

A person must not enter the Northern Beaches unless they have a reasonable excuse. A reasonable excuse includes entering the Northern Beaches to:

- Go to the person's place of residence in the Northern Beaches
- Travel through the Northern Beaches in a vehicle if the person does not leave the vehicle while in the area
- Do any of the activities that people living or staying on the Northern Beach may leave home to do, except for exercising

Public gatherings are limited to 2 persons, with certain exceptions. A number of premises and places are directed to close.

The Public Health (COVID-19 Restrictions on Gathering and Movement) Order (No 7) Amendment Order commenced on 17 December.

The Amending Order amends the Public Health (COVID-19 Restrictions on Gathering and Movement) Order (No 7) 2020 to:

- update the reference to the checklists so that a COVID-19 safety plan under the Order must address the matters in the relevant checklist as updated from time to time,
- update the definition of agricultural field days (as the current definition doesn't appropriately capture field days),
- remove the references to "regional" from the provisions relating to regional agricultural shows, so that it is clear that the relevant provisions apply to all agricultural shows, and
- include a new provision requiring the organiser of an outdoor rehearsal or performance to ensure all persons attending as spectators are assigned to a specific seat or seating area.

The Public Health (COVID-19 Aged Care Facilities) Order (No 4) 2020 commenced on 15 December 2020 and replaced the No 3 Order. It continues most of the restrictions and requirements in the No 3 Order (relating to limiting entry and requiring person permitted to enter to be screened prior to entry).

However, the No 4 order loosens the restrictions that apply in residential aged care facilities by:

- removing the restrictions on the number of care and support visitors a resident can receive at one time (that is, residents will no longer be limited to two visitors per visit),
- removing the requirement for persons entering to provide a care and support visit to have the flu vaccination, and
- allowing a person to enter a residential aged care facility to provide a "welfare or wellbeing" visit to residents or to accompany a prospective resident. Such visitors do not have to have a flu vaccination.

However, the No 4 Order requires the operator of a residential aged care facility to consider the advice of the Chief Health Officer in deciding the number of visitors who can enter the premises.

The Public Health (COVID-19 Maritime Quarantine) Order (No 4) 2020 commenced on 14 December.

The No 4 Order is substantially the same as the No 3 Order apart from the following:

- if a person disembarks a vessel or leaves a quarantine facility because of an emergency, they must comply with directions of the Commissioner of Police,
- a person who is allowed to temporarily embark on a vessel to perform functions or provide services must disembark immediately after providing the functions or services,
- minor changes are also made to define a "wharf" (under the Order, the occupier of the wharf must develop and comply with a COVID-19 safety plan), and
- the use of a hire car will be considered "appropriate transportation" for transporting crew between a vessel and a quarantine/medical facility or an airport.

The Public Health (COVID-19 Air Transportation Quarantine) Order (No 4) 2020 commenced on 14 December 2020. The No 4 Order continues the restrictions in the No 3 Order, subject to certain amendments:

- a "designated quarantine facility worker" cannot carry out services, or continue to carry out services, at a quarantine facility unless the person has been tested for COVID-19 in accordance with the NSW Testing Program for that class of workers. Similar restrictions apply to a "designated transportation worker".

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| | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The NSW Testing Program will be set out in the Quarantine Worker Surveillance and Testing Program, which must be approved by the Chief Health Officer. The NSW Testing Program sets out when different categories of worker must be tested – if a worker in that category is not tested in accordance with the Program, they cannot provide services at the quarantine facility until they have been tested. On 14 December, persons providing security services (but not police officers) were the only category of workers required to be tested in order to provide services. The category of workers included in the Testing Program may expand as time goes on. The No 4 Order also requires a person who leaves a quarantine facility because of an emergency to comply with the directions of the Commissioner of Police. The Order also requires designated air crew who are self-isolating to comply with the <i>Air Transportation Guidelines</i> as updated from time to time. |
| COVID-19 National Guidelines | <p>The COVID-19 CDNA National Guidelines for Public Health Units (COVID-19 SoNG) V3.11 was published on 10 December 2020. Changes from the last version have been highlighted within the link.</p> <p>https://www1.health.gov.au/internet/main/publishing.nsf/Content/cdna-song-novel-coronavirus.htm</p> |

Communications

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| Public Information | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Comms <ul style="list-style-type: none"> NSW Health website <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Daily case updates https://www.health.nsw.gov.au/Infectious/covid-19/Pages/latest-updates.aspx, https://www.health.nsw.gov.au/Infectious/covid-19/Pages/stats-nsw.aspx, https://www.health.nsw.gov.au/Infectious/covid-19/Pages/stats-local.aspx and https://www.health.nsw.gov.au/Infectious/covid-19/Pages/recent-case-updates.aspx Updated case locations <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Multiple close contact venues added and revised https://www.health.nsw.gov.au/Infectious/covid-19/Pages/case-locations-and-alerts.aspx#self-isolate Multiple casual contact venues added https://www.health.nsw.gov.au/Infectious/covid-19/Pages/case-locations-and-alerts.aspx#monitor Multiple public transport routes added https://www.health.nsw.gov.au/Infectious/covid-19/Pages/case-locations-and-alerts.aspx#routes Public Health (COVID-19 Northern Beaches) Order 2020 added https://www.health.nsw.gov.au/Infectious/covid-19/Pages/public-health-orders.aspx#nb Direct link to legislation: https://www.legislation.nsw.gov.au/file/Public%20Health%20(COVID-19%20Northern%20Beaches)%20Order%202020.pdf Updated NSW Health COVID-19 self-isolation guideline https://www.health.nsw.gov.au/Infectious/factsheets/Pages/self-isolation-covid-and-close.aspx linked from https://www.health.nsw.gov.au/Infectious/covid-19/Pages/isolation-guidelines.aspx DCS website <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Updated case locations <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Multiple close contact venues added and revised https://www.nsw.gov.au/covid-19/latest-news-and-updates#self-isolate-and-get-tested Multiple casual contact venues added https://www.nsw.gov.au/covid-19/latest-news-and-updates#monitor-for-symptoms Multiple public transport routes added https://www.nsw.gov.au/covid-19/latest-news-and-updates Updated Northern Beaches clinics page (updated to reflect extended hours and new clinics) https://www.nsw.gov.au/covid-19/clinics/northern-beaches Stakeholder communications |
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| | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ DCS alerts re: Northern Beaches Public Health Order – 128,000 notifications were sent overnight in all three channels (SMS, push app notification, EDM) ▪ Working with DCS on push notifications geo-targeting Turramurra and surrounding suburbs ▪ Working with Multicultural NSW on messaging and content on home gatherings and places of worship ▪ Review of revised DCS paid campaign creative on mask use – updating messaging to wear face masks in indoor settings ○ In development <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Social tiles: Advice to wear face masks in indoor settings ▪ Social tiles: New PHO advice for Greater Sydney area, Central Coast, Illawarra-Shoalhaven, Nepean Blue Mountains ▪ Social tiles: Advice to Northern Beaches residents away from home, and non-residents who have visited the Northern Beaches area ▪ Social tiles: Get tested immediately if you visit, live or work in Greater Sydney, Central Coast, Hunter region (Aboriginal health) ▪ Social tiles: Advice re: restrictions if visiting loved ones in residential aged care facilities ● Social <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Live: 11am Press conference ○ Posts: Daily case numbers, Public Health Alert (new case locations and public transport routes in Avalon Beach, Surry Hills, Forster, Narrabeen, Turramurra, Erskineville, St Peters, Mona Vale, Palm Beach, Raymond Terrace, Brookvale, Homebush), carousel of all testing clinics on Northern Beaches (updated to reflect extended hours and new clinics) – boosted and pinned post on Facebook, Public Health Alert (venues on Sydney's northern beaches, lower north shore, southern and eastern suburbs) ○ Update on traffic to NSW Health social media channels (week-on-week performance) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Page views: +480% Facebook, +283% Twitter ▪ Total post engagement: +371% Facebook, +476% Twitter ▪ Total post reach: +105% Facebook, +533% Twitter ▪ Total page followers: +13,795 Facebook, +8,777 Twitter ● Media <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Daily case numbers issued https://www.health.nsw.gov.au/news/Pages/20201220_00.aspx • 11am press conference (Premier Gladys Berejiklian, Minister for Health Brad Hazzard, NSW Chief Health Officer Dr Kerry Chant and NSW Police Deputy Commissioner Gary Worboys) https://vimeo.com/492941678/0e18567084 • Public Health Alert – new advice and venues https://www.health.nsw.gov.au/news/Pages/20201220_00.aspx |
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| Sitrep issued by: | Annabelle Stevens PHRB Operational Policy | Authorised by: | Dr Stephen Corbett Deputy PHRB Controller |
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Pond, Aleks (Health)

