

South Australia

## Emergency Management (COVID-19) (Medi-Hotel Testing) Direction 2020

under section 25 of the *Emergency Management Act 2004*

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### 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 directions pursuant to section 25 of the Act.

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### 1—Short title

This direction may be cited as the *Emergency Management (COVID-19) (Medi-Hotel Testing) Direction 2020*.

### 2—Interpretation

In this direction—

*authorised officer* means an authorised officer under the *Emergency Management Act 2004*;

*COVID-19 test* means a Polymerase Chain Reaction test to diagnose COVID-19 of a kind determined by the Chief Public Health Officer (or delegate);

*designated green zone* means a clean zone where personal protective equipment (other than a face mask) is not required.

*Medi-hotel site* is comprised of any hotel operating in South Australia that has contracted with the State Government to provide quarantine accommodation;

*prescribed authorised officer* means the Chief Executive of the Department, the South Australian Chief Public Health Officer or a deputy Chief Public Health Officer;

*symptoms of COVID-19* means the person has any of the following symptoms:

- (a) cough; or
- (b) sore throat; or
- (c) shortness of breath; or
- (d) runny nose; or

- (e) fever or history of fever or chills; or
- (f) Acute loss of smell or taste; or
- (g) Headache; or
- (h) Muscle aches; or
- (i) Unexplained fatigue; or
- (j) Nausea and/or vomiting and/or diarrhoea.

### **3—Application of direction**

- (1) Except as provided in subclause (2), this direction applies to any person who has been physically present on a medi-hotel site at any time from 0001 hours on 25 November 2020 for the purpose of performing work of any kind.

**Note—**

This includes all employees and contractors of SA Police, SA Health, Australian Defence Force, and all employees and contractors of the medi-hotel operator including front of house, cleaning and security.

- (2) Subclause (1) does not apply to the following persons:
- (a) any person who delivered goods to a medi-hotel site and was only physically present in a designated green for less than 30 minutes, during which time they had no contact with any person undertaking a period of quarantine on site; and

**Example—**

A delivery driver dropping off goods to the medi-hotel site.

- (b) any person who was directed to enter, reside and remain at a medi-hotel site in order to undertake a period of quarantine.

### **4—Testing and symptoms of COVID-19**

- (1) A person to whom this direction applies must submit to a COVID-19 test at least once every 7 calendar days, for up to 14 calendar days from the date that the person was last physically present on a medi-hotel site.

**Example—**

A person submits to a COVID-19 test on 25 November 2020; they must submit to another COVID-19 test by midnight on 1 December 2020.

- (2) A person required to submit to a COVID-19 test under this clause must not refuse or fail to comply with a reasonable requirement or direction of a person in relation to the conduct of the COVID-19 test.
- (3) A person required to submit to a COVID-19 test under this clause must upon request of an authorised officer, produce evidence that they have complied with subclause (1).
- (4) If a person to whom this direction applies displays symptoms of COVID-19, the person must immediately notify SA Health of those symptoms.
- (5) If a person to whom this direction applies displays symptoms of COVID-19 and is directed by SA Health to submit to a COVID-19 test, the person must reside and remain, quarantined and segregated from other persons pending confirmation of a negative result from that test.

**Note—**

A person to whom this direction applies who is awaiting pending COVID-19 test results but does not display symptoms of COVID-19 is not required to self-quarantine pending confirmation of a negative result from that test.

**5—Operator of medi-hotel site—Testing Compliance Plan**

- (1) The operator of a hotel that is a medi-hotel site must adopt a Testing Compliance Plan that requires employees and contractors of the operator to notify the operator of their undertaking of a COVID-19 test pursuant to clause 4.
- (2) The operator of a hotel that is a medi-hotel site must—
  - (a) keep records of information given to them under this clause; and
  - (b) provide such records to an authorised officer on request; and
  - (c) upon becoming aware of an instance of non-compliance with clause 4 of this direction, urgently advise an authorised officer of that non-compliance.

**Note—**

This requirement is to assist with contact tracing if an identified case of COVID-19 is confirmed.

**6—Exemptions**

A prescribed authorised officer may, if satisfied that exceptional circumstances exist, exempt (conditionally or unconditionally) a person or class of persons from this direction or a provision of this direction.

**7—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 <sup>25<sup>th</sup></sup> day of <sup>November</sup> 2020 at <sup>0001</sup> hours

SIGNED at <sup>ADVERTISE</sup> on this <sup>24<sup>th</sup></sup> day of <sup>November</sup> 2020 at <sup>1620</sup> hours



**GRANTLEY STEVENS**  
STATE CO-ORDINATOR

