

Public Health Emergency Direction

Public Health Act 1997

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section 120 (Emergency actions and directions)*

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1. An **affected person** who is in or arrives into the Australian Capital Territory must:
 - a. travel immediately to **designated premises** to undertake a **period of quarantine**; and
 - b. not leave the **designated premises** other than in an emergency; and
 - c. not permit any other person who does not reside at the **designated premises** to enter the premises, unless for medical, law enforcement or emergency purposes; and
 - d. comply with any request by an **authorised person** to produce proof of identification.

PART 2 — MATTERS RELEVANT TO THESE DIRECTIONS

2. For the purposes of Part 1, the point at which a person arrives into the Australian Capital Territory means:
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 4. An **authorised person** may, in writing and subject to any conditions that the **authorised person** considers necessary, exempt a person from the full **period of quarantine**.

Enforcement

5. If a person fails to comply with this Direction, an **authorised person** may direct the person to do such things as are reasonably necessary to comply with this Direction including, upon request, to produce proof of identification to the **authorised person**.
6. If a person fails to comply with any direction given under paragraph 5, then the **authorised person** may take all reasonable steps to enforce compliance with the direction.

Guidance

7. If a person tests positive to COVID-19 during the **period of quarantine** they must comply with the *Public Health (Self-Isolation) Emergency Direction 2020 (No 4)* [NI2020-662].

Definitions

For the purposes of these directions:

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PENALTIES

Section 120 (4) 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).

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Kerry Coleman', written over a horizontal dotted line.

Dr Kerry Coleman

Chief Health Officer

18 December 2020


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SCHEDULE 1 – COVID-19 HOTSPOTS

COLUMN 1	COLUMN 2
Location	Dates
Northern Beaches local government area, New South Wales	Any date on or after 11 December 2020

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Public Health (COVID-19 Interstate Hotspots) Emergency Direction 2020 (No 7)

Notifiable Instrument NI2020–

made under the

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

1. Name of instrument

This instrument is the *Public Health (COVID-19 Interstate Hotspots) Emergency Direction 2020 (No 7)*.

2. Commencement

This instrument commences at 11:59pm on 18 December 2020.

3. Public Health Emergency Direction

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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.

5. Revocation

This Direction revokes and replaces the *Public Health (COVID-19 Interstate Hotspots) Emergency Direction (No 6)* [NI2020-812].

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Pond, Aleks (Health)

From: Coleman, Kerry (Health)
Sent: Friday, 18 December 2020 5:42 PM
To: Hare, Merryn (Health); GovernmentBusinessHealth
Cc: ACT Health Office of the Chief Health Officer; Moxon, KarenL; Masters, Skye; Manzoney, Lisa; HECC Operations; Whitley, Amanda; COVID Exemptions; Stonham, Joshua; Kimber, Bianca
Subject: RE: Public Health Direction number 7 - request to PCO to notify

OFFICIAL: Sensitive

Dear Karen and Josh

Noting outside of business hours and no response from our MAGS, can you please notify this direction as per Merryn's request below.

Many thanks, Kerry

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Cc: ACT Health Office of the Chief Health Officer <ACTHealthOCHO@act.gov.au>; Moxon, KarenL <KarenL.Moxon@act.gov.au>; Masters, Skye <Skye.Masters@act.gov.au>; Manzoney, Lisa <Lisa.Manzoney@act.gov.au>; HECC Operations <HECC.Operations@act.gov.au>; Whitley, Amanda <Amanda.Whitley@act.gov.au>; COVID Exemptions <COVID.Exemptions@act.gov.au>; Coleman, Kerry (Health) <Kerry.Coleman@act.gov.au>; Stonham, Joshua <Joshua.Stonham@act.gov.au>; Kimber, Bianca <Bianca.Kimber@act.gov.au>
Subject: Public Health Direction number 7 - request to PCO to notify

OFFICIAL: Sensitive

Dear All,

Please find attached the word and scanned signed version of the latest Hotspot Declaration to be notified and to take effect at 11:59 tonight (at which time direction 6 will be revoked) which clarifies further in the schedule the Northern Beaches LGA, **NSW**.

Thank you all for your patience and assistance.

Kind regards,

Merryn

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We acknowledge the Traditional Custodians of the ACT, the Ngunnawal people. We acknowledge and respect their continuing culture and the contribution they make to the life of this city and this region.

Pond, Aleks (Health)

From: Coleman, Kerry (Health)
Sent: Friday, 18 December 2020 6:06 PM
To: Pulli, Tracey (Health)
Cc: Arya, Dinesh (Health); English, Karin (Health)
Subject: RE: Holding lines for weekend

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Looks good to me – thanks

Kerry

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From: Pulli, Tracey (Health) <Tracey.Pulli@act.gov.au>
Sent: Friday, 18 December 2020 6:02 PM
To: Coleman, Kerry (Health) <Kerry.Coleman@act.gov.au>
Subject: FW: Holding lines for weekend

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Hi Kerry – are you okay with this as a holding line for the weekend?

Cheers

From: Craig, Alexandra <Alexandra.Craig@act.gov.au>
Sent: Friday, 18 December 2020 5:59 PM
To: Pulli, Tracey (Health) <Tracey.Pulli@act.gov.au>
Subject: Holding lines for weekend

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The current health and travel advice will be in place over the weekend while we continue to closely monitor the NSW situation as it unfolds.

As outlined by the Chief Health Officer on Friday, people should not travel to the Northern Beaches area of Sydney at this time. People from the Northern Beaches area should also not travel to the ACT.

Anyone who has visited the Northern Beaches area from Friday 11 December 2020 must self-quarantine for 14 days from the date they were last there and get tested, even if they do not have symptoms. People must stay in quarantine for the whole 14 days even if they have a negative test result.

Anyone who has been in an affected location identified by NSW Health should follow the advice on the NSW website and contact the ACT Health COVID-19 team on (02) 5124 9213 for further advice.

We will assess the situation in NSW on Monday and update advice as required. We want to thank the community for working with us and following the health and travel advice.

Pond, Aleks (Health)

From: Brighton, Meg (Health)
Sent: Friday, 18 December 2020 6:19 PM
To: Coleman, Kerry (Health); Cross, Rebecca; Jonasson, Kylie (Health); Engele, Sam; Leigh, Kathy
Cc: Whitley, Amanda; Arya, Dinesh (Health); Hare, Merryn (Health)
Subject: Re: NSW cluster and ACT response - update and weekend response

Thank you

Let's hope only the on call CHO is required over the weekend

Meg

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Sent: Friday, December 18, 2020 5:58:55 PM
To: Cross, Rebecca <Rebecca.Cross@act.gov.au>; Jonasson, Kylie (Health) <Kylie.Jonasson@act.gov.au>; Engele, Sam <Sam.Engele@act.gov.au>; Leigh, Kathy <Kathy.Leigh@act.gov.au>
Cc: Brighton, Meg (Health) <Meg.Brighton@act.gov.au>; Whitley, Amanda <Amanda.Whitley@act.gov.au>; Arya, Dinesh (Health) <Dinesh.Arya@act.gov.au>; Hare, Merryn (Health) <Merryn.Hare@act.gov.au>
Subject: NSW cluster and ACT response - update and weekend response

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Dear all

A quick update – it has been a busy and fast moving day.

