

South Australia

Emergency Management (COVID-19) (Medi-Hotel Testing) Direction 2020

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.

1—Short title

This direction may be cited as the *Emergency Management (COVID-19) (Medi-Hotel Testing) Direction 2020*.

2—Interpretation

In this direction—

authorised officer means an authorised officer under the *Emergency Management Act 2004*;

COVID-19 test means a Polymerase Chain Reaction test to diagnose COVID-19 of a kind determined by the Chief Public Health Officer (or delegate);

designated green zone means a clean zone where personal protective equipment (other than a face mask) is not required.

Medi-hotel site is comprised of any hotel operating in South Australia that has contracted with the State Government to provide quarantine accommodation;

prescribed authorised officer means the Chief Executive of the Department, the South Australian Chief Public Health Officer or a deputy Chief Public Health Officer;

symptoms of COVID-19 means the person has any of the following symptoms:

- (a) cough; or
- (b) sore throat; or
- (c) shortness of breath; or
- (d) runny nose; or

- (e) fever or history of fever or chills; or
- (f) Acute loss of smell or taste; or
- (g) Headache; or
- (h) Muscle aches; or
- (i) Unexplained fatigue; or
- (j) Nausea and/or vomiting and/or diarrhoea.

3—Application of direction

- (1) Except as provided in subclause (2), this direction applies to any person who has been physically present on a medi-hotel site at any time from 0001 hours on 25 November 2020 for the purpose of performing work of any kind.

Note—

This includes all employees and contractors of SA Police, SA Health, Australian Defence Force, and all employees and contractors of the medi-hotel operator including front of house, cleaning and security.

- (2) Subclause (1) does not apply to the following persons:
- (a) any person who delivered goods to a medi-hotel site and was only physically present in a designated green for less than 30 minutes, during which time they had no contact with any person undertaking a period of quarantine on site; and

Example—

A delivery driver dropping off goods to the medi-hotel site.

- (b) any person who was directed to enter, reside and remain at a medi-hotel site in order to undertake a period of quarantine.

4—Testing and symptoms of COVID-19

- (1) A person to whom this direction applies must submit to a COVID-19 test at least once every 7 calendar days, for up to 14 calendar days from the date that the person was last physically present on a medi-hotel site.

Example—

A person submits to a COVID-19 test on 25 November 2020; they must submit to another COVID-19 test by midnight on 1 December 2020.

- (2) A person required to submit to a COVID-19 test under this clause 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.
- (3) A person required to submit to a COVID-19 test under this clause must upon request of an authorised officer, produce evidence that they have complied with subclause (1).
- (4) If a person to whom this direction applies displays symptoms of COVID-19, the person must immediately notify SA Health of those symptoms.
- (5) If a person to whom this direction applies displays symptoms of COVID-19 and is directed by SA Health to submit to a COVID-19 test, the person must reside and remain, quarantined and segregated from other persons pending confirmation of a negative result from that test.

Note—

A person to whom this direction applies who is awaiting pending COVID-19 test results but does not display symptoms of COVID-19 is not required to self-quarantine pending confirmation of a negative result from that test.

5—Operator of medi-hotel site—Testing Compliance Plan

- (1) The operator of a hotel that is a medi-hotel site must adopt a Testing Compliance Plan that requires employees and contractors of the operator to notify the operator of their undertaking of a COVID-19 test pursuant to clause 4.
- (2) The operator of a hotel that is a medi-hotel site must—
 - (a) keep records of information given to them under this clause; and
 - (b) provide such records to an authorised officer on request; and
 - (c) upon becoming aware of an instance of non-compliance with clause 4 of this direction, urgently advise an authorised officer of that non-compliance.

Note—

This requirement is to assist with contact tracing if an identified case of COVID-19 is confirmed.

6—Exemptions

A prescribed authorised officer may, if satisfied that exceptional circumstances exist, exempt (conditionally or unconditionally) a person or class of persons from this direction or a provision of this direction.

7—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 ^{25th} day of ^{November} 2020 at ⁰⁰⁰¹ hours

SIGNED at ^{ADVERTISE} on this ^{24th} day of ^{November} 2020 at ¹⁶²⁰ hours



GRANTLEY STEVENS
STATE CO-ORDINATOR