From: Hare, Merryn (Health)
Sent: Sunday, 20 December 2020 9:27 PM
To: Coleman, Kerry (Health)
Subject: FW: Hotspots Directions - No 8 - 20.12.20 at 8.00pm
Attachments: Hotspots Directions - No 8 - 20.12.20 at 8.00pm.docx

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Hi Kerry,

Karen Moxon waiting to receive word and scanned signed versions as per Friday if MAGS / Naveen not available. She is expecting the latest PH direction.

Kind regards,

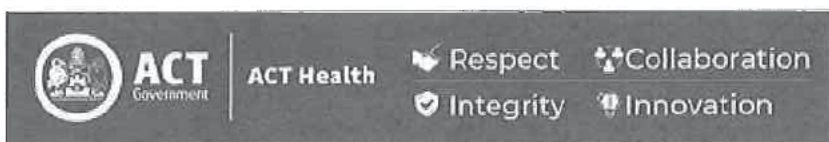
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Pond, Aleks (Health)

From: AHPPC Secretariat [REDACTED]
Sent: Sunday, 20 December 2020 9:39 PM
To: [REDACTED]

Subject: [SEC=OFFICIAL] Note: Outcomes from AHPPC meeting - 20 December 2020
Attachments: 20.12.20 AHPPC Emergency TC COVID19 Outcomes.docx

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Good evening members

Please find attached the outcomes from today's AHPPC meeting.

[REDACTED]
Director

**Australian Health Protection Principal Committee (AHPPC)**

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From: Head Of Service
Sent: Monday, 21 December 2020 9:01 AM
Subject: New Public Health Directions – for Greater Sydney (inc. Blue Mountains), Central Coast and Wollongong Local Government Areas

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21 December 2020

> A message from the Head of Service

Kathy Leigh

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New Public Health Directions – for Greater Sydney (inc. Blue Mountains), Central Coast and Wollongong Local Government Areas

Colleagues

As many of you will be aware, the situation in the Northern Beaches and Greater Sydney area continues to be very concerning. There are transmission events taking place in Greater Sydney, outside the Northern Beaches LGA.

To reduce the risk of the virus seeding in the ACT, Chief Health Officer Dr Kerryn Coleman has issued a new Public Health Direction as of 11.59pm last night (Sunday). Anyone entering the ACT who has been in COVID-affected areas **Greater Sydney (inc. Blue Mountains), Central Coast and Wollongong** on or after 21 December must now quarantine for 14 days from the time they enter the ACT.

A detailed list of locations covered by this Direction is available at <https://www.covid19.act.gov.au/community/travel/nsw>.

Any returning ACT residents will be able to quarantine at home as long as they can do so safely. Anyone returning must notify ACT Health in advance by completing an online declaration available on the COVID-19 website within the 24 hour period prior to travel.

Non-ACT residents from the Greater Sydney (incl. Blue Mountains) Central Coast and Wollongong are being advised **not to travel to the ACT**.

The Public Health Direction for the Northern Beaches Local Government Area is still in effect. It requires people who were in the Northern Beaches on or after **11 December** to self-quarantine for

14 days from the date they were last there. They should 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.

In addition, 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) 6207 7244 for further advice.

Demand for testing is high, so please plan ahead and support your fellow ACTPS staff delivering this important service for the community. For information on testing clinics please visit the COVID-19 website.

Further advice on high-risk settings for people who have been in Greater Sydney

The Chief Health Officer has identified Greater Sydney, Wollongong and the Central Coast as a geographical areas of risk for high-risk settings.

This means anyone who has been in these areas in the past 14 days should not visit or work in a high-risk setting for 14 days after leaving these areas. High-risk settings include hospitals, residential aged care facilities and correctional facilities.

Keep up-to-date on the latest COVID-19 advice in your area and find more information at www.covid19.act.gov.au/travel

I know this news will affect some of our staff directly and come as very disappointing news to many of you who were looking forward to a break with family and friends. Taking these measures now will help protect our families and friends and our broader community. Please take care of yourself and access your Employee Assistance Program for support if you need to.

For information on ACT Public Service staff arrangements for COVID-19 please visit the ACTPS Employment Portal.

Kathy Leigh
Head of Service

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Pond, Aleks (Health)

From: McGothigan, Nigel (Health)
Sent: Monday, 21 December 2020 9:02 AM
To: Coleman, Kerry (Health); Johnston, Vanessa (Health); Dombkins, Anthony (Health)
Cc: Sudan, Dolly (Health)
Subject: RE: Shoalhaven and Illawarra LGA

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Good morning team,

I understand you are incredibly busy. Thank you for all you are doing to keep the ACT safe.
 Can I please have confirmation that the restrictions and closures for ACT do NOT apply to the Shoalhaven and Illawarra LGA

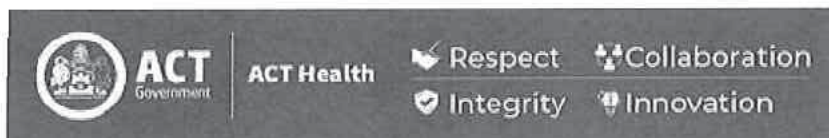
Kind regards

Nige

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Pond, Aleks (Health)

From: Coleman, Kerry (Health)
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To: Arthy, Kareena
Subject: FW: Hotels factsheet - 20 December
Attachments: Factsheet - Hotel Accommodation information.docx

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Kerryn

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Cc: Coleman, Kerry (Health) <Kerryn.Coleman@act.gov.au>; Hare, Merryn (Health) <Merryn.Hare@act.gov.au>
Subject: Fwd: Hotels factsheet - 20 December

Dear Neil, David and Rebekah

For visibility - this is the operational guidance that is/has gone to AHA. There may be further updates to this today.

