

South Australia

Emergency Management (Prohibition of Certain Point of Care Tests No 2) (COVID-19) 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 directions pursuant to section 25 of the Act.

1—Short title

This direction may be cited as the *Emergency Management (Prohibition of Certain Point of Care Tests) (COVID-19) Direction 2020*.

2—Revocation

- (1) This direction replaces the *Emergency Management (Prohibition of Point of Care Serology Tests) (COVID-19) Direction 2020*.
- (2) The *Emergency Management (Prohibition of Point of Care Serology Tests) (COVID-19) Direction 2020* is revoked.

3—Direction

- (1) A person must not use—
 - (a) a point of care serological (blood) test (including an assay or device); or
 - (b) a point-of-care antigen based or nucleic acid based (upper or lower respiratory tract or oropharyngeal specimen) test (including an assay or device),

as a tool to detect or diagnose COVID-19.

- (2) Subclause (1) does not apply to a person employed or engaged in the provision of pathology services within SA Pathology or public health services within the Department of Health and Wellbeing.

- (3) Subclause (1)(b) does not apply to a person employed or engaged in the provision of pathology services in a laboratory accredited by the National Association of Testing Authorities or similar testing service if the service provider and the purpose of the point-of-care testing have been approved by the Chief Public Health Officer or their delegate.

4—Powers of Authorised Officers

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

IMPORTANT—

FAILURE TO COMPLY WITH THIS DIRECTION IS AN OFFENCE.

This direction operates from the *16th* day of *March* 2021 at *0900* hours

SIGNED at *MELBOURNE* on this *16th* day of *March* 2021
at *0900* hours


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GRANTLEY STEVENS
STATE CO-ORDINATOR