NSW situation

- Case numbers at 28 as at 3pm today – all cases have a link to either the RSL on 11th or Bowling Club on 13th (or both)
- Investigation continues into management of source case (2nd December from USA) – no further links in chain identified at this stage
- While additional exposure sites have been identified, actual community transmission has only been detected in northern part of Northern Beaches
- Separate situation – no further cases from the airport driver cases, no further information at this stage

ACT response

- Implemented at 11.59am 18/12/20 Public health direction mandating quarantine for anyone who has been in a declared COVID-19 affected area, that is Northern Beaches local government area at any date on or after 11 December 2020
- Reissued just now, for effect from 11.59pm 18/12/20, to clarify the Location is in NSW
- Key Messages:
 - Do not travel to Northern Beaches
 - If you have been in Northern Beaches at any time from 11th December you must self quarantine (declaration so mandatory), and get tested (not mandated in public health direction). Quarantine for 14 days unless directed by a public health officer, even if get a negative test result
 - If you have been at any of the specific exposure sites/locations/venues as identified on NSW Health Website, follow the directions on said website and call ACT Health COVID-19 team
- Testing centres

- Worked with centres to ensure they understood testing criteria – for northern beaches symptoms are not required
- Liaised with cwlth and CHN to allow GP RAC's to test asymptomatic people who meet location or exposure criteria in NSW
- Comms
 - Statement, stand-up with minister, social
 - Road side messages
- Exemptions
 - Determined criteria for exemptions – residents of NSW can be exempted to travel by road and directly to their home residence rather than quarantine in the ACT, if they have already had a test must await a negative result (if not had a test yet, OK to travel as directed). No other exemptions considered unless super compassionate.

Weekend Plan

- AHPPC meeting 12.30-1.30 both days
- 2pm HECC meeting
- Manage queries and exemption requests over weekend – operations and exemptions team staffing, with registrar and ON call CHO
- Comms – social as needed, no formal update unless significant change (eg. ACT case, NSW outbreak growth and community transmission evidence outside of Northern Beaches)

The plan is unless there is significant worsening over the weekend, we will reassess on Monday morning and determine pathway forward.

I will update only if there is significant change over the weekend.

Thanks, Kerry

Dr Kerry Coleman

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Cc: Jarvis, Justin (Health); COVID Exemptions
Subject: Northern Beaches Exemptions for this weekend
Attachments: ACT Northern Beaches Hotspot Exemption Application Form .docx

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Hi all

As discussed this afternoon, the Exemptions Team will coordinate all requests for exemption over this weekend for persons who are now in quarantine following time spent in the Northern Beaches.

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This will be the general approach to exemptions, noting that **we will not be considering exemptions for persons who have been to a COVID-19 case location as identified by NSW** <https://www.nsw.gov.au/covid-19/latest-news-and-updates>:

Grounds	Response
Returning home to NSW	Exemption approved, however require proof of residency in NSW. If currently awaiting results of COVID-19 test from ACT testing centre, cannot leave until negative result received. Standard email response drafted to be sent from Exemptions inbox.
Returning home to other state or territory	Will approve only if relevant state/territory authority has provided written approval to grant applicant entry
Transited through Northern Beaches only	Exemption from quarantine approved
Received a negative COVID-19 test	Exemption not considered unless other grounds apply
Leave quarantine on Christmas to be with family	Exemption not considered
Require urgent medical treatment	Consider, liaise with MOs and CHECC as per standard processes.
Unaccompanied minor to be collected in ACT	Approve collection by parent/guardian. If parent from Northern Beaches, must make no stops on their transit and return directly to Northern Beaches.
Other exceptional circumstance	Determined case by case, input from MOs.

The approach for exemptions for this cohort going forward will be reviewed on Monday.

Ops/Karin, if you want to check if Exemptions has received a request from a particular person yet (i.e. if they call), our register of requests is available here: https://actgovernment.sharepoint.com/:x:/r/sites/intranet-ACTHealth/phpr/_layouts/15/Doc.aspx?sourcedoc=%7B46061229-3ED0-4FF9-8790-C91DC299FF87%7D&file=Northern%20Beaches%20Hotspot%20Quarantine%20Exemptions.xlsx&action=default&mobileRedirect=true

If you need to contact Exemptions urgently on the weekend, as circulated earlier today Nicole Wynants will be the on call officer and available on [REDACTED]

Have a good weekend,

Seriden

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Australian Capital Territory – COVID-19 Interstate Hotspot Exemptions Form

The ACT currently requires any person who has been in the Northern Beaches LGA (NSW) on or after Friday 11 December to enter into quarantine until 14 days have passed since they were last at this location. There is no border permit required to enter the ACT at this time.

For persons who have been to any of the specific locations identified by NSW ([available here](#)), you should call ACT Health on (02) 5124 9213 for further advice.

Section A: Traveller details please - complete all parts	
Full Name:	
Date of birth:	Email address:
Contact number:	
Traveller's accompanying dependants or family members	
Name:	Date of birth:
Name:	Date of birth:
Name:	Date of birth:
Section B: Previous location information	
If you have been to any of the specific locations identified by NSW (available here), please indicate which and at which dates:	
Please list the other areas of the Northern Beaches LGA that you have been to since Friday 11 December and which public locations you have visited in this area (i.e. work, shopping centre, restaurants):	
Section C: Request for exemption	
What is the reason for requesting your exemption? (i.e. travel home to another jurisdiction, temporarily leave quarantine for a particular reason).	
If you are seeking to visit any ACT locations during your quarantine period other than your quarantine premises, please detail the reason for this and include your proposed mode of transport and any interactions you would have with others:	

Have you received a COVID-19 test in the ACT?:	
If yes, please indicate the date of this test, and whether you have received a result:	
Section D: Residents of other jurisdictions seeking to return home (if this does not apply to you, please leave this section blank)	
Home address and state/territory	
Transport plan:	
If you are seeking to return to a state/territory other than NSW, have you received permission to enter?	
Section E: Required documentation	
<u>All applicants</u> must provide Photo Identification.	
If the applicant has received a COVID-19 test in the ACT since Friday 11 December, evidence of a negative test result must be provided.	
Please see below list for additional documentation required depending on exemption sought:	
<i>Grounds for exemption</i>	<i>Additional documentation required</i>
Returning to home jurisdiction (NSW)	Proof of address in NSW. If recently received COVID-19 test in ACT, must show proof
Returning to home jurisdiction (state/territory other than NSW)	Evidence of approval for entry from state/territory authorities
Unaccompanied minor	Photo ID of guardian/parent
Other exceptional circumstances (i.e. urgent medical grounds, transited through LGA only)	Any relevant documentation that validates these grounds, such as documentation from a treating medical professional.

Please complete this form and submit it to COVID.Exemptions@act.gov.au.

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Sent: Friday, 18 December 2020 8:17 PM
To: Christine Selvey (Ministry of Health); Johnston, Vanessa (Health)
Subject: Re: Updated Advice for Residential Aged Care Facilities, Disability Care Facilities and Home Care Services

Thanks Christine

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Sent: Friday, December 18, 2020 8:09:56 PM
To: Coleman, Kerryn (Health) <Kerryn.Coleman@act.gov.au>; Johnston, Vanessa (Health) <Vanessa.Johnston@act.gov.au>
Subject: FW: Updated Advice for Residential Aged Care Facilities, Disability Care Facilities and Home Care Services
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Hi Kerryn and Vanessa

FYI
 Christine

From: [REDACTED] On Behalf Of Sophie Tyner (Ministry of Health)
Sent: Friday, 18 December 2020 6:37 PM
To: [REDACTED]
Cc: [REDACTED]

Subject: FW: Updated Advice for Residential Aged Care Facilities, Disability Care Facilities and Home Care Services
 Dear colleagues
 Please find below updated advice that was just shared with CEs on residential aged care facilities, residential disability care facilities and home care service providers.
 Kind regards
 Sophie

From: Sophie Tyner (Ministry of Health) On Behalf Of Kerry Chant (Ministry of Health)
Sent: Friday, 18 December 2020 6:36 PM
To: [REDACTED]

Subject: Updated Advice for Residential Aged Care Facilities, Disability Care Facilities and Home Care Services
Dear Chief Executives and nominated COVID-19 representatives

Please find below the links to the updated COVID-19 advice for residential aged care facilities, residential disability care facilities and home care service providers as at 18 December 2020:

