

*Public Health Act 1997*

**DIRECTION UNDER SECTION 16**

*(Quarantine – 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) an identified contact must, on being notified that he or she is an identified contact –
  - (i) travel directly to a suitable place in respect of the identified contact; and
  - (ii) remain, subject to paragraph (b), in quarantine at that place until the first of the following:
    - (A) if the suitable place of the identified contact is premises where there are no persons diagnosed with the disease in isolation, at least 14 days have passed since the identified contact was last exposed, or was last suspected by the Director of Public Health of being exposed, to the disease;
    - (B) if the suitable place of the identified contact is premises where a person diagnosed with the disease is also in isolation, at least 14 days have passed since each person diagnosed with the disease at those premises has been released from that isolation under the Act; and
  
- (b) an identified contact must remain at a suitable place unless –
  - (i) the identified contact is travelling directly to, or from, another suitable place; or
  - (ii) there is an emergency that requires the identified contact to leave the suitable place to protect his or her personal safety, or the safety of another, and the identified contact immediately returns to a suitable place as soon as the emergency has passed; and

- (c) in this direction –
- (i) **identified contact** means a person who has been notified, at the direction of the Director of Public Health, that the person has been, or is suspected on reasonable grounds of having been, exposed to the disease; and
  - (ii) **premises** has the same meaning as in the Act; and
  - (iii) **suitable place**, in respect of an identified contact, means –
    - (A) if the identified contact requires medical treatment, the hospital, or another place, for medical treatment as directed by –
      - (I) the operator of the Tasmanian Public Health Hotline, operated by the Department of Health in respect of the disease, who is responding to a call to that Hotline by the identified contact; or
      - (II) a person registered under the *Health Practitioner Regulation National Law (Tasmania)* in the medical, dental, paramedicine or midwifery profession; or
    - (B) if the identified contact intends to be in quarantine at his or her primary residence, the primary residence of the identified contact; or
    - (C) if the identified contact does not intend, or is unable, to be in quarantine at his or her primary residence, other premises that are approved by the Director of Public Health, or his or her delegate, as suitable premises for the identified contact to be in quarantine; or
    - (D) if the identified contact is in quarantine at premises other than his or her primary residence and wishes to return to his or her primary residence, the primary residence of the identified contact if the Director of Public Health, or his or her

delegate, has approved the relocation to the primary residence.

Dated: 17 April 2020

Signed: 

Director of Public Health