

THE TERRITORY FOR THE SEAT OF GOVERNMENT.

REGULATIONS RELATING TO INFECTIOUS DISEASES UNDER THE PUBLIC HEALTH ORDINANCE 1912 (No. 4 OF 1912).

BY virtue of the provisions of the *Public Health Ordinance* 1912, I, Joseph Cook, Minister of State for Home Affairs, hereby make the following Regulations, but such Regulations shall not affect the application to the Territory of the provisions of sections 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 15, 18, 20, 21, 22, 23, 25, 26, 28, 32, 33, 34, 35, 41, 42, 43, 44, 45, 49, and 50 of Ordinance (Municipalities) No. 39 relating to public health, safety, and convenience made under the *Local Government Act* 1906 of the State of New South Wales, but the provisions of those sections shall, so far as applicable, continue to apply to the Territory as heretofore.

Dated this 27th day of July, 1914.

JOSEPH COOK,

Minister of State for Home Affairs.

1. These Regulations may be cited as the *Infectious Diseases Regulations* 1914. Short title.

2. In these Regulations, unless the contrary intention appears—

“Director-General of Public Health” means the person for the time being occupying the position of Director of Public Health for the Territory;

“Health Inspector” means the person for the time being occupying the position of Health Inspector for the Territory;

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"House" means any building or structure, whether temporary or otherwise, including tents or vans, and includes a place of worship, school, factory, work-room, shop, hotel, public house, or other premises of a licensed victualler;

"Infectious Disease" includes leprosy, beri-beri, bubonic or oriental plague, small-pox, cholera, yellow fever, cerebro-spinal meningitis, anterior polio-myelitis, Malta fever, pulmonary tuberculosis, erysipelas, scarlatina, or scarlet fever, measles, diphtheria, membranous croup, septicæmia, pyæmia, purulent ophthalmia, gastro-enteritis, or the fevers known by any of the following names:—Typhus, typhoid, malarial, dengue, low, continued, colonial, relapsing, or puerperal, and also includes the condition in which the organism presumed to cause any of the before-mentioned diseases is found to be present in any person;

"Medical Officer of Health" means the person for the time being occupying the position of Medical Officer of Health for the Territory;

"Occupier" means the person having the charge, management, or control of premises, and in the case of a house which is let out in separate tenements, or in the case of a lodging-house which is let to lodgers, the person receiving the rent payable by the tenants or lodgers, either on his own account or as the agent of another person, and also includes any person in occupation of the surface of any land of the Crown, notwithstanding any want or defect of title to occupy the same.

Administration. 3. (1) There shall be a Director-General of Public Health, who shall advise the Administrator in all matters arising under these Regulations.

(2) There shall be a Medical Officer of Health, who shall, under the Administrator, be subject to the direction of the Director-General of Public Health.

(3) There shall be a Health Inspector, who shall be subject to the direction of the Medical Officer of Health.

Notification of
of infectious
diseases.

4. (1) Whenever, in any house, any person is found to be suffering from any infectious disease, or from any sickness the symptoms of which raise a reasonable suspicion that it may be an infectious disease, the following provisions shall apply:—

(a) Upon the day on which the occupier of the house becomes aware of the nature of the disease of which the patient is sick or suspected to be sick, he shall give notice thereof to the Medical Officer of Health;

(b) The Medical Practitioner who attends the patient shall, upon the day on which he becomes aware of the nature of the disease or suspected disease, give notice thereof to the occupier, and also to the Medical Officer of Health, and on the death of any such patient forthwith, notify the Medical Officer of Health of such death.

(2) The notification of the existence of infectious disease required by sub-regulation (1) of this Regulation to be given by the medical practitioner to the Medical Officer of Health shall be in writing, in accordance with Form A in the Schedule hereto.

(3.) A medical practitioner shall not be liable to any proceedings for any misstatement made in good faith in a notification of any infectious disease, if he promptly notifies to the Medical Officer of Health any change in his diagnosis.

(4.) The Minister shall pay, or cause to be paid, to each medical practitioner a fee of Two shillings and sixpence for every case notified by him in accordance with this section.

(5.) When the head teacher of any school becomes aware that any of the children attending the school, or any member of the staff of the school, is suffering from an infectious disease, he shall at once notify the Medical Officer of Health.

