

SA COVID-19 TRANSITION COMMITTEE

Meeting 11: 26 May 2020

Actions:

Reference	Action
1.4	Further work to be undertaken on safe limits in very large room by 19 June 2020.
2.4	Paper to be presented at the next meeting identifying potential thresholds to be satisfied by jurisdictions to end requirement to quarantine on arrival in SA.
3.4	Paper to be presented to the next meeting canvassing options for the future of the emergency declaration.

Minutes

1. Welcome and apologies

- 1.1 All members present.
- 1.2 Members discussed actions remaining from the previous day's announcement of the Step 2 approach, including the need to bring the online COVID Safe Plan form live, and Commissioner undertook that these would be available today or tomorrow, noting the State Coordinator decided to bring the commencement date forward from 5 June to 1 June there was less time than expected for activities to complete plans before reopening.
- 1.3 Members discussed a positive case in SA who arrived as an onward traveller from Victoria on compassionate grounds. The traveller had been swabbed in Victoria and returned a negative result, and was swabbed at Adelaide airport returning a positive result, and was now in quarantine and would not be undertaking the compassionate visit.
- 1.4 CE DHW discussed the undertaking made to the AHA that the Committee would consider and recommend to the State Coordinator a position on large rooms prior to 19 June, but made no undertaking that the position would change.

2. SA border closures future arrangements

- 2.1 The Committee noted that the borders are not functionally closed, with several hundreds of people entering SA each day. Only those that are not essential travellers are currently required to quarantine.
- 2.2 The Committee discussed the need to identify a threshold that other jurisdictions would need to satisfy for quarantine requirements to not apply to travellers transiting from that jurisdiction.

- 2.3 The Committee noted that this threshold may not be tied to testing rates per capita as some jurisdictions had radically increased this measure by undertaking asymptomatic testing inconsistent with the National Surveillance Plan, which was of limited value in COVID-19 detection.
- 2.4 **Action: Paper to be presented at the next meeting identifying potential thresholds to be satisfied by jurisdictions to end requirement to quarantine on arrival in SA.**

3. Emergency declaration and emergency management arrangements

- 3.1 The Committee discussed the emergency management options, and whether changing the existing emergency declaration was connected to the approach to domestic traveller quarantine requirements, as discussed above.
- 3.2 The Committee noted that a number of elements of the COVID-19 Emergency Response Bills were tied to the emergency declaration, and would automatically cease when the declaration ceases.
- 3.3 The Committee discussed the need for some of the emergency management declarations to endure if the emergency management arrangements were to shift to a public health emergency, and would require the remaking of directions.
- 3.4 **Action: Paper to be presented to the next meeting canvassing options for the future of the emergency declaration.**