

Public Health Act 1997

DIRECTION UNDER SECTION 16

(Testing of persons involved in international arrivals – No. 1)

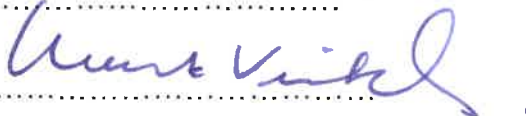
I, MARK VEITCH, the Director of Public Health, in pursuance of section 16 of the *Public Health Act 1997* ("the Act"), in order to manage the threat to public health posed by the notifiable disease known as COVID-19 ("the disease"), direct that –

- (a) this direction applies to a person if the person was present on a quarantine site, or an arrival site, on or after 2 December 2020; and
- (b) paragraph (a) does not apply to a person who has been present on the quarantine site if –
 - (i) the person –
 - (A) is only present on the site for the purposes of delivering goods to, or collecting goods from, the site or providing necessary cleaning or sanitation services in respect of the site; and
 - (B) while present on the site, does not have contact with a person who is in isolation or quarantine at the site; and
 - (C) is only present on the site for a total period of not more than 30 minutes in a 24-hour period; or
 - (ii) the person is present on the site to isolate, or quarantine, in respect of the disease; and
- (c) a person to whom this direction applies must, while this direction so applies, undergo a test for the disease –
 - (i) within the test period after the day on which the person was present on the arrival site or a quarantine site that resulted, under paragraph (a), in this direction applying to the person; and
 - (ii) within the test period after the day on which the person last underwent a test for the disease; and
- (d) this direction ceases to apply to a person if –

- (i) the person has not been present on an arrival site or a quarantine site for at least 14 days; and
 - (ii) the person has undergone a test for the disease in accordance with paragraph (c) at least 10 days after he or she was last present on such a site; and
- (e) a person to whom this direction applies, or to whom this direction has applied, must provide, on the request of the Director of Public Health or his or her delegate, evidence to the satisfaction of the Director of Public Health, or his or her delegate, that the person has complied with this direction while it applied to the person; and
- (f) the Director of Public Health, or his or her delegate, may exempt a person, or a specified class of persons, from all or part of this direction subject to such conditions as the Director of Public Health or his or her delegate considers appropriate in the circumstances; and
- (g) in this direction –
 - (i) **arrival site** means a premise or vehicle, or part of a premises or vehicle, that is designated by the Director of Public Health, or his or her delegate, as a location where the risk of transmission of the disease may be increased due to –
 - (A) the use of the premise or vehicle, or part of the premise or vehicle, by an international traveller; or
 - (B) the belongings of an international traveller being present in the premises or vehicle or part of the premise or vehicle –during the relevant period in relation to the international traveller; and
 - (ii) **international traveller** means a person who arrives in Tasmania and, within the 48-hour period before his or her arrival in Tasmania, has spent time in a country other than Australia or New Zealand; and
 - (iii) **premises** has the same meaning as in the Act; and
 - (iv) **quarantine site** means the following premises:
 - (A) the premises situated at 173 Macquarie Street, Hobart that is being operated under the name “Ibis Styles”;

- (B) the premises situated at 156 Bathurst Street, Hobart that is being operated under the name “Best Western Hobart”;
- (C) the premises situated at 40 Brooker Highway, Hobart that is being operated under the name “UTAS Fountainside Accommodation”; and
- (v) **relevant period**, in relation to an international traveller, means the period between the arrival of the international traveller into Tasmania and the arrival of the international traveller at such part of the premises where he or she intends to isolate, or quarantine, as lawfully required in respect of the disease; and
- (vi) **test for the disease** means a nucleic acid detection test for the genetic material of SARS-CoV-2, conducted by a laboratory with the relevant accreditation, for such a test, by the National Association of Testing Authorities; and
- (vii) **test period** means a period no less than 5 days, and no greater than 8 days, calculated from, and including, the day from which the test period is to be calculated.

Dated: 8 December 2020

Signed: 

Director of Public Health