Regards
 Meg

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From: Stewart-Moore, Karen <Karen.Stewart-Moore@act.gov.au>
Sent: Sunday, December 20, 2020 10:30 pm
To: Arthy, Kareena; Brighton, Meg (Health); Engele, Sam; Cross, Rebecca
Cc: Hare, Merryn (Health); Coleman, Kerry (Health); Whitley, Amanda; HECC Operations; COVID Exemptions; Pulli, Tracey (Health)
Subject: RE: Hotels factsheet - 20 December

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Dear all
 Apologies for the delay. Here is a factsheet that can be used tonight. CHO has cleared.
 We can update tomorrow with any feedback from AHA.

Thanks
 Karen

Factsheet for Hotel Accommodation providers

Public Health Direction for Greater Sydney (inc Blue Mountains, Central Coast and Wollongong) – 11.59pm Sunday 20 December 2020

Due to the rapidly evolving COVID-19 situation in the Northern Beaches and Greater Sydney area a Public Health Direction has been put in place by the ACT Chief Health Officer from **11.59pm Sunday 20 December 2020**.

The Public Health Direction requires anyone entering the ACT who has been in COVID-affected areas of Greater Sydney (inc. Blue Mountains), Central Coast, Wollongong **on or after 21 December 2020** will be required to notify ACT Health of their intention to travel and to quarantine for 14 days from the date they entered the ACT.

The Public Health Direction can be found on the [COVID-19 website](#).

Returning ACT residents will be able to quarantine at home.

A list of areas covered by the Direction is available at <https://www.covid19.act.gov.au/community/travel/nsw>.

What do hotels and accommodations providers need to do under this ACT Public Health Direction?

ACT Health is asking hotels and accommodation providers to screen guests upon arrival and ask if they are from the affected areas of Greater Sydney (inc Blue Mountains), Central Coast and Wollongong. If they are, ask them to provide their 'Interstate and returning traveller self-declaration form'.

If they cannot produce a form, direct them to the 'Interstate and returning traveller self-declaration form' on the COVID-19 website. Inform them of the need to fill this out and of their need to quarantine for 14 days.

If they are from those affected areas and **do not** have self-declaration form or an exemption from ACT Health they are in breach of the Public Health Direction. The hotel accommodation provider can call ACT Health COVID-19 exemptions team on 0435 186 488 for advice.

It is at the discretion of the hotel accommodation provider whether they are comfortable to host the guest/s in quarantine.

ACT Health will not be considering exemption requests for non-residents coming from Greater Sydney, except in extreme extenuating circumstances.



If those without an exemption refuse to leave, call the COVID-19 Helpline on (02) 6207 7244 for advice.

What if the guest has the required form and wants to quarantine in the hotel?

The guest/s will be required to quarantine for the full 14 days.

It is at the discretion of the accommodation provider if they are comfortable to accept the quarantining guest/s. If the accommodation provider declines to take any guest, the guest will have to find an alternate hotel or accommodation provider for their quarantine or return to NSW.

Does the government pay for anyone's quarantine?

No, all expenses incurred by a guest are at the guest's expense.

What if the guest is an ACT resident?

ACT residents returning to the ACT from the affected areas the after 11.59pm on **Sunday 20 December 2020** are required to quarantine for 14 days and can do so at home.

Some residents may not be able to quarantine safely at home and may seek alternative accommodation. It is at the discretion of the hotel or accommodation provider as to whether to take the guest.

Last updated: 10.30pm, 20 December 2020

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Pond, Aleks (Health)

From: Johnston, Vanessa (Health)
Sent: Monday, 21 December 2020 12:09 PM
To: Megan Cahill; Coleman, Kerryn (Health)
Subject: RE: Extension of GPRC testing asymptomatic people [SEC=OFFICIAL]

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Thanks Megan – can we possible ask the Commonwealth to extend to others from NSW in quarantine, namely those who were in greater Sydney, central coast or Wollongong on or after 21/12/20 ?

Best,
 Vanessa

From: Megan Cahill [REDACTED]
Sent: Monday, 21 December 2020 12:04 PM
To: Coleman, Kerryn (Health) <Kerryn.Coleman@act.gov.au>; Johnston, Vanessa (Health) <Vanessa.Johnston@act.gov.au>
Subject: FW: Extension of GPRC testing asymptomatic people [SEC=OFFICIAL]

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Hi Kerryn and Vanessa

FYI.

Regards
 Megan

Megan Cahill
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From: DAVIS, Carita [REDACTED]
Sent: Monday, 21 December 2020 11:54 AM
To: Megan Cahill <[REDACTED]>
Cc: [REDACTED]
Subject: FW: Extension of GPRC testing asymptomatic people [SEC=OFFICIAL]

Hi Megan,
 The Commonwealth approves the extension of the current arrangements for the ACT GPRCs through to 23 December for people returning from the Northern Beaches region and who attended the specified venues in the last week. This is in line with current approvals for NSW and will be reviewed on Wednesday.
 Kind regards,
 Carita

Carita Davis

Assistant Secretary
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The Department of Health acknowledges the Traditional Custodians of Australia and their continued connection to land, sea and community. We pay our respects to all Elders past and present.

From: Megan Cahill <[REDACTED]>
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To: [REDACTED]
Subject: FW: Extension of GPRC testing asymptomatic people

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Good morning

Please see email below requesting an extension of the GPRC arrangements for testing of non-symptomatic people. Can you please advise approval and timeframe for the extended arrangement.

Regards
 Megan

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From: Johnston, Vanessa (Health) <Vanessa.Johnston@act.gov.au>
Sent: Monday, 21 December 2020 10:46 AM
To: Megan Cahill [REDACTED] Coleman, Kerryn (Health) <Kerryn.Coleman@act.gov.au>
Subject: RE: Extension of GPRC testing asymptomatic people

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Yes please !

From: Megan Cahill [REDACTED]
Sent: Monday, 21 December 2020 10:20 AM
To: Coleman, Kerryn (Health) <Kerryn.Coleman@act.gov.au>; Johnston, Vanessa (Health) <Vanessa.Johnston@act.gov.au>
Subject: Extension of GPRC testing asymptomatic people

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Hi Kerryn and Vanessa

I'm just checking in to see whether you would like me to make a request to the C'wealth to extend the GPRC arrangements for testing of non-symptomatic people.