- <https://www.health.nsw.gov.au/Infectious/covid-19/Pages/aged-care.aspx>
- <https://www.health.nsw.gov.au/Infectious/covid-19/Pages/home-care-latest-advice.aspx>
- <https://www.health.nsw.gov.au/Infectious/covid-19/Pages/disability-support.aspx>

The key messages for this update are:

- Until further notice:
 - Residential disability care facilities and residential aged care facilities in Northern Sydney Local Health District (which includes the following LGAs: Hornsby, Hunters Hill, Ku-ring-gai, Lane Cove, Mosman, North Sydney, Northern Beaches, Ryde and Willoughby) and Penrith LGA should exclude all visitors.
 - All staff and visitors to residential aged care facilities and residential disability care facilities must wear a surgical mask.
 - All home care services staff should wear a surgical mask during home visits.
- **Staff of all residential disability care facilities, residential aged care facilities and should:**
 - regularly check the NSW Government website at <https://www.nsw.gov.au/covid-19/latest-news-and-updates#latest-covid-19-case-locations-in-nsw> for new case locations
 - be prepared for more updates during the day. Check the Residential Aged Care facilities and Home Care Service providers advice on the web pages above.

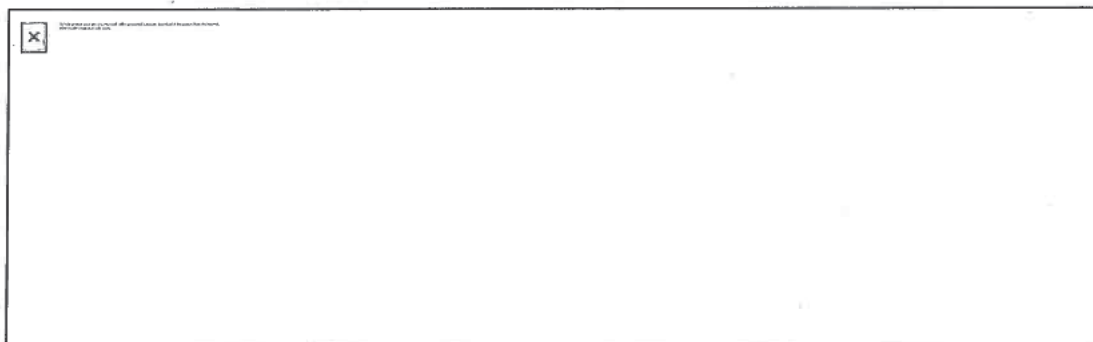
This advice is being distributed to facilities and peak bodies through the usual channels.

Regards
Kerry
Dr Kerry Chant PSM

Chief Health Officer and Deputy Secretary | **Population and Public Health**
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Executive Support Coordinator | Laura Changizi

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Visit the [NSW Health website](http://www.health.nsw.gov.au) for the latest information on COVID-19.



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From: Hare, Merryn (Health)
Sent: Friday, 18 December 2020 12:24 PM
To: Brighton, Meg (Health); Jonasson, Kylie (Health); Cross, Rebecca; Engele, Sam; Doran, Karen; Whitley, Amanda; McDonald, Bernadette (Health)
Cc: ACT Health Office of the Chief Health Officer; Coleman, Kerryn (Health)
Subject: Public Health Direction (Hotspots) number 6
Attachments: Signed Hotspot direction 6.pdf

OFFICIAL: Sensitive

Good afternoon all,

Apologies for late notice however advising that the notification regarding the Northern Beaches LGA hotspot was notified effective 11:59am this morning as per attached.

FYI GSO were extremely responsive and helpful.

I am sure you appreciate the pace of events today.

Please call should you have any queries.

Kind regards,

Merryn

Merryn Hare | Senior Manager

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Public Health (COVID-19 Interstate Hotspots) Emergency Direction 2020 (No 6)

Notifiable Instrument NI2020–

made under the

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

1. Name of instrument

This instrument is the *Public Health (COVID-19 Interstate Hotspots) Emergency Direction 2020 (No 6)*.

2. Commencement

This instrument commences at 11:59am on 18 December 2020.

3. Public Health Emergency Direction

I, Dr Kerry Coleman, 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 Kerry Coleman
Chief Health Officer

18 December 2020

Public Health Emergency Direction

Public Health Act 1997

*Made under the Public Health Act 1997,
section 120 (Emergency actions and directions)*

I, Dr Kerryn Coleman, 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 below.

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

In making these directions I have had regard to relevant human rights and I am satisfied that the limitations imposed as a result of these Directions are both demonstrably justifiable in a free and democratic society and necessary to protect the ACT community from the serious public health risk posed by COVID-19.

PART 1 – QUARANTINE FOLLOWING TRAVEL TO AND FROM COVID-19 HOTSPOTS

Direction

1. An **affected person** who is in or arrives into the Australian Capital Territory must:
 - a. travel immediately to **designated premises** to undertake a **period of quarantine**; and
 - b. not leave the **designated premises** other than in an emergency; and
 - c. not permit any other person who does not reside at the **designated premises** to enter the premises, unless for medical, law enforcement or emergency purposes; and
 - d. comply with any request by an **authorised person** to produce proof of identification.

PART 2 — MATTERS RELEVANT TO THESE DIRECTIONS

2. For the purposes of Part 1, the point at which a person arrives into the Australian Capital Territory means:
 - a. for travel by air – from the Canberra airport;
 - b. for travel by bus – from the bus station or other place where the person disembarks;

- c. for travel by train – from the train station where the person disembarks;
 - d. for travel by car – from the point at which the car crosses the border from New South Wales into the Australian Capital Territory; and
 - e. by any other means – from the point at which the person crosses the border from New South Wales into the Australian Capital Territory.
3. The Chief Health Officer may, in writing and subject to any conditions that the Chief Health Officer considers necessary, exempt a person from the directions in Part 1.
 4. An **authorised person** may, in writing and subject to any conditions that the **authorised person** considers necessary, exempt a person from the full **period of quarantine**.

Enforcement

5. If a person fails to comply with this Direction, an **authorised person** may direct the person to do such things as are reasonably necessary to comply with this Direction including, upon request, to produce proof of identification to the **authorised person**.
6. If a person fails to comply with any direction given under paragraph 5, then the **authorised person** may take all reasonable steps to enforce compliance with the direction.

Guidance

7. If a person tests positive to COVID-19 during the **period of quarantine** they must comply with the *Public Health (Self-Isolation) Emergency Direction 2020 (No 4)* [NI2020-662].

Definitions

For the purposes of these directions:

8. **Affected person** means a person who has been in a declared **COVID-19 affected area** on one of the dates specified in Column 2 of Schedule 1.
9. **Authorised person** means an authorised person under section 121 of the *Public Health Act 1997*.
10. **COVID-19 hotspot** means a location outside of the Australian Capital Territory that is specified in Column 1 of Schedule 1 on the dates specified in Column 2 of Schedule 1.
11. Unless stated otherwise in writing by the Chief Health Officer, **designated premises** means:
 - a. the person's usual place of residence or other premises that is suitable for the person to reside in for a **period of quarantine**; or
 - b. if the person is not normally a resident of the Australian Capital Territory, a hotel or other premises that has been approved in writing by the Chief Health Officer as suitable to reside in for a **period of quarantine**.



12. A **period of quarantine** means a period of 14 days, including any period of time that has already elapsed since the person was last in a **COVID-19 hotspot**.

PENALTIES

Section 120 (4) 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).

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "K. Coleman", written over a horizontal dotted line.

