

SA COVID-19 TRANSITION COMMITTEE

Meeting 10: 25 May 2020

Actions:

Reference	Action
3.4	Further work to be undertaken on safe limits in very large rooms.

Outcomes

Reference	Action
3.7	Public release of Step 2 and associated materials would occur today Monday 25 May.

Minutes

1. Welcome and apologies

- 1.1 Mr David Reynolds arrived after the meeting commenced.
- 1.2 All remaining members present.
- 1.3 Dr Chris Lease attended as a guest.

2. Minutes of the previous meetings

- 2.1 The Committee approved the minutes of the 18 May meeting.

3. Step 2 – Public release of approach

- 3.1 The Committee reviewed the papers for public release, including the Step 2 principles.
- 3.2 The Committee discussed the stepped approach to releasing restrictions, versus the application of a general rule like the density requirement. CPHO explained that the motive remains to reduce contacts, and the more contacts an infected person has, the quicker the spread of COVID-19. Accordingly the stepped approach is designed to both reduce the creation of close contacts through physical distancing and hygiene, but also to reduce the number of circumstances where they can be created.
- 3.3 The Committee discussed the balance between allowing more activity inside South Australia and engaging in the global and national economy by easing border and quarantine restrictions, and that South Australia cannot remain closed forever,

which means we must balance that with retaining restrictions that would limit the spread of COVID in SA if introduced from another jurisdiction.

- 3.4 The Committee discussed the challenges on large rooms being limited to 20 people, and agreed to undertake further work including through AHPPC to develop a safe approach for large rooms that allows for fewer close contacts to be created, noting that the current Communicable Disease Network of Australia definitions means that all persons in a room for more than 2 hours are close contacts, irrespective of the size of the room.
- 3.5 The Committee agreed that there should be a formal fortnightly review process.
- 3.6 The Committee noted the need for the public narrative to reflect that SA will see an increase in cases as restrictions ease.
- 3.7 The Committee agreed that public release of Step 2 and associated materials would occur this afternoon, with the Commissioner available to approve materials from midday.

4. Market research

- 4.1 The Committee discussed public expectations on the easing of restrictions, and noted a mismatch between expectations and requirements may create noncompliance.

5. SA border closures future arrangements

6. Emergency management declaration and arrangements

- 6.1 There was insufficient time to adequately discuss items 5 and 6 and the Committee agreed to hold a meeting on these items on Tuesday 26 May 2020.

7. AHPPC update

- 7.1 CHPO noted that current testing does not match self-reported levels of respiratory symptoms in the community, and the risk of overwhelming contact tracing services as more and more contacts are created as patron limits increase along with the number of activities people are able to participate in.