Regards
 Megan

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Hello again

Please see advice from the C'wealth.

Regards
Megan

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Subject: RE: Extension of GPRC testing asymptomatic people [SEC=OFFICIAL]

Hi Megan,
We permit targeted asymptomatic testing to remain in line with changing advice from ACT health. If the person presents for testing in a manner that is consistent to what is advised by ACT health authorities then they can be tested.
Thanks
Carita

From: Megan Cahill [REDACTED]
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To: DAVIS, Carita [REDACTED]
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Subject: RE: Extension of GPRC testing asymptomatic people [SEC=OFFICIAL]

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Hi Carita

I've had a further request from the Public Health Unit to be able to extend the current arrangements to others from NSW in quarantine, namely those who were in greater Sydney, Central Coast or Wollongong on or after 21/12/20, i.e. a larger geographical area than Northern Beaches region.

Can you please advise.

Thanks
 Megan

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From: DAVIS, Carita [REDACTED]
Sent: Monday, 21 December 2020 11:54 AM
To: Megan Cahill <[REDACTED]>
Cc: [REDACTED]

Subject: FW: Extension of GPRC testing asymptomatic people [SEC=OFFICIAL]

Hi Megan,

The Commonwealth approves the extension of the current arrangements for the ACT GPRCs through to 23 December for people returning from the Northern Beaches region and who attended the specified venues in the last week. This is in line with current approvals for NSW and will be reviewed on Wednesday.

Kind regards,
Carita

Carita Davis

Assistant Secretary
GP Respiratory Clinics and Infection Control Training Branch
COVID-19 Primary Care Response

Australian Government Department of Health

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Executive Assistant

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From: Megan Cahill
Sent: Monday, 21 December 2020 10:54 AM
To:
Subject: FW: Extension of GPRC testing asymptomatic people

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Good morning

Please see email below requesting an extension of the GPRC arrangements for testing of non-symptomatic people. Can you please advise approval and timeframe for the extended arrangement.

Regards
Megan

Megan Cahill
Chief Executive Officer
Capital Health Network
Diary Coordinator Kerry Weller-Lewis

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To: Megan Cahill [REDACTED] Coleman, Kerryn (Health) <Kerryn.Coleman@act.gov.au>
Subject: RE: Extension of GPRC testing asymptomatic people

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Yes please !

From: Megan Cahill [REDACTED]
Sent: Monday, 21 December 2020 10:20 AM
To: Coleman, Kerryn (Health) <Kerryn.Coleman@act.gov.au>; Johnston, Vanessa (Health) <Vanessa.Johnston@act.gov.au>
Subject: Extension of GPRC testing asymptomatic people

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Hi Kerryn and Vanessa

I'm just checking in to see whether you would like me to make a request to the C'wealth to extend the GPRC arrangements for testing of non-symptomatic people.

Regards
 Megan

Megan Cahill
 Chief Executive Officer
 Capital Health Network
 Diary Coordinator Kerry Weller-Lewis [REDACTED]

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Pond, Aleks (Health)

From: Gaughan, Neil <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Monday, 21 December 2020 12:57 PM
To: Coleman, Kerryn (Health)
Cc: Brighton, Meg (Health); Jonasson, Kylie (Health); ACT Health Office of the Chief Health Officer; Chew, Michael; [REDACTED]
Subject: RE: Oral direction re Public Health (COVID-19 Interstate Hotspots) Emergency Direction 2020 (No 8) [SEC=OFFICIAL]

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Thanks, Kerryn – we will move on this now.

Rgds
 Neil

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 ACT POLICING

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From: Coleman, Kerryn (Health) <Kerryn.Coleman@act.gov.au>
Sent: Monday, 21 December 2020 12:54 PM
To: Gaughan, Neil <[REDACTED]>
Cc: Brighton, Meg (Health) <Meg.Brighton@act.gov.au>; Jonasson, Kylie (Health) <Kylie.Jonasson@act.gov.au>; ACT Health Office of the Chief Health Officer <ACTHealthOCHO@act.gov.au>
Subject: Oral direction re Public Health (COVID-19 Interstate Hotspots) Emergency Direction 2020 (No 8)

OFFICIAL

Dear Neil

Please see below confirmation of my direction to allow an authorised person to request information to assist in implementing this Public Health Direction. We will include in the updated instrument being notified at 11.59 tonight following a 24 hour review. Please let me know if any concerns or questions.

Many thanks, Kerryn

I, Dr Kerryn Coleman, give the following direction in my capacity as the ACT Chief Health Officer, pursuant to section 120 of the Public Health Act 1997, on the basis that it necessary or desirable to alleviate the current Public Health emergency:

1. An authorised person may request information from any person entering the Australian Capital Territory for the purposes of determining whether that person is subject to the Public Health (COVID-19 Interstate Hotspots) Emergency Direction 2020 (No 8) [NI2020-820]; and
2. Any person entering the Australian Capital Territory must comply with any request made under paragraph 1.

Dr Kerryn Coleman

ACT Chief Health Officer

Public Health Physician

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Pond, Aleks (Health)

From: Johnston, Vanessa (Health)
Sent: Monday, 21 December 2020 4:06 PM
To: Coleman, Kerry (Health)
Subject: RE: testing of asymptomatic people

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We will do comms on ACT Health testing site as well re GP clinics

From: Coleman, Kerry (Health) <Kerry.Coleman@act.gov.au>
Sent: Monday, 21 December 2020 4:01 PM
To: Johnston, Vanessa (Health) <Vanessa.Johnston@act.gov.au>
Subject: FW: testing of asymptomatic people

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I spoke to Dave...
 FYI

Kerry

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Cc: Dahlstrom, Jane (Health) <Jane.E.Dahlstrom@act.gov.au>; CHECC <CHECC@act.gov.au>; Williams, Gareth <Gareth.Williams@act.gov.au>
Subject: RE: testing of asymptomatic people

OFFICIAL

Roger that.

David Jean

Senior Director, Strategy and Communications
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Cc: Dahlstrom, Jane (Health) <Jane.E.Dahlstrom@act.gov.au>; CHECC <CHECC@act.gov.au>; Jean, David (Health) <David.Jean@act.gov.au>; Williams, Gareth <Gareth.Williams@act.gov.au>
Subject: RE: testing of asymptomatic people

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Definitely we are trying to here – I got Min Steel across it today too...
 Just need to remember that for cwlth clinics they have to make an appointment on line

Kerry

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Cc: Dahlstrom, Jane (Health) <Jane.E.Dahlstrom@act.gov.au>; CHECC <CHECC@act.gov.au>; Jean, David (Health) <David.Jean@act.gov.au>
Subject: Re: testing of asymptomatic people

Thanks Kerry - Dave we should reflect that in comms as much as possible.

