

South Australia

Emergency Management (COVID-19) (Isolation Following Diagnosis or Close Contact) Direction 2020

under section 25 of the *Emergency Management Act 2004*

Preamble

- 1 On 22 March 2020 I, Grantley Stevens, Commissioner of Police, being the State Co-ordinator for the State of South Australia pursuant to section 14 of the *Emergency Management Act 2004* (the *Act*), declared pursuant to section 23 of the Act that a Major Emergency is occurring in respect of the outbreak of the Human Disease named COVID-19 within South Australia.
- 2 Now I, Grantley Stevens, being of the opinion that this is necessary to achieve the purposes of the Act, give the following direction pursuant to section 25 of the Act.

1—Short title

This direction may be cited as the *Emergency Management (COVID-19) (Isolation Following Diagnosis or Close Contact) Direction 2020*.

2—Interpretation

In this direction—

SoNG means the *Series of National Guidelines—Coronavirus Disease 2019 (COVID-19) CDNA National Guidelines for Public Health Units* published by the Australian Government Department of Health.

3—Direction—diagnosed persons

- (1) A person who has been diagnosed with COVID-19 is directed—
 - (a) unless paragraph (b) applies, to—
 - (i) identify suitable premises and ensure arrangements are in place for them to reside at those premises;
 - (ii) if not already at those premises, travel by the most direct practical route and means to those premises;
 - (iii) reside and remain at the premises, isolated and segregated from other persons (excluding persons who usually live at the premises) for a period determined by the treating medical practitioner based on the SoNG;
 - (iv) remain at those premises, except—

- (A) for the purposes of obtaining medical care or medical supplies; or
 - (B) in any other emergency situation; or
 - (C) for any reason approved in advance by the State Co-ordinator or his delegate or an authorised officer;
- (v) take reasonable steps to ensure that no other person enters the premises unless that other person usually lives at the premises, or the other person is also complying with a direction to isolate, or for medical or emergency purposes; or
 - (vi) follow all reasonable directions from a treating medical practitioner;
- (b) if advised by a medical practitioner, to remain in a health facility in accordance with that advice, and to follow all reasonable directions from a treating medical practitioner, until a medical practitioner certifies that the person meets the criteria for discharge from a health facility in accordance with the SoNG.
- (2) If—
 - (a) a person is discharged under subclause (1)(b); and
 - (b) at the time of discharge, the person is advised by a medical practitioner to continue to be isolated,

the person must comply with the requirements under subclause (1)(a) for a period specified by the medical practitioner in accordance with the SoNG.

4—Direction—close contact

If an authorised officer considers that a person (the *contacted person*) has had, or is likely to have, close contact with a person who has been diagnosed with COVID-19, the contacted person must remain isolated and segregated from other persons in accordance with the directions of an authorised officer.


5—Powers of authorised officers

Nothing in this direction derogates from the powers of authorised officers to exercise powers pursuant to the Act.

IMPORTANT— IT IS AN OFFENCE TO BREACH THIS DIRECTION

This direction operates from the *28th* day of *March* 2020 at *0001* hours

SIGNED at *ADENHURST* on this *27th* day of *March* 2020
at *1927* hours



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GRANTLEY STEVENS
STATE CO-ORDINATOR

