

Australian Capital Territory

Public Health (Returned Travellers) Emergency Direction 2020 (No 2)*

Notifiable Instrument NI2020–183

made under the

Public Health Act 1997, s 120 (Emergency actions and directions)

1. Name of instrument

This instrument is the *Public Health (Returned Travellers) Emergency Direction 2020 (No 2)*.

2. Commencement

This instrument commences and is taken to commence at 6:00am on 28 March 2020.

3. Public Health Emergency Direction

I, Dr Vanessa Johnston, Acting Chief Health Officer, consider it necessary or desirable to alleviate the emergency declared under the *Public Health (Emergency) Declaration 2020 (No 1)* [NI2020-153] (the **declared emergency**) on 16 March 2020, to give the directions as set out in the schedule.

4. Duration

This direction is in force for the period ending on the day the declared emergency (as extended or further extended) ends, unless it is earlier revoked.

Dr Vanessa Johnston
Acting Chief Health Officer

27 March 2020

*Name amended under Legislation Act, s 60

Public Health Emergency Direction

Public Health Act 1997

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section 120 (Emergency actions and directions)*

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QUARANTINE FOLLOWING OVERSEAS TRAVEL

The purpose of this direction is to limit the spread of coronavirus disease 2019 (**COVID-19**), caused by the novel coronavirus SARS-CoV-2.

Direction

1. From 6:00am on 28 March 2020, a person who enters the Australian Capital Territory following a flight that originated from a place outside Australia, must:
 - a. from the point at which the person arrives into the Australian Capital Territory, travel directly from that place to **designated premises** to reside in those premises until **clearance from quarantine** is given by an **authorised medical officer**; and
 - b. must communicate the fact that they are subject to quarantine to any person to whom they may come into contact; and
 - c. must comply with any request by an **authorised person** to produce proof of identification.
2. An **authorised medical officer** may give clearance from quarantine after 48 hours if satisfied the person subject to quarantine is able to comply with the *Public Health (Return Travellers) Emergency Direction 2020* [N1 2020-164] with the 14 day period under that direction to include any time already spent in quarantine.
3. An **authorised person** may use such reasonable force and assistance as is necessary to ensure compliance with paragraph 1.
4. A person is not required to comply with the direction in paragraph 1 if the person is a member of the flight crew.

Definitions

For the purposes of these directions:

5. The term **designated premises** refers to any premises approved in writing by the Chief Health Officer for the purposes of quarantine.
6. A person is given **clearance from quarantine** when an **authorised medical officer** certifies that the person meets the criteria for discharge from quarantine. Certification must be in writing but is not required to be in a particular form.
7. An **authorised medical officer** means an authorised medical officer under the *Public Health Act 1997*.
8. An **authorised person** means an authorised person under section 121 of the *Public Health Act 1997*.

PENALTIES

Section 120 (3) of the *Public Health Act 1997* provides:

A person must not, without reasonable excuse, fail to comply with a direction under this section.

Maximum Penalty:

In the case of a natural person, \$8,000 (50 penalty units).

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Dr Vanessa Johnston

Acting Chief Health Officer

27 March 2020

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