Dave

From: Coleman, Kerry (Health) <Kerry.Coleman@act.gov.au>
Sent: Monday, December 21, 2020 3:05:40 PM
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Cc: Dahlstrom, Jane (Health) <Jane.E.Dahlstrom@act.gov.au>; CHECC <CHECC@act.gov.au>; Jean, David (Health) <David.Jean@act.gov.au>
Subject: RE: testing of asymptomatic people

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Thanks Dave – additionally, the commonwealth funded RACs are also able to test asymptomatic people in line with ACT Health recommendations – we have sought permission for this again this morning.
 Thanks, K

Kerry

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Cc: Dahlstrom, Jane (Health) <Jane.E.Dahlstrom@act.gov.au>; CHECC <CHECC@act.gov.au>; Coleman, Kerryn (Health) <Kerryn.Coleman@act.gov.au>; Jean, David (Health) <David.Jean@act.gov.au>
Subject: testing of asymptomatic people
Importance: High

OFFICIAL

Hi Cathie

I just caught Kerryn to discuss. Can you please advise our testing centres that we are to test anyone who is entering quarantine – including those who are asymptomatic.

That means the areas covered is greater than the northern beaches, as we had been accepting up to this point.

I'd be grateful if you can share that message with our testing teams asap.

Thanks

Dave

Dave Pepper
Deputy Chief Executive

 Email: dave.pepper@act.gov.au

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Pond, Aleks (Health)

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Cc: Abrahamffy, Susie; Bernardi, Diana; Burkevics, Bren; Cahill, Megan (CHN); Defence, Joint Health Unit SNSW Ops; Garner, Denise; Garner, Michele; Hart, David; Hughes, Dot; Duty Officer - JOSS (Defence); Kent, Tamara; Leveans, Stacy; [REDACTED] Mitchell, Jo; Peters, Barbara; Reid, David (Health); Ryall, Judy; Simakoff-Ellims, Paul (Health); [REDACTED]
Subject: Health Emergency Control Centre - Coronavirus - Situation Report #212
Attachments: HECC SitRep #212 - 21122020 - APPROVED.pdf

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Dear Stakeholders,

Please see attached today's Health Emergency Control Centre (HECC) Situation Report (#212) for Coronavirus (COVID-19). The purpose of the attached HECC Situation Report is to provide an update on HECC operations.

This information should only be shared with staff on a "need-to-know" basis.

The HECC Situation Report is distributed to:

- ACT Health Sector Emergency Management Committee (includes all ACT hospitals, Capital Health Network, ACT Government Directorates, and other members)
- ACT Public Information Coordinator
- ACT Health Directorate Executives
- On-call Chief Health Officers
- Canberra Airport Group
- ACT Policing

Updated advice is also available on the ACT Government website at: <https://www.covid19.act.gov.au/>

For enquiries, please contact the Health Emergency Management Unit at hpsops@act.gov.au.

Kind regards,

David Reid | Assistant Director | Situations and Briefings

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Health Emergency Control Centre Situation Report

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| SitRep No: 212 | | | Date: 21 December 2020 1600hrs | | |
| Incident: Novel Coronavirus (COVID-19) | | | Location: Whole of ACT | | |
| Staffing: | | | | | |
| Chief Health Officer | Dr Kerryn Coleman | On-call Chief Health Officer | Dr Dinesh Arya | Deputy Health Controller (PH) | Craig Cannon |

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1. SITUATION SUMMARY:

| Location | Data as of | Active Cases | Confirmed Cases | Deaths | Cases Recovered | Hospitalised Patients | Total Tests |
|---------------|------------|--------------|-----------------|-----------|-----------------|-----------------------|-------------|
| ACT | 0900 21/12 | 1 | 118 | 3 | 114 | 0 | 129,768 |
| National | 0900 21/12 | ~120 | 28,171 | 908 | 25,486 | 26 | 10,579,410 |
| International | 1530 21/12 | | 76,798,836 | 1,692,871 | 43,270,536 | | |

Quarantine Data – Currently in quarantine as of 0900hrs (Sourced from the Daily Epi Report provided by HECC Operations: Data):

| | Home Quarantine | Hotel Quarantine | Total |
|------------------------------------|-----------------|------------------|------------|
| Domestic Quarantine | 0 | 1 | 1 |
| Close Contacts (ACT cases) | 0 | 1 | 1 |
| Close Contacts (Interstate) | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Returned from Victoria | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Parliamentarians | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Returned Overseas Traveller | 106 | 91 | 197 |
| Overseas Traveller | 6 | 5 | 11 |
| Diplomats and family members | 33 | 18 | 51 |
| Government Officials ¹ | 55 | 67 | 122 |
| Other ² | 12 | 1 | 13 |
| Total | 106 | 92 | 198 |

Exemptions Data – Total number of all applications as of 0900hrs (Sourced from the Office of the Chief Health Officer daily snapshot):

| | ACT | Non-ACT | Other | Total |
|--|----------|----------|----------|--------------|
| Approved | 1,902 | 1,766 | 1,726 | 5,394 |
| Not approved | 87 | 891 | 61 | 1,039 |
| Not applicable | 139 | 777 | 3 | 919 |
| Withdrawn | 324 | 778 | 67 | 1,169 |
| Outstanding / waiting on further applicant info. | - | - | - | 0 |
| Total Applications | - | - | - | 8,521 |

ACT:

- The ACT has one active case (returned international traveller in hotel quarantine).
- The CHO issued advice for Greater Sydney (incl. Blue Mountains), Central Coast, and Wollongong:
 - Enforced under Public Health (COVID-19 Interstate Hotspots) Emergency Direction (No 8);
 - If you are not an ACT resident, and have been in above locations, do not travel to the ACT;
 - Travellers to the ACT must quarantine and notify ACTH if they've been in the following areas:
 - Above locations after 2359hrs 20 December; and/or
 - Northern Beaches LGA on or after 11 December 2020;
 - Canberrans are advised not to travel to the above locations until further notice;
 - All travellers from above locations are required to notify ACT Health in advance by completing an online self-declaration form (to receive daily SMS, reminder to remain in quarantine etc);

¹ Includes overseas travellers who are parliamentarians.

² Includes family / household members quarantining with returned travellers.

- On 21 December 2020, the ACT travel advice was updated in line with NSW (removed Illawarra-Shoalhaven and Shoalhaven LGA as areas of risk).
- The high-risk settings and health professionals advice was updated on 20 December 2020.
- The ACT remains at Stage 4 of Canberra's Recovery Plan.
- The operational hours for ACT testing clinics have been updated into the Christmas/New Year break.