Dr Kerry Coleman

Chief Health Officer

18 December 2020


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SCHEDULE 1 – COVID-19 HOTSPOTS

COLUMN 1	COLUMN 2
Location	Dates
Northern Beaches local government area	Any date on or after 11 December 2020

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Pond, Aleks (Health)

From: Hare, Merryn (Health)
Sent: Saturday, 19 December 2020 9:14 AM
To: Pulli, Tracey (Health); Coleman, Kerry (Health)
Cc: Whitley, Amanda; Hall, Seriden (Health)
Subject: RE: Victorian border

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Thanks Tracey – I just hope – in the nicest possible way – that we don't see each other next week 😊

Merryn Hare | Senior Manager

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Cc: Whitley, Amanda <Amanda.Whitley@act.gov.au>; Hall, Seriden (Health) <Seriden.Z.Hall@act.gov.au>
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Many thanks. We promise to leave you alone now for the rest of the evening.

From: Hare, Merryn (Health) <Merryn.Hare@act.gov.au>
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Hi Tracey and Seriden,

Kerry has reviewed and is OK with your proposed responses.

Thanks again,

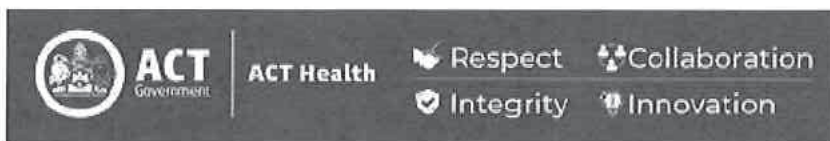
Merryn

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Thanks Merryn and Seriden.

Kerryn – are you okay with this one?

Cheers

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Absolutely.

Kind regards,

Merryn

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To: Pulli, Tracey (Health) <Tracey.Pulli@act.gov.au>; Hare, Merryn (Health) <Merryn.Hare@act.gov.au>
Subject: RE: Victorian border

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Hi Tracey

That looks way better than what I drafted actually. I have no issues – are you okay with this Merryn?

Thanks

Seriden

From: Pulli, Tracey (Health) <Tracey.Pulli@act.gov.au>
Sent: Friday, 18 December 2020 5:58 PM
To: Hare, Merryn (Health) <Merryn.Hare@act.gov.au>; Hall, Seriden (Health) <Seriden.Z.Hall@act.gov.au>
Subject: RE: Victorian border

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Hi Merryn and Seriden

Please see below my DRAFT response if any of this is helpful to include in yours.

- 1. How will those in the ACT be affected by it? i.e. if someone living in Canberra had crossed the border into Queanbeyan in the past two weeks, would they need to fill out a permit? ACT residents can fly into Victoria but not drive through NSW to cross the border without one of these permits?**

The advice outlined [Victoria's Coronavirus Update of 18 December](#) is that from midnight tonight, a permit system will be in place for all New South Wales residents travelling to Victoria, residents from other states travelling through NSW and Victorians visiting NSW and returning home. From the information that is currently available, ACT residents who have travelled in NSW recently would be required to request a permit to enter Victoria. We understand further information about the permit system and the application form will be available on the Victorian Department of Health and Human Services website shortly.

- 2. Has ACT Health been able to ensure a repeat of the NSW-Victoria border closure debacle that left Canberrans stranded won't happen again?**

The ACT Government worked closely with both the NSW and Victorian Government to find a solution to getting ACT residents home when border controls between the two states were put in place earlier in the ACT.

At this time, the border between NSW and Victoria remains open.

Canberrans currently interstate and here at home, are encouraged to keep up to date on the situation that is evolving with the Northern Beaches cluster so they can make informed decisions about any upcoming travel plans.

Cheers
 Trace

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Subject: RE: Victorian border

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Hi Kimberly
 Any update on this so we can inform the jurno?
 Her deadline is 6pm today.
 Regards,
 Mark Devan
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Kimberly noted.
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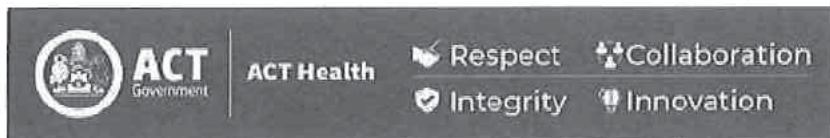
Hi Mark

I know today has been a crazy day and you are still familiarising yourself with the processes. However please note that Media requests are to come through the OCHO inbox and then will be actioned to the appropriate team for response. In this case this request has not necessarily made it to the right team to action.

We are then happy if needed to put you in contact with the action area to assist with the context of the response.

Regards

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Hello team,

Can you please assist?

Thank you,
Dani

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Subject: FW: Victorian border

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Hi HECC Ops
Can you please advise on the below media question.
Regards,
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Hi media team,

I was just looking for some clarification from the ACT on a few points following the Victorian announcement to introduce a NSW permit system for entry.

Main things I wanted to get answered:

1. How will those in the ACT be affected by it? i.e. if someone living in Canberra had crossed the border into Queanbeyan in the past two weeks, would they need to fill out a permit? ACT residents can fly into Victoria but not drive through NSW to cross the border without one of these permits?
2. Has ACT Health been able to ensure a repeat of the NSW-Victoria border closure debacle that left Canberrans stranded won't happen again?

I've asked the Victorian DHHS but was hoping ACT Health might have some answers to these questions too as it's been a bit tough getting clarification out of them.

Would appreciate a quick response on this one as the rules come into effect by midnight tonight.

Thanks,


Pond, Aleks (Health)

From: Jonasson, Kylie (Health)
Sent: Saturday, 19 December 2020 2:16 PM
To: Leigh, Kathy; Coleman, Kerryn (Health)
Cc: Stephen-Smith, Rachel; Cross, Rebecca; Bergin, Catherine; Brighton, Meg (Health)
Subject: Re: NSW Northern Beaches cluster update

Thanks kerryn

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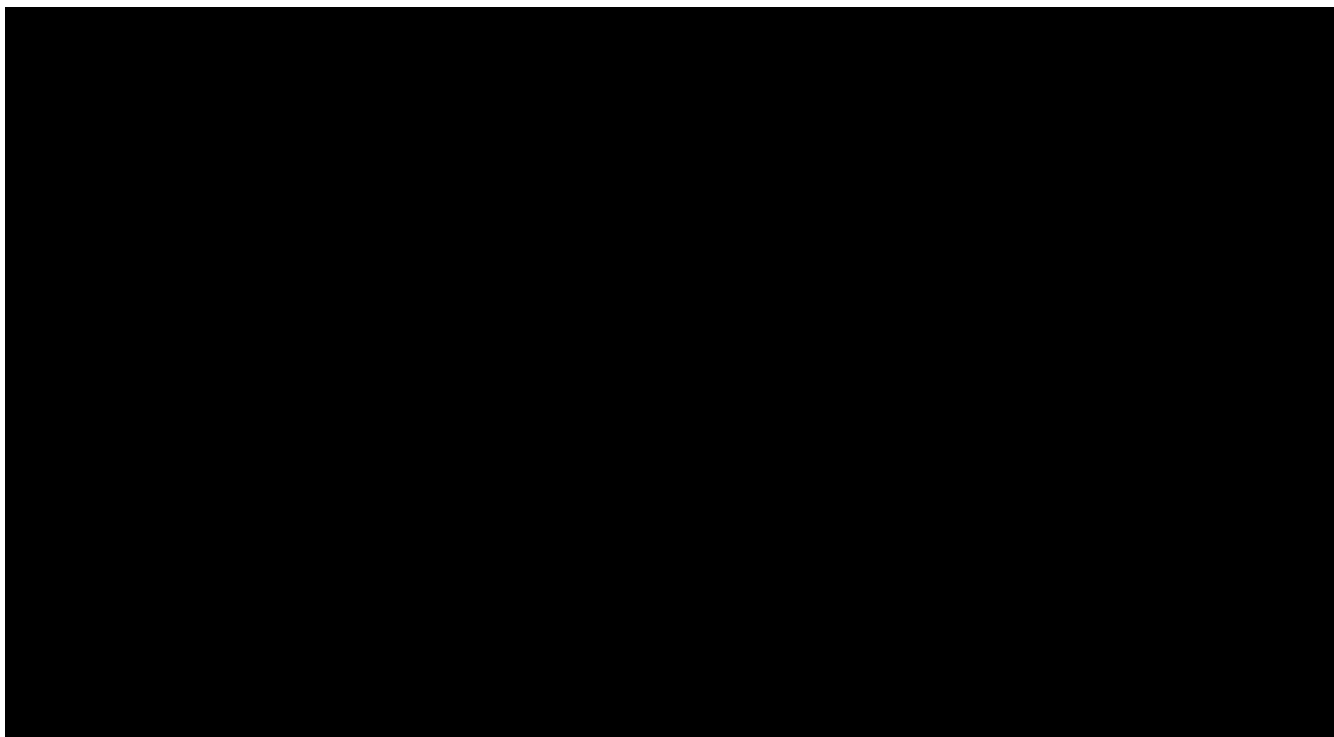
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Subject: Re: NSW Northern Beaches cluster update
 Thanks Kerryn.

