



## Thomson Geer COVID-19 Directives Guide

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The COVID19 crisis has resulted in numerous government directives with the objective of implementing public health measures intended to reduce the spread of COVID19 and 'flatten the curve'. The table below sets out these directives and the relevant legislation providing the power to do so. These directives are changing daily and new directives are being issued regularly, please check for updates and contact us if you need specific advice.

Commonwealth/State/Territory	Status
<b>Commonwealth</b> ( <i>Biosecurity Act 2015</i> (Cth))	<p>The Governor-General <a href="#">declared</a> a human biosecurity emergency on 18 March 2020. The declaration is in force for 3 months and gives the Minister for Health expansive powers to issue <i>directions</i> and set <i>requirements</i> in order to combat the outbreak. This is the first time these powers under the <i>Biosecurity Act</i> have been used.</p> <p>The Minister has issued the following requirements under the <i>Biosecurity Act</i>.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• <a href="#">Cruise Ship Prohibition</a></li><li>• <a href="#">Exit Requirements</a></li><li>• <a href="#">Remote Communities</a></li><li>• <a href="#">Retail Outlets at International Airports</a></li><li>• <a href="#">Swissotel Sydney</a></li><li>• <a href="#">Overseas travel ban</a></li></ul>

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <a href="#">Essential Goods</a></li> </ul> <p>To date, the remainder of the "directives" publicised by the federal government have actually been formalised at State and Territory level under the relevant Public Health or Emergency Management Act.</p>
<p><b>Victoria</b> (<i>Emergency Management Act 1986 (Vic) &amp; Public Health and Wellbeing Act 2008 (Vic)</i>)</p>	<p>The Victorian government has declared a State of Emergency from 16 March 2020 to midnight on 13 April 2020 and issued a number of directives:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <a href="#">Stay at Home</a></li> <li>• <a href="#">Restricted Activities</a></li> <li>• <a href="#">Detention Notice</a></li> <li>• <a href="#">Revocation of airport arrivals and cruise ships directions</a></li> <li>• <a href="#">Airport arrivals</a></li> <li>• <a href="#">Cruise ships docking</a></li> <li>• <a href="#">Aged Care</a></li> <li>• <a href="#">Hospital visitors</a></li> <li>• <a href="#">Isolation (Diagnosis)</a></li> </ul> <p>For more information on the latest government directives see: <a href="https://www.dhhs.vic.gov.au/state-emergency">https://www.dhhs.vic.gov.au/state-emergency</a></p>
<p><b>Australian Capital Territory</b> (<i>Emergencies Act 2004 (ACT) &amp; Public Health Act 1997 (ACT)</i>)</p>	<p>The Australian Capital Territory government declared a Public Health Emergency on 16 March 2020 which was further extended on 1 April 2020 for a period of 2 days and has issued a number of directives:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <a href="#">Aged Care</a></li> <li>• <a href="#">Returned Travellers</a></li> <li>• <a href="#">Non-Essential Business closure (No 4)</a></li> <li>• <a href="#">Non-Essential Gatherings</a></li> <li>• <a href="#">Self-Isolation</a></li> </ul> <p>For more information about ACT government directives see: <a href="https://www.covid19.act.gov.au/help-and-advice/public-health-directions">https://www.covid19.act.gov.au/help-and-advice/public-health-directions</a></p>
<p><b>New South Wales</b> (<i>State Emergency and Rescue Management Act 1989 (NSW) &amp; Public Health Act 2010 (NSW)</i>)</p>	<p>The New South Wales government has issued a number of directives:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <a href="#">Restrictions on Gathering and Movement</a></li> <li>• <a href="#">Maritime Quarantine</a></li> <li>• <a href="#">Air Transportation Quarantine</a></li> <li>• <a href="#">Exemption Air Transportation Quarantine</a></li> <li>• <a href="#">Quarantine</a></li> <li>• <a href="#">Aged care</a></li> </ul>

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<p><b>Queensland</b> (Disaster Management Act 2003 (Qld) &amp; Public Health Act 2005 (Qld))</p>	<p>The Queensland government has declared a State of Emergency until 19 May 2020 and issued a number of directives:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <a href="#">Home confinement</a></li> <li>• <a href="#">School and Early Childhood Service Exclusion</a></li> <li>• <a href="#">Self-Quarantine from overseas</a></li> <li>• <a href="#">Aged care</a></li> <li>• <a href="#">Mass gatherings</a></li> <li>• <a href="#">Trading hours</a></li> <li>• <a href="#">Corrective services facilities</a></li> <li>• <a href="#">Non-essential business closure</a></li> <li>• <a href="#">Local Government Election and State by-elections</a></li> <li>• <a href="#">Border Restrictions</a></li> <li>• <a href="#">Hospital Visitors</a></li> <li>• <a href="#">Self-Isolation</a></li> <li>• <a href="#">Restrictions in Private Residences</a></li> </ul> <p>For more information on these directives please see: <a href="https://www.health.qld.gov.au/system-governance/legislation/cho-public-health-directions-under-expanded-public-health-act-powers">https://www.health.qld.gov.au/system-governance/legislation/cho-public-health-directions-under-expanded-public-health-act-powers</a></p>
<p><b>Northern Territory</b> (Emergency Management Act 2013 (NT) &amp; Public and Environmental Health Act 2011 (NT))</p>	<p>The Northern Territory government has declared a State of Emergency from 16 March 2020 which was further extended for 90 days from 28 March 2020 and has issued a number of directives:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <a href="#">Border Restrictions</a></li> <li>• <a href="#">Aged care</a></li> <li>• <a href="#">Gatherings</a></li> <li>• <a href="#">Assistance for police officers</a></li> <li>• <a href="#">Infected Persons</a></li> <li>• <a href="#">Closure of public places, services and activities</a></li> </ul>