National:

- NSW held a press conference on the Avalon (Northern Beaches) cluster at 1100hrs today:
 - 15 new locally acquired cases in past 24 hours (at 2000hrs last night) linked to Avalon cluster;
 - A total of 83 locally acquired cases over the period of time for the cluster;
 - 38,000 tests conducted in Greater Sydney in past 24 hours;
 - There is evidence of community transmission in the Northern Beaches;
 - NSW will provide regular updates and provide daily press conferences at 1100hrs;
 - Restrictions for Northern Beaches and Greater Sydney are set until 2359hrs 23 December.
- Northern Territory, Queensland, South Australia, Tasmania, Victoria, and Western Australia have implemented travel restrictions with Greater Sydney.
- On 21 December 2020, the Victorian COVID-19 Hotel Quarantine Inquiry Report was released.

2. ACTIONS TAKEN:

Public Health Emergency Coordination Centre (PHECC):

- Operation Flamingo (ACT response to Greater Sydney travel restrictions):
 - Implemented new public health direction and issued public health advice.
 - Implemented online self-declaration form and undertook contact tracing.
 - Liaised with key stakeholders (incl. Canberra Airport, ACT Policing etc).
- COVID-19 Response (key / new tasks):
 - Ongoing management of SCAN Trial Program to conduct staff surveillance of hotel quarantine-associated staff (incl. hotel, ACTP, ADF, CHECC, and PHECC staff).
 - Managed home and hotel quarantine of overseas travellers.
- COVID-19 Policy and Support (key / new tasks):
 - Managed exemption applications.
 - Logistical support for overseas travellers requiring quarantine.
 - Logistical collaboration with hotels utilised for quarantine.

Clinical Health Emergency Coordination Centre (CHECC):

- Updated advice and screening tool for visitors / staff at health facilities for new affected areas.
- Ongoing assessment of the health workforce impact from travel restrictions with Greater Sydney, Central Coast and Wollongong.
- Currently managing increased testing numbers at testing clinics, including planning for additional opening times at testing centres over the Christmas period.
- Ongoing planning to respond to a COVID-19 outbreak in residential aged care facilities.

Public Information Coordination Centre (PICC):

- Prepared and issued COVID Update daily media statement, with an update on the Greater Sydney, clarification on travel advice and health directions, and information on the Weston Creek testing site.
- Media and social media requests received and actioned accordingly.
- Press conference with Acting Minister for Health, CHO, and Deputy Chief Police Officer.

ACT Policing Taskforce:

- *Nil changes* – Managed Territory Targeting Teams for compliance for people in hotel / home quarantine and compliance for bars, clubs and restaurants.
- Liaison Officer stationed in HECC (COVID-19 Response).

3. EVALUATION / THREAT ANALYSIS:

The Commonwealth Government daily infographic provides the current COVID-19 situation in Australia.

Next HECC SITREP: Tuesday 22 December 2020 1600hrs

Name: Craig Cannon

Position: Deputy Health Controller (Public Health)

Pond, Aleks (Health)

From: Reid, David (Health) on behalf of HECC Planning
Sent: Monday, 21 December 2020 4:07 PM
To: Ahmed, Naimat (Health); Anning, Sarah (Health); Arya, Dinesh (Health); Bell, Jess (Health); Brikcius, Chaylee (Health); Briones, Danielle (Health); Burkevics, Bren; Burns, Cathy (Health); Cannon, Craig (Health); Christensen, Tory (Health); Clarke, Naomi (Health); Clouten, Jody (Health); Coleman, Kerry (Health); Colquhoun, Judith (Health); Cortese, Paul (Health); Covid.ops; Craig, Alexandra; Curran, Margaret (Health); Dal Molin, Vanessa (Health); Data.covid; De Bellis-Ayres, Sabrina (Health); Devan, Mark; Duffy, Adam (Health); Dugdale, Paul (Health); English, Karin; Flett, Lauren (Health); Gibson, Penny; Hall, Seriden (Health); Harris, Miranda (Health); Hayward, Charissa (Health); ACT Health, HPSOps; HECC Planning; HECC Controller; ACT Health HECC Intelligence; HECC Liaison1 (Health); HECC Liaison2 (Health); HECC Liaison3 (Health); HECC Liaison4 (Health); HECC Logistics; HECC Operations; Huet, Jodie (Health); Hundy, Rebecca (Health); Jamieson, Francis (ADF); Jarvis, Justin (Health); Johnston, Vanessa (Health); Jones, Josie (Health); Keene, Toby (Health); Kelly, Chris (Health); Kelly, Sam (Health); Khan, Nida (Health); Kingsbury, Alison (Health); Leslie, Mark (Health); McLoughlin, Moira (Health); McNeill, Laura (Health); Millar, Emma (Health); ACT Health Office of the Chief Health Officer; Owen, Kimberly (Health); COVID-19 Comms; Polkinghorne, Ben (Health); Purdue, Brett (Health); Reid, David (Health); Reid, Sue (Health); Sandra Roodt; Ryan, Liam (Health); Smith, Louise; Steele, Fiona (Health); Stones, Rebecca (Health); Watson, Cathy (Health); Whinfield, Donald (Health); Whybrow, Kirsty (Health); Williams, Gareth; Wynants, Nicole (Health); Wynn, Sandra (Health)
Cc: Bonato, Peita (Health); Murray, Christine; Shuhyta, Amber; Spina, Justine (Health)
Subject: Health Emergency Control Centre - Coronavirus - Situation Report #212
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Dear HECC staff and Functional Areas,

Please see attached the Health Emergency Control Centre (HECC) Situation Report, current as of 1600hrs Monday 21 December 2020.

Copies of all Situation Reports are available on [SharePoint](#).

Kind regards,

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Pond, Aleks (Health)

From: Williams, Gareth
Sent: Monday, 21 December 2020 4:56 PM
To: Coleman, Kerryn (Health); ACT Health Office of the Chief Health Officer
Cc: Pulli, Tracey (Health); COVID-19 Media; Craig, Alexandra
Subject: RE: FOR APPROVAL: ACT COVID-19 Update - 21 December 2020

Importance: High

OFFICIAL

Hi Kerryn,

Apologies for the delay, but please see today's COVID update for your review and clearance.

We will still send this out, but also use for website and social, as per usual.

**COVID-19** update

ACT COVID-19 Update – 21 December 2020

Update on directions for anyone arriving in the ACT from Greater Sydney

There have now been 83 confirmed cases linked to the Northern Beaches cluster, as reported by NSW Health this morning. We continue to see transmission events take place in Greater Sydney, outside the Northern Beaches LGA.

Overnight, NSW Health updated their advice that COVID-affected areas cover Greater Sydney, Central Coast and Wollongong. Illawarra-Shoalhaven, which was initially included, has now been removed and Shoalhaven LGA is not included on the list of affected areas.

This means that any ACT resident who has visited or been to Greater Sydney, Central Coast or Wollongong since midnight last night will need to complete a declaration form prior to returning to the ACT, self-quarantine for 14 days once arriving back and get tested.

The declaration form is available on the [ACT COVID-19 website](#). Returning ACT residents will be able to quarantine at home if it is safe to do so.