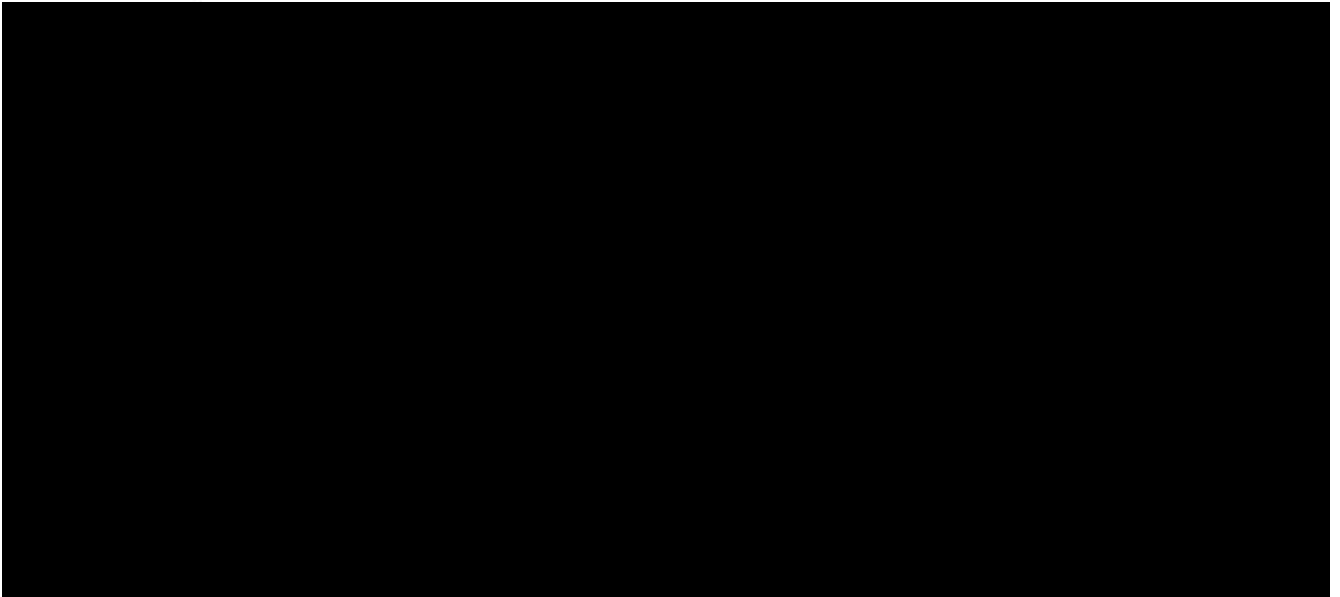
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Hi all

Key points from AHPPC catch up today (thanks for keeping in confidence):





Thanks all, K

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Cc: HECC Operations; English, Karin (Health)
Subject: Fwd: NSW Northern Beaches cluster update

Apologies for not including

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Subject: Re: NSW Northern Beaches cluster update

Thank you Kerryn. As discussed, I have forwarded to CM, DCM and Minister Steel.

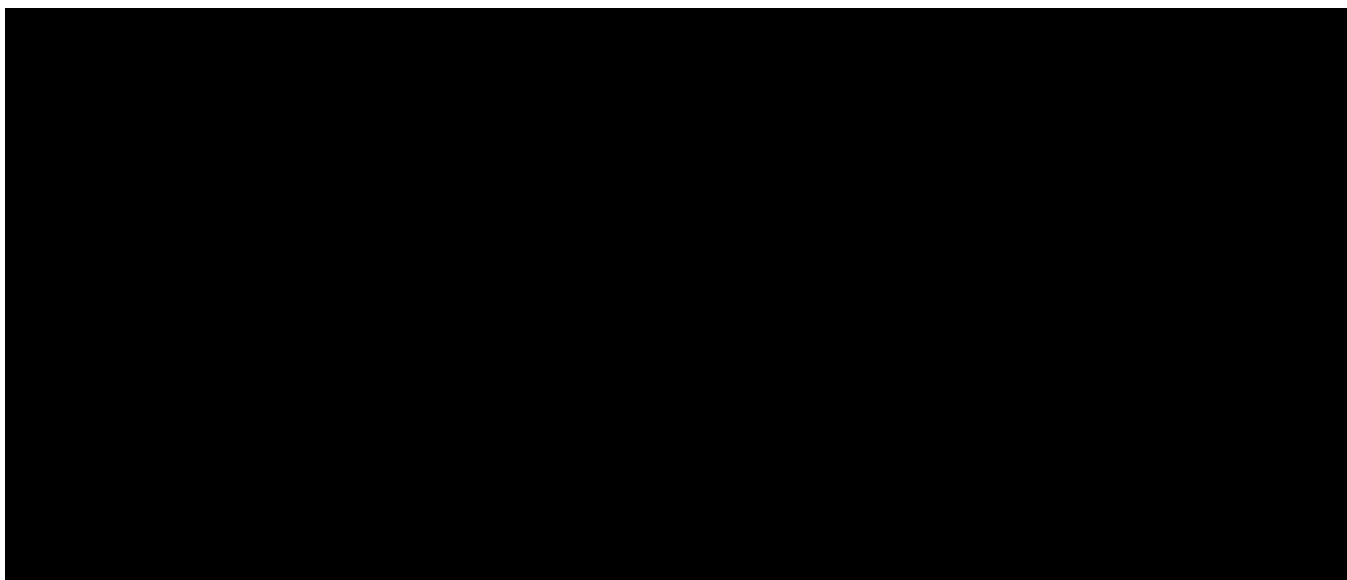
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 Rachel

