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Queensland Health
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Approval for diagnosed cases to leave isolation in Queensland to relocate by private transport to alternative premises - *Management of Diagnosed Cases of COVID-19 and Close Contacts Direction* or its successors

I, Dr Lynne McKinlay, Deputy Chief Health Officer, have provided an exemption, on the conditions set out below, for **diagnosed persons** in the circumstances described below, as an exempt class of persons under the *Management of Diagnosed Cases of COVID-19 and Close Contacts Direction* or its successors.

1. This exemption applies until the end of the public health emergency unless amended or revoked.
2. In this document, terms are as defined in *Schedule 1*.

Conditions of leaving isolation-under class exemption

3. A **diagnosed person** may leave the **premises** at which they are **isolating** in Queensland under this exemption to the *Management of Diagnosed Cases of COVID-19 and Close Contact Direction* where the conditions set out below are met.
4. This exemption applies where the **diagnosed person**:
 - (a) has been assessed by a **healthcare professional** and is advised they are well enough to travel or has been evaluated by a clinical algorithm and is advised as being suitable for self-care at home; and
 - (b) has access to **private transport**; and
 - (c) has suitable **alternative premises** within a safe driving distance; and
 - (d) has sufficient supplies of food, water, medicine, masks, hand sanitiser and fuel to complete the journey without stopping to make purchases, unless a **contactless** purchase can be made; and
 - (e) provides an undertaking that they will travel, by **private transport**, by the most direct route practicable, without stopping other than for rest breaks or for **contactless** purchases where necessary, to the **alternative premises**; and
 - (f) wears a **surgical mask** at all times after leaving the original **isolation** and when outside the **private transport**; and
 - (g) has no or minimal contact with the Queensland community after leaving the **isolation premises** and when outside the **private transport** until continuing **isolation** at the **alternative isolation premises**; and
 - (h) where the **alternative isolation** is in another Australian State or Territory, the other Australian State or Territory has agreed that the **diagnosed person** may enter the jurisdiction to complete their **isolation**, where agreement is required.

5. A **household member** who ordinarily resides at the **alternative premises** for the **diagnosed person** must be able to comply with the *Management of Diagnosed Cases of COVID-19 and Close Contacts Direction* where the **household member** will become a **close contact**.
6. The **diagnosed person** has permission from the relevant State or Territory authority to leave **isolation** in the other Australian State or Territory, if required by the state or territory to which the person is travelling.

*Note: any **close contact** travelling with the **diagnosed person** from the **isolation premises**, or who will become a **close contact** at the **alternative isolation premises** should comply with infection control measures outlined in the [Guidelines for Close Contacts](#) approved by the Chief Health Officer.*

Supporting documentation required for this class exemption

You must carry the following documents, and present them if requested by an **emergency officer (public health)**:

- a) evidence of your identity confirming place of residence, for example a driver licence;
- b) evidence that you have satisfied the conditions of the class exemption, including:
 - the name and address of the **alternative isolation premises** and,
 - for a **diagnosed person**, permission from another Australian State or Territory to leave **isolation** to return to Queensland, or to enter the other jurisdiction to complete **isolation** in that other Australian State or Territory under the requirements of that jurisdiction; and
- c) a copy of this class exemption.

This exemption has been approved based on the Public Health Directions in place at the time of approval. It is each person's responsibility to review the Public Health Directions and guidelines at the time of their entry to Queensland to determine if they are subject to any amended requirements or obligations.

Yours sincerely,



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Alternative isolation premises means premises that are suitable to undertake **isolation** that are different from where the person started their **isolation**.

Close contact has the same meaning as in the *Management of Diagnosed Cases of COVID-19 and Close Contacts Direction* or its successors.

Contactless means that the purchase or hire, payment and collection can all be completed without any physical contact or interaction between the vendor or car hire company and the **diagnosed person**.

Diagnosed person has the same meaning as in the *Management of Diagnosed Cases of COVID-19 and Close Contacts Direction* or its successors.

Emergency officer (public health) has the same meaning as in the *Management of Diagnosed Cases of COVID-19 and Close Contacts Direction* or its successors and means an emergency officer appointed under the Public Health Act 2005.

Note: Emergency officers appointed under the Public Health Act 2005 include public health officers and police.

Healthcare professional has the same meaning as in the *Workers in a Healthcare Setting (COVID-19 Vaccination Requirements) Direction (No.4)* or its successors.

Household member means a family member or other person who will reside at the **alternative premises** with the **diagnosed person** or **close contact**.

Isolation has the same meaning as in the *Management of Diagnosed Cases of COVID-19 and Close Contacts Direction*.

Isolation premises means the **premises** where a person started their **isolation** under the *Management of Diagnosed Cases of COVID-19 and Close Contacts Direction* or the equivalent public health order or direction in another Australian State or Territory.

Premises has the same meaning as in the *Management of Diagnosed Cases of COVID-19 and Close Contacts Direction*.

Private transport means:

- (a) a private vehicle driven by the **diagnosed person** or a **household member**; or
- (b) a private transport of another kind, such as a boat or aeroplane, piloted by the **diagnosed**; or
- (c) a hire vehicle where **contactless** hire, payment and collection can be arranged, and the hire vehicle is driven by the **diagnosed person** or a **household member**.

*Note: a parent or other family member may travel to the **isolation premises** to collect the **diagnosed person** and transport them, using **private transport**, to the **alternative isolation premises** in another part of Queensland or in another State or Territory*

Quarantine has the same meaning as in the *Management of Diagnosed Cases of COVID-19 and Close Contacts Direction*.