exposure date</p>	

9—Declared requirements—diagnosed persons

- (1) A person who has been notified that they have been diagnosed with COVID-19 must, unless directed by an authorised officer to isolate in a health facility—
- (a) travel by the most direct practical route and means to the nominated residential premises, if not already at those premises; and
 - (b) reside and remain at the premises, isolated and segregated from other persons for 10 days from the date their first positive COVID-19 PCR test was taken; and:
 - (c) remain at those premises, except —
 - (i) for the purposes of obtaining urgent medical care; 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;during which times a mask must be worn at all times; and
 - (d) take reasonable steps to ensure that no other person enters the premises unless that other person—
 - (i) is also complying with a direction to isolate or quarantine; or
 - (ii) 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
 - (iii) is required for medical or emergency purposes; and
 - (e) follow all reasonable directions from a treating medical practitioner.

Note—

Additional quarantine and testing requirements apply to household members of a person diagnosed with COVID-19 who cannot reside isolated and segregated from them due to age or care needs.

- (2) If a person has been notified that they have been diagnosed with COVID-19 and has been directed by an authorised officer to isolate in a health facility, the person must remain in the health facility in accordance with that direction, and follow all reasonable directions from a treating medical practitioner, until a medical practitioner certifies that the person meets the criteria for discharge from a health facility in accordance with the SoNG.

Note—

A person directed to isolate in a medi-hotel is subject to the requirements in the *Emergency Management (Supervised Quarantine No 11) (COVID-19) Direction 2021* or any direction that replaces that direction.

- (3) If—
- (a) a person is discharged from a health facility under subclause (2); and
 - (b) at the time of discharge, the person is advised by a medical practitioner to continue to isolate or quarantine,
- the person must comply with the requirements under subclause (1) for the remainder of the 10-day period in subclause (1)(b).

10—Quarantine requirements—close contacts

- (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 commencing on the person’s (or their household member’s, as applicable), last exposure date; 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 PCR 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 test of the reason for obtaining the test; and
 - (d) take reasonable steps to ensure that no other person enters the premises unless that other person—
 - (i) usually lives at the premises; 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;
- (2) A person must comply with subclause (1) irrespective of whether the person receives a ‘negative’ result on a COVID-19 PCR test within the period that they are required to reside and remain at a premises.

11—COVID-19 PCR Testing requirements

- (1) The **COVID-19 PCR test** requirement under this direction is the requirement that a person submit to a COVID-19 PCR test at the time or times specified in this direction that fall after the person is notified that they are a close contact.

Example—

A person who was notified that they were at an exposure site 7 days after their exposure is not required to have a day 6 test;

- (2) Despite the requirements in subclause (1)—
 - (a) a person required to undertake a day 6 test, and who obtained their day 1 test on the 4th or 5th day after their last exposure date, is not required to obtain a day 6 test but must instead obtain a test on the 8th day after their last exposure date; and
 - (b) no person is required to obtain more than one test in a 48 hour period, unless symptoms of COVID-19 develop.

Example—

A close contact who was notified that they were at an exposure site 5 days after their exposure must have a day 1 test and a day 8 test but is not required to have a day 6 test;

- (3) If a person required to comply with the testing requirements in this direction displays symptoms of COVID-19, they must obtain further testing.
- (4) A person required to submit to a COVID-19 test under this direction must not refuse or fail to comply with a reasonable requirement or direction of a person in relation to the conduct of the COVID-19 test.

12—Powers of authorised officers

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

IMPORTANT— IT IS AN OFFENCE TO BREACH THIS DIRECTION

This direction operates from the 3rd day of January 2022 at 1729 hours

SIGNED at Adelaide on this 3rd day of January 2022 at 1729 hours



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GRANTLEY STEVENS
STATE CO-ORDINATOR