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	<p>For more information on the latest government directives see: <a href="https://coronavirus.nt.gov.au/chief-health-officer-directions">https://coronavirus.nt.gov.au/chief-health-officer-directions</a></p>
<p><b>Western Australia</b> (<i>Emergency Management Act 2005 (WA) &amp; Public Health Act 2016 (WA)</i>)</p>	<p>The Western Australian government declared a Public Health State of Emergency on 16 March 2020 which has been further extended for a period of 14 days from 28 March 2020 and has issued a number of directives:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <a href="#">Self-isolation following interstate travel</a></li> <li>• <a href="#">Self-isolation following overseas travel</a></li> <li>• <a href="#">Self-isolation following overseas travel (No 2)</a></li> <li>• <a href="#">Self-isolation following overseas travel (No 3)</a></li> <li>• <a href="#">Self-quarantine and isolation (tested, close contact and appearance of symptoms)</a></li> <li>• <a href="#">Closure of certain places of business, worship and entertainment</a></li> <li>• <a href="#">Closure of certain places of business, worship and entertainment (No 2)</a></li> <li>• <a href="#">Closure of certain places of business, worship and entertainment (No 3)</a></li> <li>• <a href="#">Prohibited Gatherings</a></li> <li>• <a href="#">Preventative restriction of activities (No 2)</a></li> <li>• <a href="#">Remote Aboriginal Communities</a></li> <li>• <a href="#">Prohibition on regional travel</a></li> <li>• <a href="#">Visitors to residential aged care facilities</a></li> <li>• <a href="#">Public authorities</a></li> <li>• <a href="#">MSC Magnifica</a> (cruise ship)</li> <li>• <a href="#">Silver Whisper</a> (cruise ship)</li> <li>• <a href="#">MS Artania</a> (cruise ship)</li> <li>• <a href="#">Incident Management Team Accommodation- Optus Stadium</a></li> <li>• <a href="#">Large Vessel</a></li> <li>• <a href="#">MV Pacific</a> (cruise ship)</li> <li>• <a href="#">Closure of Gun Shops</a></li> <li>• <a href="#">Closure of Gun Shops (No 2)</a></li> <li>• <a href="#">Rottnest Island</a></li> <li>• <a href="#">Perth Zoo</a></li> <li>• <a href="#">Use of Point of Care Serology Tests</a></li> </ul> <p>For more information on the latest government directives see: <a href="https://www.wa.gov.au/government/document-collections/coronavirus-covid-19-state-of-emergency-declarations">https://www.wa.gov.au/government/document-collections/coronavirus-covid-19-state-of-emergency-declarations</a></p>
<p><b>South Australia</b> (<i>Emergency Management Act</i>)</p>	<p>The South Australian government declared a Major Emergency on 22 March 2020 for a period of 14 days and has issued a number of directives:</p>

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<p>2004 (SA) &amp; Public Health Act 2011 (SA))</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <a href="#">Cross-border travel (No 2)</a></li> <li>• <a href="#">Non-essential business and other gatherings closure (No 2)</a></li> <li>• <a href="#">Overseas travel self-quarantine</a></li> <li>• <a href="#">Isolation following diagnosis or close contact</a></li> <li>• <a href="#">Gatherings</a></li> <li>• <a href="#">Aged care</a></li> <li>• <a href="#">Non-essential business and other activities (No 2)</a></li> <li>• <a href="#">Appropriate Surgery during COVID-19 Pandemic (No 2)</a></li> </ul> <p>For more information about these directives see: <a href="https://www.sa.gov.au/covid-19/emergency-declaration">https://www.sa.gov.au/covid-19/emergency-declaration</a></p>
<p><b>Tasmania</b> (Emergency Management Act 2006 (Tas) &amp; Public Health Act 1997 (Tas))</p>	<p>The Tasmanian government has declared a State of Emergency from 19 March 2020 for a period of 12 weeks and has issued a number of directives:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <a href="#">Gatherings</a></li> <li>• <a href="#">Isolation</a></li> <li>• <a href="#">Travel</a></li> </ul> <p>For information regarding Tasmanian government directives see: <a href="https://www.dhhs.tas.gov.au/publichealth/communicable_diseases_prevention_unit/infectious_diseases/coronavirus">https://www.dhhs.tas.gov.au/publichealth/communicable_diseases_prevention_unit/infectious_diseases/coronavirus</a></p> <p>The Tasmanian government has also enacted the <a href="#">COVID-19 Disease Emergency (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act 2020</a> to deal with certain risks arising from COVID19.</p>