



# **Biosecurity (Human Biosecurity Emergency) (Human Coronavirus with Pandemic Potential) Declaration 2020**

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I, General the Honourable David Hurley AC DSC (Retd), Governor-General of the Commonwealth of Australia, acting with the advice of the Federal Executive Council, make the following declaration.

Dated 18 March 2020

David Hurley  
Governor-General

By His Excellency's Command

Greg Hunt  
Minister for Health

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## 1 Name

This instrument is the *Biosecurity (Human Biosecurity Emergency) (Human Coronavirus with Pandemic Potential) Declaration 2020*.

## 2 Commencement

- (1) Each provision of this instrument specified in column 1 of the table commences, or is taken to have commenced, in accordance with column 2 of the table. Any other statement in column 2 has effect according to its terms.

Commencement information		
Column 1	Column 2	Column 3
Provisions	Commencement	Date/Details
1. The whole of this instrument	Immediately after this instrument is registered.	18 March 2020

Note: This table relates only to the provisions of this instrument as originally made. It will not be amended to deal with any later amendments of this instrument.

- (2) Any information in column 3 of the table is not part of this instrument. Information may be inserted in this column, or information in it may be edited, in any published version of this instrument.

## 3 Authority

This instrument is made under section 475 of the *Biosecurity Act 2015*.

## 4 Human biosecurity emergency

A human biosecurity emergency exists.

## 5 Listed human disease to which this instrument relates

This instrument relates to human coronavirus with pandemic potential.

Note 1: COVID-19 is the name given by the World Health Organization to the disease.

Note 2: Severe acute respiratory syndrome coronavirus 2 (SARS-CoV-2) is the name given by the International Committee on Taxonomy of Viruses to the virus that causes the disease.

## 6 Nature of human biosecurity emergency and conditions that gave rise to it

Human coronavirus with pandemic potential is an infectious disease:

- (a) that has entered Australian territory; and
- (b) that is fatal in some cases; and
- (c) that there was no vaccine against, or antiviral treatment for, immediately before the commencement of this instrument; and
- (d) that is posing a severe and immediate threat to human health on a nationally significant scale.

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### **7 Period during which this instrument is in force**

This instrument is in force during the period:

- (a) beginning when this instrument commences; and
- (b) ending at the end of 3 months beginning on the day this instrument is registered.