Power to enter
house and
examine
inmates.

5. The Medical Officer of Health, or other person authorized by the Minister, may at all reasonable times enter any house and examine any inmate of such house, or any person found therein at the time of such visit, for the purpose of ascertaining whether such inmate or person is suffering from an infectious disease.

Adults suffering
from infectious
diseases.

6. Any person found to be suffering from an infectious disease shall comply with any orders given, in writing, by the Medical Officer of Health.

Children
suffering from
infectious
diseases.

7. The parent or guardian of any child found to be suffering from an infectious disease shall comply with any orders given, in writing, by the Medical Officer of Health.

8. After it has been found that a person in any house is suffering from an infectious disease, the inmate of the house, or any person who enters or quits the house, shall be considered as a contact, and shall be liable to such restrictions or orders as the Medical Officer of Health directs, and may be removed to an isolated place, and, if so removed, shall remain in the isolated place for such period as the Medical Officer of Health directs.

Contacts.

9. (1.) The owner, occupier, or any person having the care and management or ordering of any house, shall comply with all orders or directions notified, in writing, by the Medical Officer of Health regarding the cleansing, purifying, ventilating, and disinfecting of the house, and of the drainage and sanitary appliances belonging thereto.

Disinfection of premises.

(2.) If such owner, occupier, or other person fails to comply with the said orders or directions within the time limited by the notice, the Administrator may authorize the work to be done, and recover the expense of so doing from the party in default, without prejudice to any further or other liability of the owner, occupier, or other person under these Regulations.

10. A person who is affected with any infectious disease shall not—

Affected person not to expose himself, &c.

(a) wilfully expose himself in any house or place to which the public have resort, or in any public vehicle, without proper precautions against spreading the infection; or

(b) enter any public vehicle without previously notifying to the owner, conductor, or driver thereof that he is so affected.

11. A person who is in charge of any person affected with any infectious disease shall not so expose such affected person, nor allow him to do anything in breach of the preceding Regulation.

Duty of person in charge of affected person.

12. A person shall not, without the permission, in writing, of the Medical Officer of Health, send to school a child who has within the previous two months been suffering from an infectious disease or been resident in a house where a case of infectious disease has during that time occurred.

Sending child to school from infected house.

13. Any person who ceases to occupy a house, any part of which has within the previous six weeks been used, during his occupancy, by a person suffering from an infectious disease, shall—

Persons quitting houses in which infection has occurred.

(a) have such house or part disinfected thoroughly to the satisfaction of the Medical Officer of Health; and

(b) give notice to the owner or incoming occupier of the house of the previous existence of the disease.

14. A person shall not let for hire any house or part of a house which has, to his knowledge, been occupied by a person suffering from any infectious disease without informing the person proposing to hire the house of that fact, unless the Medical Officer of Health shall previously certify, in writing, that, in his opinion, there is no longer any risk of infection from such house or part.

Letting of house in which infection has occurred.

15. The owner of any bedding, clothing, or other articles which have been exposed to infection shall, when required so to do by notice, in writing, from the Medical Officer of Health, deliver up such articles to the person named in the notice for the purpose of destruction or disinfection.

Disinfection, &c., of bedding.

16. The person in charge of any vehicle, train, or tram in which a person known or believed by him to be suffering from an infectious disease has been conveyed, shall, before its further use, disinfect the vehicle, train, or tram to the satisfaction of the Medical Officer of Health.

Disinfection of public vehicles.

17. The person in charge of the body of a person who has died of an infectious disease shall comply with the orders of the Medical Officer of Health regarding the treatment and disposal of the body.

Disposal of bodies of persons dying of infectious diseases.

18. Any medical practitioner or other person who fails to comply with, or is guilty of a breach of any of these Regulations, shall be liable to a penalty not exceeding Twenty pounds.

Penalty for breach of Regulations.

THE SCHEDULE.

Form A.

COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA.

Public Health Ordinance 1912.

INFECTIOUS DISEASES REGULATIONS 1914.

I hereby certify that the person whose name and address appears
hereunder is suffering from.....

Full name of patient

Address of patient

Occupation

Age

Sex

Date of commencement of illness

Source of milk supply

Attends school at

Signature.....

Medical Practitioner.

Date.....

To the Medical Officer of Health.
(F.C. 14/615.)