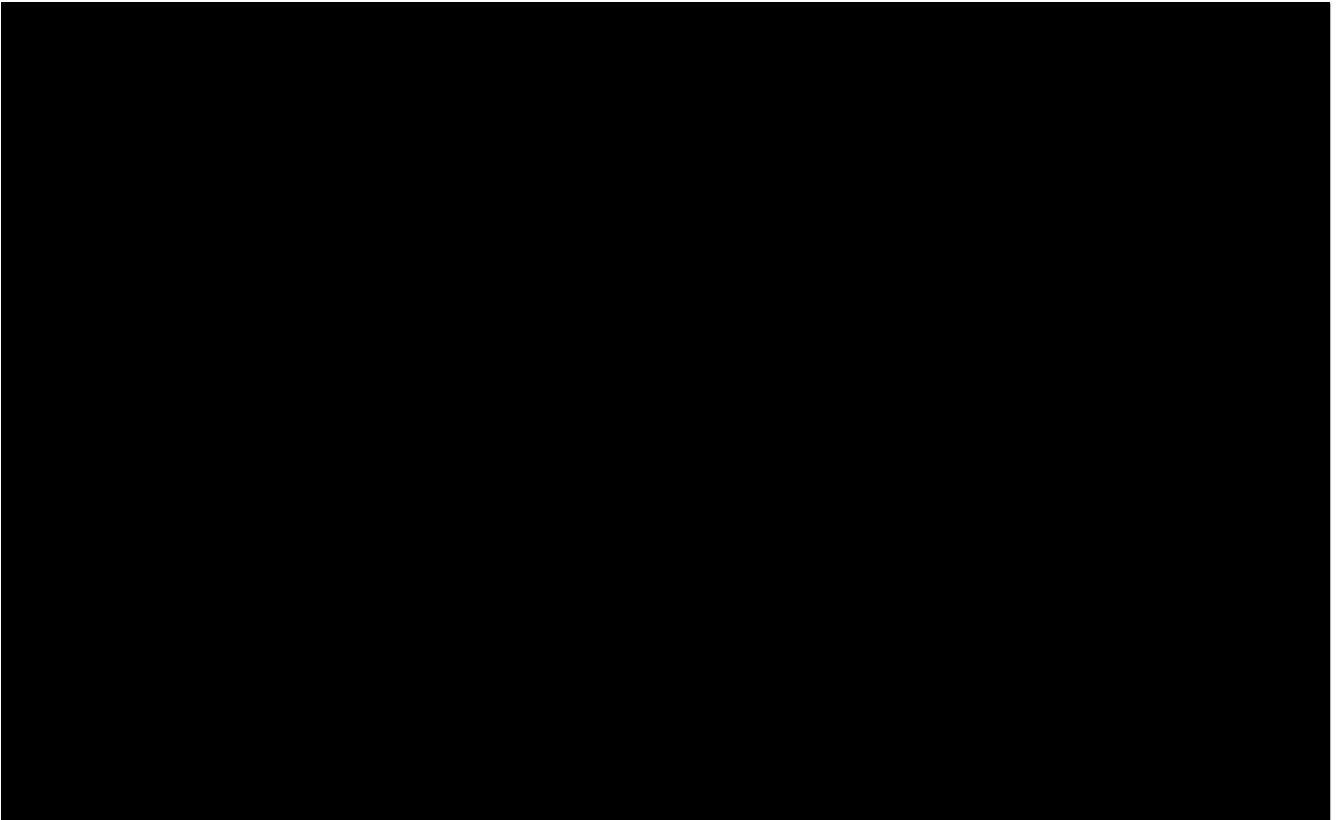
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Cc: Coleman, Kerry (Health); ACT Health, HPSOps
Subject: For action - On-Call Officer Briefing Minutes
Attachments: 20201219 - On-call Officer Briefing.doc

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Good afternoon,

Please see attached the minutes from the 1400hrs briefing for your review. Please note actions in bold text for easy reference.

I will invite the CHECC LO to tomorrow's meeting.

Kerry, happy to set up additional briefing tomorrow if required.

Regards,

David Reid | Assistant Director | Situations and Briefings

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Health Emergency Control Centre
On-Call Officer Briefing
1400-1445hrs 19 December 2020

Chief Health Officer <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Dr Kerry Coleman (Chair) • Dr Dinesh Arya (On-call) 	HEMU <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • David Reid (Secretariat)
HECC Operations <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Danielle Briones • Sue Reid • Dr Karin English 	Public Information Coordination Centre <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Jo Verden • Penny Gibson • Amanda Whitley
Exemptions <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Nicole Wynants 	

Dr Kerry Coleman convened the meeting and provided an update from AHPPC:

- NSW has seen an increase in confirmed cases:
 - At 1000hrs, total of 42 total cases
 - Of which, 38 cases are Northern Beaches residents, 2 are from central Sydney, and 2 from South Sydney
 - To be confirmed on patient zero
 - 17 year old male attended Anytime fitness (onset of symptoms on 10 December), with work underway to identify contacts up and down stream
 - 24 year old female, attended a 30 person household party (to be confirmed on contact tracing).
- Since 1000hrs this morning, another 17 cases have been identified from North Sydney LHD (most likely linked to Pathology test results for Northern Beaches)
- Next AHPPC meeting at 1730hrs today with further updates on NSW.
- NSW testing saw 15,000 tests yesterday, with a turnaround of results within 8 hours.
- Genome testing has mixed results
- Sewerage testing for Northern Beaches shown negative results for 10 December and positive results on 12 December (therefore no community transmission prior to 10 December).
- All jurisdictions have implemented tighter restrictions.
- All jurisdictions are receiving flight manifests to contact travellers.
- Likely that NSW Government will issue restrictions for Greater NSW or whole of NSW tomorrow.

HECC Operations:

Sue Reid provided an update on flights:

- Received flight manifests from Sydney to Canberra from 11-17 December yesterday:
 - Have contacted travellers via SMS regarding ACT public health direction and advice
 - Waiting on manifests for yesterday (18 December)
 - CHO tasked HECC Operations to talk to National Incident Room to get flight manifests for Sydney to Canberra
- Called NSW State Control Centre regarding any ACT contacts involved in Northern Beaches.

Action: Danielle Briones to collect flight manifests into the ACT from 18 December onwards.

Action: Sue Reid to follow up with NSW about any ACT contacts.



Health Emergency Control Centre

On-Call Officer Briefing

1400-1445hrs 19 December 2020

Dr Karin English provided an update on medical matters:

- Received questions regarding exit testing on Days 10-12 of people in quarantine
- Advised that anyone from 11 December will come up to exit testing time shortly
- CHO recommended that those in quarantine have their name and contact details collected and that the ACT will reassess requirements on Monday
- CHO also advised that quarantine requirements will be reassessed on Monday following further assessment of NSW.

Action: HECC Operations to continue collecting contact details of people travelling from Northern Beaches (e.g. RedCap) in preparation for further public health assessment on Monday.

Action: Danielle Briones to contact Access Canberra to liaise on above information for Exit Testing for People in Quarantine.

Sue Reid / Danielle Briones provided an operations update for last 24 hours:

- Numerous calls received for people enquiring about requirements under new public health direction
- Two minor logistical items identified (e.g. people staying in campervan requiring quarantine)
- Walk in Centres are testing everyone from Sydney (not just Northern Beaches):
 - Danielle advised that HECC had issued fact sheet to testing clinics about testing requirements
- Advised that for compliance, not reporting contact details on Red Cap (Chair noted the public health direction was a 'flag' rather than issuing of compliance requirements by ACT Policing).

Action: Danielle Briones to liaise with Weston Creek WiC and other ACTGOV testing clinics on fact sheet and to gauge testing levels.

Action: David Reid to invite CHECC Liaison Officer (Patrick Wells) to tomorrow's On-call Officer Briefing.

Exemptions

Nicole provided an update on exemptions:

- Received 2 applications overnight
- Received further 25 applications today
- Most applicants had not been in hot spot or want to return to NSW
- CHO advised to maintain consistent advice until Monday
- CHO advised that NSW advising no one to travel at the moment, and for ACT exemption to utilise lines of "In line with NSW direction... the ACT will reassess the situation on Monday."

Public Information Coordination Centre:

Penny Gibson provided an update on media:

- One media enquiry today (Tom Lawry?) regarding footage of testing clinic
- One media enquiry from Canberra Times regarding update on NSW situation (used pre-approved lines preparing by Tracey Pulli last night)
- Media outlets focused on NSW.



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Jo Verden provided an update on communications:

- Social media to be reviewed, with further messaging to reiterate arrangements in place for ACT
- CHO advised of clearance process (see action below).

Action: PICC to clear new social media messaging via HECC Operations, Dr Dinesh Arya and Dr Kerryn Coleman.