If you are not an ACT resident and you have been to Greater Sydney, Central Coast or Wollongong since midnight last night, our message remains - **do not travel to the ACT**. If you come to the ACT, you will be required to quarantine immediately.

ACT Health will not be considering exemption requests for non-residents coming from the Greater Sydney, Central Coast and Wollongong areas except in extreme extenuating circumstances.

A more detailed list of locations affected is available at www.covid19.act.gov.au/community/travel/nsw. The list of affected Local Government Areas (LGAs) has not changed this morning, but it is important you keep checking back for updates as the situation develops.

We understand this situation will be difficult for many people and may unfortunately affect Christmas plans. While we will not have these restrictions in place any longer than we need to, we need the community to be prepared that this is likely to continue over the Christmas and New Year period. We also wish to remind the community to be kind to others during this challenging time. This year has been difficult for many people and we ask that the everyone consider the health and wellbeing of the people around them, and seek support if needed.

New FAQs on the ACT COVID-19 website

There is a list of new FAQs on the ACT COVID-19 website that address some of the most common questions we have been receiving. These FAQs will be updated as the situation develops and can be found at: <https://www.covid19.act.gov.au/news-articles/important-update-to-travel-advice>. Here are our top three:

Travelling through COVID-affected areas (like Greater Sydney) on the way to Canberra

If an ACT resident is travelling through Greater Sydney, Central Coast or Wollongong on the way to the ACT, they are able to do so without quarantining if they have transited through Sydney airport only, or through the designated affected areas by road without stops. More at <https://www.covid19.act.gov.au/community/travel/nsw>.

People travelling through the ACT from Greater Sydney or other COVID-affected areas without stopping

If a person is permitted to travel by NSW Health (and any other state or territory they are travelling to or from), they can transit through the ACT if the most direct route is through the ACT. While they are transiting through the ACT, they must not exit the vehicle nor go through a drive through café or restaurant.

Do I need to quarantine if I arrived in the ACT on or after 21 December but was last in Sydney, Central Coast or Wollongong before 21 December?

If you were in one of the affected areas in Greater Sydney, Central Coast or Wollongong, but left these areas before 21 December, you do not need to quarantine. However, if you were in the Northern Beaches Local Government Area at any time from 11 December, you will need to quarantine.

Information for ACT residents who have visited the Northern Beaches

Anyone who has visited the Northern Beaches area from Friday 11 December 2020 is legally required 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.

With demand for testing currently at high levels, we ask those impacted by this direction to immediately quarantine, organise their testing for later in the day and be patient with staff at our testing clinics. For information on testing clinics please visit the [COVID-19 website](#).

Our Public Health Directions will be consistent with the areas covered by the related Public Health Orders in NSW. We will continue to update our Direction as the situation in NSW develops, to ensure we follow NSW Health advice. If you have further questions, we encourage you to call the COVID-19 Helpline on (02) 6207 7244.

For those with plans to travel to NSW, we ask you to reconsider your need to leave the ACT. Cases are increasing and community transmission is occurring in multiple areas of the state.

To keep up-to-date, continue to follow us on Facebook, Twitter and visit <https://www.covid19.act.gov.au/>.

Reminder on high-risk settings for people who have been in Greater Sydney

The Chief Health Officer has identified Greater Sydney, Wollongong and the Central Coast as a geographical areas of risk for high-risk settings.

This means anyone who has been in these areas in the past 14 days should not visit or work in a high-risk setting for 14 days after leaving these areas. High-risk settings include hospitals, residential aged care facilities and correctional facilities.

Confirmed cases update

There have been **no new cases** of COVID-19 recorded in the ACT in the past 24 hours, leaving the ACT's total at **118**. There is **one active case** in the ACT.

A total of **114 cases** have recovered from COVID-19 in the ACT.

There are **no** COVID-19 patients in Canberra hospitals.

The ACT has recorded **three (3)** deaths.

The number of negative tests recorded in the ACT is now **129,768**

General information

It is everyone's responsibility to follow the health advice and do what we can to ensure we keep ourselves and the community safe. We ask Canberrans to:

- Physically distancing from other groups whenever possible
- Continue good hand and respiratory hygiene
- Stay home if you are unwell
- Get tested if you are experiencing any COVID-19 symptoms.

The ACT Government has a dedicated COVID-19 website for all information about the health and economic response to the pandemic in the ACT. For further information visit www.covid19.act.gov.au.

The ACT Government also has a helpline to assist Canberrans through the challenges of COVID-19. The COVID-19 Helpline is (02) 6207 7244 and is available until 9pm tonight and from 7am tomorrow morning.

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If we have incorrectly reflected your jurisdiction's position, please let us know.

Kind regards



Australian Health Protection Principal Committee (AHPPC)
of the Australian Health Ministers' Advisory Council (AHMAC)

Office of Health Protection | Australian Government Department of Health

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I acknowledge the traditional custodians of the lands and waters where we live and work, and pay my respects to elders past and present.

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Thanks all. Naveen are you able to scan?

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.

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Thank you Lisa

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Thanks everyone k

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Australian Capital Territory

Public Health (COVID-19 Interstate Hotspots) Emergency Direction 2020 (No 9)

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 9)*.

2. Commencement

This instrument commences at 11:59pm on 21 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.

5. Revocation

This Direction revokes and replaces the *Public Health (COVID-19 Interstate Hotspots) Emergency Direction (No 8)* [NI2020-820].

Dr Kerry Coleman
Chief Health Officer

21 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 OF AFFECTED PERSONS (OTHER THAN AN UNACCOMPANIED CHILD) FOLLOWING TRAVEL TO AND FROM COVID-19 HOTSPOTS

Direction

1. An **affected person** (other than an **unaccompanied** child) who 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.

PART 2 – SUPERVISED QUARANTINE OF UNACCOMPANIED CHILD FOLLOWING TRAVEL TO AND FROM COVID-19 HOTSPOTS



Direction

2. An **affected person** who is an **unaccompanied** child who 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.
3. A parent, guardian, person with **parental responsibility** or **carer** of a child who has travelled **unaccompanied** must:
 - a. quarantine with the child at **designated premises** for the **period of quarantine**; and
 - b. not leave the **designated premises**, other than in an emergency; and
 - c. not permit any other person that does not reside at the **designated premises** to enter the premises, unless for medical, law enforcement or emergency purposes.

PART 3 — MATTERS RELEVANT TO THESE DIRECTIONS

4. For the purposes of Parts 1 and 2, 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.
5. An **affected person** who wishes to travel into the Australian Capital Territory should complete an **Interstate traveller and returning resident self-declaration form** within the 24-hour period prior to travel, or as soon as reasonably practicable.
6. An **affected person** who, despite being subject to paragraph 5, arrives in the Australian Capital Territory without having completed an **Interstate traveller and returning resident self-declaration form** must:
 - a. complete an **Interstate traveller and returning resident self-declaration form** on arrival in the Australian Capital Territory; and
 - b. comply with any direction given by an **authorised person**.
7. An **affected person** must communicate to any person they come into contact with during the **period of quarantine** that they are undertaking a **period of quarantine** under this Direction.



