



New South Wales

Public Health (COVID-19 Self-Isolation) Amendment (No 2) Order 2022

under the

Public Health Act 2010

I, Brad Hazzard, the Minister for Health, make the following Order under the *Public Health Act 2010*, section 7.

Dated 22 April 2022.

BRAD HAZZARD, MP
Minister for Health

Explanatory note

The object of this Order is to amend the *Public Health (COVID-19 Self-Isolation) Order 2022* to provide that household contacts and close contacts of persons diagnosed with COVID-19 are not required to isolate in certain circumstances, including if they comply with the *NSW Health Household and Close Contact Guidelines*—

- (a) for 7 days from the time any person in their household last tested positive for COVID-19, or
- (b) for 7 days from the time an authorised contact tracer notified the person that they are a close contact, or another period directed by an authorised contact tracer.

The Order includes amendments that are consequential on or related to the changes in relation to the requirement for household contacts and close contacts to isolate.

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1 Name of Order

This Order is the *Public Health (COVID-19 Self-Isolation) Amendment (No 2) Order 2022*.

2 Commencement

This Order commences at 6pm on 22 April 2022.

Schedule 1 Amendment of Public Health (COVID-19 Self-Isolation) Order 2022

[1] Part 2, heading

Omit “and close contacts”.

[2] Clause 5 Introduction

Omit “and close contacts”.

[3] Part 2A

Insert after clause 7—

Part 2A Household contacts and close contacts of persons diagnosed with COVID-19

7A Introduction

This Part sets out directions of the Minister about self-isolation of household contacts and close contacts of persons diagnosed with COVID-19.

7B Exemption if complying with NSW Health Household and Close Contact Guidelines

- (1) This clause applies to a person if—
 - (a) the person is a household contact of a diagnosed person, or
 - (b) the person is notified by an authorised contact tracer that the person is a close contact of a diagnosed person.
- (2) The household contact or close contact is not required to comply with clause 8 or 9 if the person complies with the *NSW Health Household and Close Contact Guidelines*—
 - (a) for a household contact—for a period of 7 days from the time that any person who resides with the household contact last tested positive for COVID-19, or
 - (b) for a close contact—
 - (i) a period of 7 days from the time the close contact is notified by an authorised contact tracer that they are a close contact, or
 - (ii) another period directed by an authorised contact tracer.

7C Exemption in certain other circumstances

Clause 9 does not apply to a person who is a close contact or household contact if—

- (a) the person has already been diagnosed with COVID-19 and has completed the requirement to reside at the person’s residence, or a hospital or another place, under clause 6 (a *self-isolation period*), and
- (b) it is no more than 12 weeks since the person’s self-isolation period ended.

[4] Clause 8 Persons who reside with diagnosed person

Omit clause 8(1). Insert instead—

- (1) This clause applies if a household contact of a diagnosed person has not been given a direction under clause 9 by or on behalf of an authorised contact tracer.

Note— See clause 7B(2), which provides that a household contact is not required to comply with this clause if the person complies with the *NSW Health Household and Close Contact Guidelines* for the period set out in that subclause.

[5] Clause 8(2), note

Omit “clause 9(8)”. Insert instead “clause 7C”.

[6] Clause 8(3)

Omit the subclause.

[7] Clause 9 Close contacts of persons diagnosed with COVID-19 must self-isolate

Insert at the end of clause 9(1)—

Note. See clauses 7B(2) and 7C, which provide for exemptions from the requirements of this clause.

[8] Clause 9(8)

Omit the subclause.

[9] Clause 15

Insert after clause 14—

15 Transitional provision for Public Health (COVID-19 Self-Isolation) Amendment (No 2) Order 2022

To avoid doubt, clauses 7B and 7C, as inserted by the *Public Health (COVID-19 Self-Isolation) Amendment (No 2) Order 2022*, apply to a person who, immediately before the commencement of the Order, was subject to a direction of the Minister under clause 8 or 9.

[10] Schedule 1 Dictionary

Omit the definition of *household contact*. Insert in alphabetical order—

household contact, of a diagnosed person, means a person who, under clause 7(1)(b), is notified by a diagnosed person with whom the person resides that the diagnosed person has tested positive for COVID-19.

NSW Health Household and Close Contact Guidelines means the *NSW Health Household and Close Contact Guidelines*—

- (a) issued by the Chief Health Officer from time to time, and
- (b) published on the website of NSW Health.

Note— www.health.nsw.gov.au