On-Call CHO

Dr Dinesh Arya confirmed with CHO:

- CHO to provide dot point summary of AHPPC meeting to Dinesh
- CHO to provide update to DG Health and Dinesh.

Meeting Ended: 1445hrs

Next Meeting: 1400hrs 20/12/2020

Pond, Aleks (Health)

From: Arya, Dinesh (Health)
Sent: Saturday, 19 December 2020 3:33 PM
To: COVID-19 Media; Coleman, Kerry (Health)
Subject: RE: MEDIA Response

OFFICIAL

Thanks Penny. Looks good to me.

Just one thought – people may get confused about Northern Beaches and 'affected location identified by NSW Health.'

Do we need the last line in there considering that we are saying our advice covers whole of Northern Beaches LGA? Just thinking about people who may not know how affected area is defined.

Kind regards

Dinesh

Dr. Dinesh K Arya
 Chief Medical Officer, ACT Health Directorate

From: COVID-19 Media <COVID-19Media@act.gov.au>
Sent: Saturday, 19 December 2020 3:25 PM
To: Coleman, Kerry (Health) <Kerry.Coleman@act.gov.au>; Arya, Dinesh (Health) <Dinesh.Arya@act.gov.au>
Subject: MEDIA Response

OFFICIAL

Hi Kerry and Dinesh

As mentioned in the meeting, please see below a media response to the Canberra Times from the pre-approved wording from Tracey in yesterday's handover. Caitlin approved it to go out.

Regards
 Penny

Penny Gibson
Public Information Coordination Centre (COVID-19 response)
 E: covid-19media@act.gov.au
 Media line: 0435 258 508
 ACT Health Directorate – Level 2, 4 Bowes Street Phillip ACT 2606
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From: COVID-19 Media <COVID-19Media@act.gov.au>
Sent: Saturday, 19 December 2020 2:05 PM
To: [REDACTED]
Cc: Health Media <HealthMedia@act.gov.au>; COVID-19 Media <COVID-19Media@act.gov.au>
Subject: RE: Sorry to bother you on a Saturday but are you expecting any updates or anything on covid today

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Hi [REDACTED]

The website has been updated and we do not expect any further media activities this weekend.

Our advice continues to be:

The current health and travel advice will be in place over the weekend while we continue to closely monitor the NSW situation as it unfolds.

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We want to thank the community for working with us and following the health and travel advice.

Thanks

Penny

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From: [REDACTED]

Sent: Saturday, December 19, 2020 12:58:54 PM

To: Health Media <HealthMedia@act.gov.au>

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To: Reid, Sue (Health)
Cc: English, Karin (Health); Arya, Dinesh (Health)
Subject: Re: Australian NFP Notification - Part 2 of 2 (NIR #2238-T114-06)
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From: Reid, Sue (Health) <Sue.Reid@act.gov.au>
Sent: Saturday, December 19, 2020 3:30:58 PM
To: Coleman, Kerry (Health) <Kerry.Coleman@act.gov.au>
Cc: English, Karin (Health) <Karin.English@act.gov.au>; Arya, Dinesh (Health) <Dinesh.Arya@act.gov.au>
Subject: FW: Australian NFP Notification - Part 2 of 2 (NIR #2238-T114-06) [SEC=OFFICIAL:Sensitive]

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Hi Kerry,

Please see text message below (in red), sent to all those listed on the manifest with a valid mobile number. This was from 11 to 17th Dec.

Lorane received a nice response from one of the passengers (also below).

Regards,

Sue

From: Gaborit, Lorane (Health) <Lorane.Gaborit@act.gov.au>
Sent: Saturday, 19 December 2020 3:12 PM
To: Reid, Sue (Health) <Sue.Reid@act.gov.au>
Subject: RE: Australian NFP Notification - Part 2 of 2 (NIR #2238-T114-06) [SEC=OFFICIAL:Sensitive]

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One response

Hello, thank you for this information. However, I just had a connecting flight through Sydney to Canberra and approximately stayed in the airport for less than 30mins. But surely this info will be noted. Thank you.

From: Gaborit, Lorane (Health)
Sent: Saturday, 19 December 2020 3:10 PM
To: Reid, Sue (Health) <Sue.Reid@act.gov.au>
Subject: FW: Australian NFP Notification - Part 2 of 2 (NIR #2238-T114-06) [SEC=OFFICIAL:Sensitive]

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Hi Bec,

FYI the message has just been sent to 1581 recipients.

Enjoy the rest of your weekend 😊

Lorane

From: Hundy, Rebecca (Health) <Rebecca.Hundy@act.gov.au>
Sent: Saturday, 19 December 2020 9:52 AM

To: Gaborit, Lorane (Health) <Lorane.Gaborit@act.gov.au>; Reid, Sue (Health) <Sue.Reid@act.gov.au>
Subject: FW: Australian NFP Notification - Part 2 of 2 (NIR #2238-T114-06) [SEC=OFFICIAL:Sensitive]

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Hi Lorane

Are you able to send out a text message to all of those listed on the attached manifest who have a valid mobile number? Text message is below. Password for attached file is [REDACTED]

Thanks
 Rebecca.

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From: Briones, Danielle (Health) <Danielle.Briones@act.gov.au> **On Behalf Of** HECC Operations
Sent: Friday, 18 December 2020 5:22 PM
To: Hundy, Rebecca (Health) <Rebecca.Hundy@act.gov.au>; Contacts.covid <Contacts.covid@act.gov.au>
Subject: FW: Australian NFP Notification - Part 2 of 2 (NIR #2238-T114-06) [SEC=OFFICIAL:Sensitive]

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From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Friday, 18 December 2020 5:03 PM
To: HECC Operations <HECC.Operations@act.gov.au>
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Part 2 of 2
 Our Reference: NIR #2238-T114-06

Dear ACT Health

Please find below and/or attached further information to support Part 1 of this notification.

Details of close contacts are attached. Please note the Australian NFP does not have further information regarding the status of these individuals.

Please direct any enquiries regarding this case to [REDACTED] and quote the reference number NIR #2238-T114-06.

Warm regards

[REDACTED]

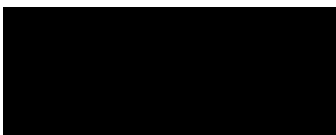
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Pond, Aleks (Health)

From: Arya, Dinesh (Health)
Sent: Saturday, 19 December 2020 4:04 PM
To: Reid, David (Health)
Cc: Coleman, Kerry (Health); ACT Health, HPSOps
Subject: RE: For action - On-Call Officer Briefing Minutes

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Thanks David looks good to me. Happy to go as it is. But if you want may be worth checking

- Is it that Genome testing has mixed results or has been inconclusive about relationship of Northern Beaches cluster with other people with Covid 19 in NSW?
- All jurisdictions have implemented tighter restrictions (? to do with Northern Beaches).
- Likely that NSW Government will issue restrictions for Greater NSW or whole of NSW tomorrow. May be best to check this one - whether this is definite?

Kind regards

Dinesh

Dr. Dinesh K Arya
 Chief Medical Officer, ACT Health Directorate

From: Reid, David (Health) <David.Reid@act.gov.au>
Sent: Saturday, 19 December 2020 3:28 PM
To: Arya, Dinesh (Health) <Dinesh.Arya@act.gov.au>
Cc: Coleman, Kerry (Health) <Kerry.Coleman@act.gov.au>; ACT Health, HPSOps <ACTHealthHPSOps@act.gov.au>
Subject: For action - On-Call Officer Briefing Minutes

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Good afternoon,

Please see attached the minutes from the 1400hrs briefing for your review. Please note actions in bold text for easy reference.

I will invite the CHECC LO to tomorrow's meeting.

Kerry, happy to set up additional briefing tomorrow if required.