8. When booking **accommodation** to undertake a **period of quarantine** the **affected person** must communicate to the accommodation provider that the booking is for the person to undertake a **period of quarantine** under this Direction.
9. An **authorised person** may direct a person who is subject to this Direction to do such things as are reasonably necessary to comply with this Direction.
10. Any person subject to this Direction must comply with any request under paragraph 9 by an **authorised person**.
11. An **authorised person** may ask a person entering or in the Australian Capital Territory for any information necessary to determine whether the person is subject to this Direction.
12. Any person entering or in the Australian Capital Territory must comply with any request made under paragraph 11 by an **authorised person**.
13. Anyone required to quarantine under this Direction must do so at their own expense.
14. The Chief Health Officer may, in writing and subject to any conditions that the Chief Health Officer considers necessary, exempt a person from this Direction.
15. 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

16. 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**.
17. If a person fails to comply with any direction given under paragraph 16, then the **authorised person** may take all reasonable steps to enforce compliance with the direction.

Guidance

18. 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].

19. All members of the **household** of the **designated premises** should undertake a **period of quarantine** in accordance with the guidance provided at Attachment A to this Direction.

Definitions

For the purposes of these directions:

20. **Accommodation** means a hotel, motel or serviced apartment.
21. **Affected person** means a person who has been in a declared **COVID-19 hotspot** on one of the dates specified in Column 2 of Schedule 1, other than a person who:
- a. transits through a **COVID-19 hotspot** by road or rail, including to attend an airport, provided the person does not exit the airport or the motor vehicle or train in which the person is travelling while in the **COVID-19 hotspot**; or
 - b. enters the Australian Capital Territory for urgent medical, law enforcement or emergency purposes; or
 - c. enters the Australian Capital Territory by road for transport or freight purposes; or
 - d. arrives in the Australian Capital Territory by air for the purpose of transiting to another destination, and does not leave the Canberra Airport; or
 - e. arrives in the Australian Capital Territory by air for the purpose of transiting to New South Wales by road and immediately does so; or
 - f. has undergone an unbroken 14-day period of hotel quarantine in Australia following a flight that originated from overseas, and has travelled directly to the Australian Capital Territory immediately upon completion of quarantine; or
 - g. travels directly to the Australian Capital Territory by road, without exiting the motor vehicle in a **COVID-19 hotspot**, after having arrived at Sydney Airport by air.
22. **Authorised person** means an authorised person under section 121 of the *Public Health Act 1997*.
23. **Carer**, for the purposes of this Direction, includes an appropriate adult nominated by a person with **parental responsibility**.
24. **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.
25. 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, **accommodation** that is suitable for the person to reside in for a **period of quarantine**.



26. A **household** means people who ordinarily reside at the same residential premises.
27. **Interstate traveller and returning resident self-declaration form** means a form approved by the Chief Health Officer.
28. **Parental responsibility** is as defined in section 15 of the *Children and Young People Act 2008*.
29. 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**.
30. For an **affected person** who is a child, **unaccompanied** means without the presence of a person with **parental responsibility**.

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).

Dr Kerry Coleman

Chief Health Officer

21 December 2020



ATTACHMENT A

Guidance for members of households who are required to quarantine

- If the **affected person** can maintain appropriate separation from other members of the **household**, the other members of the **household** do not need to quarantine.
- Appropriate separation means that the **affected person** should sleep in a separate bedroom, use a separate bathroom if available, and avoid spending time in the same room as other members of the **household**. If the **affected person** needs to be in the same room as members of the **household**, it is recommended that the **affected person** and members of the **household** wear a mask.
- If an **affected person** and members of the **household** cannot maintain separation as described above, then the members of the **household** will need to quarantine with the **affected person**, or the **affected person** should undertake quarantine in alternative **accommodation**.
- If a member of the **household** undertakes quarantine with the **affected person**, other than in the case of an emergency, all members of the **household** should remain in the designated premises for the **period of quarantine**.



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 |
| Bayside local government area, New South Wales (excluding transit through Sydney airport) | Any date on or after 21 December 2020 |
| Blacktown City local government area, New South Wales | Any date on or after 21 December 2020 |
| Blue Mountains City local government area, New South Wales | Any date on or after 21 December 2020 |
| Burwood local government area, New South Wales | Any date on or after 21 December 2020 |
| Camden local government area, New South Wales | Any date on or after 21 December 2020 |
| Campbelltown City local government area, New South Wales | Any date on or after 21 December 2020 |
| Canada Bay City local government area, New South Wales | Any date on or after 21 December 2020 |
| Canterbury-Bankstown local government area, New South Wales | Any date on or after 21 December 2020 |
| Central Coast local government area, New South Wales | Any date on or after 21 December 2020 |
| Cumberland local government area, New South Wales | Any date on or after 21 December 2020 |
| Fairfield City local government area, New South Wales | Any date on or after 21 December 2020 |
| Georges River local government area, New South Wales | Any date on or after 21 December 2020 |
| Hawkesbury City local government area, New South Wales | Any date on or after 21 December 2020 |
| Hornsby Shire local government area, New South Wales | Any date on or after 21 December 2020 |
| Hunter's Hill Municipality local government area, New South Wales | Any date on or after 21 December 2020 |
| Inner West local government area, New South Wales | Any date on or after 21 December 2020 |
| Ku-ring-gai local government area, New South Wales | Any date on or after 21 December 2020 |
| Liverpool City local government area, New South Wales | Any date on or after 21 December 2020 |



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| Lane Cove Municipality local government area, New South Wales | Any date on or after 21 December 2020 |
| Mosman Municipality local government area, New South Wales | Any date on or after 21 December 2020 |
| North Sydney local government area, New South Wales | Any date on or after 21 December 2020 |
| Parramatta City local government area, New South Wales | Any date on or after 21 December 2020 |
| Penrith City local government area, New South Wales | Any date on or after 21 December 2020 |
| Randwick City local government area, New South Wales | Any date on or after 21 December 2020 |
| Ryde City local government area, New South Wales | Any date on or after 21 December 2020 |
| Strathfield Municipality local government area, New South Wales | Any date on or after 21 December 2020 |
| Sutherland Shire local government area, New South Wales | Any date on or after 21 December 2020 |
| Sydney City local government area, New South Wales | Any date on or after 21 December 2020 |
| The Hills Shire local government area, New South Wales | Any date on or after 21 December 2020 |
| Waverley local government area, New South Wales | Any date on or after 21 December 2020 |
| Willoughby City local government area, New South Wales | Any date on or after 21 December 2020 |
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Hi Meg, had to Get Kerryn to re-sign as she missed the first page. Attached is the final signed instrument.

Many thanks
 Naveen

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