

SA COVID-19 TRANSITION COMMITTEE

Meeting 15: 09 June 2020

Outcomes

Reference	Outcome
6.3	The Committee agreed to maintain the commencement date for the Step 2 Mid Step on 19 June.
8.2	The CPHO recommended that the State Coordinator could consider allowing the numbers of patrons proposed in the Adelaide Oval Management Plan for the Showdown via exemption.

Minutes

1. Welcome and apologies

- 1.1 All members present.
- 1.2 Dr Chris Lease, AC Noel Bamford and Mr Mike Wait SC attended as a guests.

2. Minutes of the previous meetings

- 2.1 The Committee identified corrections in the Minutes of the previous meeting, to be returned to the subsequent meeting for endorsement once corrected.

3. AHPPC update

- 3.1 CPHO provided an update on AHPPC discussions on the density requirement and stage 3 restrictions. AHPPC position papers to National Cabinet on these issues will be provided to inform recommendations of the Transition Committee
- 3.2 CPHO noted that there is strong scientific and medical evidence to support the 1 per 4 square metre density requirement ongoing, as 1.5 m distance between people is essential to limit spread but a personal responsibility to enact. Its best translation to an enforceable measure is the density requirement, which allows people to maintain this distance accounting for movement in the room and furniture. However, it is disadvantageous to smaller venues.
- 3.3 CPHO advised that very few states were interested in discussing large crowds such as at stadiums and conventions.
- 3.4 Accordingly AHPPC will be advising of a limit of 100 at Step 3, with the 1 per 4 square metre rule maintained. However, in SA CPHO considers it is safe to go up to

gatherings of 250 indoors and 500 outdoors, and will allow cathedrals and other venues to recommence operation.

- 3.5 CPHO provided an update on asymptomatic infection, and the latest medical evidence suggesting the virus is live and potentially able to be transmitted while people are asymptomatic (as distinct from pre-symptomatic, where transmissibility is known).
- 3.6 CPHO noted that any epidemiological impact of the Black Lives Matter protest on Saturday 6 June would be unknown until at least 2 weeks from the event, given the incubation period of COVID-19.
- 3.7 CPHO noted ongoing concern about international travellers not being sent to supervised quarantine in their port of arrival interstate and only being detected upon onward travel into a new jurisdiction.

4. Interstate Travel into SA

- 4.1 The Committee noted progress towards revising the Emergency Management Direction on Cross Border travel, and towards having an online pre-approval form established by 22 June.
- 4.2 SAPOL noted some lower compliance with the requirement to quarantine for 14 days in the context of no community transmission and allowing large protests.
- 4.3 The Committee discussed that communications messaging needs to create acceptance that there will be 1 or 2 cases. The Committee discussed the public sentiment favouring greater relaxation of restrictions over border relaxations.
- 4.4 The Committee discussed ceasing the quarantine requirement for travellers from jurisdictions without any community transmission for 3 weeks. The Committee discussed at length whether this ought to include the ACT, noting the risk of onward travellers from NSW or Victoria transiting through ACT. The Committee considered whether a requirement that the traveller had been in the ACT for 14 days would be sufficient, and whether it would adequately capture the ACT hinterlands from which many ACT workers commute, which are in NSW.

5. Step 3

- 5.1 The Committee discussed a nominal start date for Step 3 of 3 July.
- 5.2 The Committee discussed the need to find a balance which allows both large and small venues to be viable but maintain safe distancing.

6. Large rooms (Step 2 "mid step")

- 6.1 The CHPO noted further work needed to be developed on a suitable solution for large rooms, but indicatively up to 50 people as requested by the AHA would be possible.

- 6.2 The Committee noted that the AHA had requested that the resolution on the mid step, agreed to take effect from 19 June, be brought forward to Friday 13 June to allow greater crowds to watch the Showdown in licenced venues.
- 6.3 Noting further work was still to be done on the Step 2 Mid Step, that the AHA had agreed to a date of 19 June originally, and the undesirability of constant movement of dates, the Committee resolved that the Step 2 Mid Step should not be brought forward on this basis.

7. Removal of designated areas from biosecurity determination

- 7.1 The Chair noted the paper and that three further communities were seeking removal from the biosecurity areas. Three communities have already been removed and a further three intend to remain in the biosecurity determination.
- 7.2 The Committee agreed in principle that the Chair should write to the Commonwealth government seeking the removal of the communities identified in the paper, with any final comments to the Chair by close of business.

8. Any other business

- 8.1 The Committee discussed their previous resolution on crowd numbers at Adelaide Oval for the Showdown match. The Chair did not participate in this discussion owing to his conflict of interest.
- 8.2 The CPHO agreed that the State Coordinator could allow the greater crowd limits proposed in the Adelaide Oval management plan by exemption, with further detail to be provided bilaterally out of session.