Regards,

David Reid | Assistant Director | Situations and Briefings
 Ph: 5124 6177 | Email: david.reid@act.gov.au | hecc.planning@act.gov.au
 HECC Support Systems | Health Emergency Control Centre | ACT Health Directorate
 2-6 Bowes Street, Woden, ACT



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Cc: Cannon, Craig (Health); HECC Operations; ACT Health, HPSOps; HECC Planning; HECC Logistics; COVID Exemptions; Peffer, Dave (Health); Wells, Patrick (Health); CHECC; COVID-19 Media; COVID-19 Comms
Subject: Interim Minutes - Saturday 19 December On-Call CHO Briefing
Attachments: 20201219 - On-call Officer Briefing.doc

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Good afternoon,

Please see attached the interim minutes from the 1400hrs meeting, as reviewed by CHO and on-call CHO. Minor changes identified by CHO will be updated shortly.

Next scheduled meeting is for Sunday 20 December at 1400hrs via Teams. CHO will confirm requirement this evening for a morning briefing (with invite to follow).

Kind regards,

David Reid | Assistant Director | Situations and Briefings

Ph: 5124 6177 | Email: david.reid@act.gov.au | hecc.planning@act.gov.au

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Subject: Fwd: URGENT: Social post for this evening

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Thanks Kerryn
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 Thanks
 Penny

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 Dinesh

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 Chief Medical Officer, ACT Health Directorate

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Some **public transport routes** are also affected and are listed on the [NSW website](#). Please follow the NSW Health advice about these public transport routes AND call the ACT Health COVID-19 team on (02) 5124

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9213 if you have been on a public transport route where you are considered a close contact.

For further information on quarantine and isolation go to the [Quarantine and isolation page](#).

For information on testing clinics go to the [Symptoms and getting tested page](#).

For more information see our [website](#).



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From: AHPPC Secretariat [REDACTED]
Sent: Saturday, 19 December 2020 6:31 PM
To: [REDACTED]

Subject: AHPPC outcomes - 19 December 2020 [SEC=OFFICIAL]
Attachments: 19 December 2020 AHPPC Emergency TC COVID19 Outcomes.docx

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Good evening members

Please find attached the outcomes from today's AHPPC meeting and CHO discussion this evening.

Kind regards

[REDACTED]
 Director



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To: Gibson, Penny; Arya, Dinesh (Health)
Cc: Verden, Jo; Whitley, Amanda
Subject: Re: URGENT: Social post for this evening

Thanks Jo - Penny suggested we could do a separate post? Tomorrow even...
 I'm not sure - the previous message was too long - we have now pulled it back?!?

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Sent: Saturday, December 19, 2020 6:34:00 PM
To: Arya, Dinesh (Health) <Dinesh.Arya@act.gov.au>
Cc: Verden, Jo <Jo.Verden@act.gov.au>; Whitley, Amanda <Amanda.Whitley@act.gov.au>; Coleman, Kerryn (Health) <Kerryn.Coleman@act.gov.au>
Subject: FW: URGENT: Social post for this evening

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Hi Dinesh
 Please see revised message below from Kerryn for your consideration.
 Thanks
 Penny

From: Coleman, Kerryn (Health) <Kerryn.Coleman@act.gov.au>
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To: Gibson, Penny <Penny.Gibson@act.gov.au>
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Pond, Aleks (Health)

From: COVID-19 Media
Sent: Saturday, 19 December 2020 6:41 PM
To: Arya, Dinesh (Health)
Cc: Whitley, Amanda; Verden, Jo; COVID-19 Media; Coleman, Kerryn (Health)
Subject: RE: URGENT: Social post for this evening

OFFICIAL

Hi Dinesh

This is the email Kerryn is referring to about a social post for tomorrow. We thought to keep it Northern Beaches focussed tonight.

Penny

From: Verden, Jo <Jo.Verden@act.gov.au>
Sent: Saturday, 19 December 2020 6:33 PM
To: COVID-19 Media <COVID-19Media@act.gov.au>; Coleman, Kerryn (Health) <Kerryn.Coleman@act.gov.au>; ACT Health Office of the Chief Health Officer <ACTHealthOCHO@act.gov.au>
Cc: Whitley, Amanda <Amanda.Whitley@act.gov.au>; COVID-19 Media <COVID-19Media@act.gov.au>
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Hi there

The NSW Premier has asked the wider Sydney region to limit movements and avoid non-essential travel.

<https://www.9news.com.au/national/sydney-northern-beaches-lockdown-23-new-coronavirus-cases-in-cluster/b2722fb0-0296-4eac-b1f9-42dee167fcfb>

Kerryn - do you want us to say the same?

Regards

Jo Verden


Sent from iPhone

From: COVID-19 Media <COVID-19Media@act.gov.au>

Sent: Saturday, December 19, 2020 6:19:56 PM

To: Coleman, Kerryn (Health) <Kerryn.Coleman@act.gov.au>; ACT Health Office of the Chief Health Officer <ACTHealthOCHO@act.gov.au>

Cc: Verden, Jo <Jo.Verden@act.gov.au>; Whitley, Amanda <Amanda.Whitley@act.gov.au>; COVID-19 Media <COVID-19Media@act.gov.au>

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Further to your email below, I can't find on NSW the advice about moving around NSW on their facebook. Perhaps it can be a message for tomorrow's case update?

From: Coleman, Kerryn (Health) <Kerryn.Coleman@act.gov.au>

Sent: Saturday, 19 December 2020 5:57 PM

To: Gibson, Penny <Penny.Gibson@act.gov.au>; ACT Health Office of the Chief Health Officer <ACTHealthOCHO@act.gov.au>

Cc: Verden, Jo <Jo.Verden@act.gov.au>; Whitley, Amanda <Amanda.Whitley@act.gov.au>; COVID-19 Media <COVID-19Media@act.gov.au>

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Thanks all - this is good, but one question...

For the monitor for symptoms list of locations, if any of these are within the northern beaches then people should be doing the direction - that is quarantining... can we fix this one (it is a complex message)

Or should we reverse 2 and 3??

So 2 becomes... if you are at any of these locations do this...

3... or/and you have been in the northern beaches - quarantine.

Also, NSW is going out with some strong travel advice around moving writhing NSW - can we consider adding that to our strong do not travel to the northern beaches message???

?K

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From: Gibson, Penny <Penny.Gibson@act.gov.au>
Sent: Saturday, December 19, 2020 5:27:01 PM
To: Coleman, Kerryn (Health) <Kerryn.Coleman@act.gov.au>; ACT Health Office of the Chief Health Officer <ACTHealthOCHO@act.gov.au>
Cc: Verden, Jo <Jo.Verden@act.gov.au>; Whitley, Amanda <Amanda.Whitley@act.gov.au>; COVID-19 Media <COVID-19Media@act.gov.au>
Subject: FW: URGENT: Social post for this evening

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Hi Kerryn
 For your approval please. Approval trail below.

Thanks
 Penny

From: Arya, Dinesh (Health) <Dinesh.Arya@act.gov.au>
Sent: Saturday, 19 December 2020 5:25 PM
To: Gibson, Penny <Penny.Gibson@act.gov.au>
Cc: Verden, Jo <Jo.Verden@act.gov.au>; Whitley, Amanda <Amanda.Whitley@act.gov.au>; COVID-19 Media <COVID-19Media@act.gov.au>
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Thanks Penny. Looks good.

Kind regards

Dinesh

Dr. Dinesh K Arya
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From: Gibson, Penny <Penny.Gibson@act.gov.au>
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Hi Dinesh

Please find attached the draft social post for this evening for facebook and twitter. It has been cleared by Nicole, Dani, Karin and Sue

Please note: Amanda and Jo thought we needed to write something that will tide us over to Monday when we have the resources to reassess the website and have more specific answers to questions people may have which is why we did not go with the Q& style discussed at the meeting.

I hope your concerns from this morning were addressed.

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