

SA COVID-19 TRANSITION COMMITTEE

14 September 2021

Minutes

1. Welcome and apologies

- 1.1 All members were present.
- 1.2 Chief Supt Stuart McLean, Mr Rick Persse, Dr Evan Everest, Mr Don Frater and Ms Ingrid Norman attended as guests.
- 1.3 The Committee noted the requirement in the COVID-19 Emergency Response Bill (passed by both houses but not yet commenced) for the Transition Committee to include a regional representative tasked with representing the interests of persons living in areas outside of metropolitan Adelaide. As the regional representative must be a person who has knowledge of, and interest in, matters affecting communities located close to the South Australian border, the Committee agreed to appoint Professor Mehdi Doroudi, Deputy Chief Executive, Department of Primary Industries and Regions SA to the SA COVID-19 Transition Committee to fulfil this requirement.
- 1.4 The Committee discussed the most suitable format for briefing Members of Parliament about emergency management directions that affect the ability to enter South Australia from another State or Territory of Australia.

2. Minutes

- 2.1 The minutes of the previous meeting were endorsed with corrections as provided in email.

3. AHPPC Update

- 3.1 CPHO noted improvement in the Queensland outbreak.
- 3.2 CPHO provided information on the spread of the outbreak in Victoria including into regional areas.
- 3.3 CPHO noted AHPPC is contributing to planning for national reopening through the National Cabinet processes.
- 3.4 CPHO advised that Doherty Institute modelling would be produced specific to South Australia including hospital capacity and test, trace, isolate and quarantine limits.

4. Cross border travel update

- 4.1 The Committee noted strong border controls including SAPOL presence, but increasing attempts to cross the border without approval.

- 4.2 The Committee discussed testing availability for freight workers at Mt Gambier and Bordertown noting an intention to provide both testing and vaccination at the Taillem Bend and Yambah sites.

5. Public activities update

- 5.1 The Committee noted industry interest in the return of dancing.
- 5.2 The Committee discussed the current level of restrictions on home gatherings and noted household gatherings have significantly contributed to the outbreaks in NSW and Victoria.
- 5.3 The Committee noted that CPHO is investigating whether SA Pathology results can be automatically fed into the COVID Safe Check In system to provide automatic text alerts to exposed people, which will become necessary to facilitate optimal TTIQ in high vaccination scenarios.

6. Other business

- 6.1 The Committee noted advice from SA Health that automation of some processes should improve the timeliness of processing exemption applications, but that a high daily number of exemptions were still being received.
- 6.2 The Committee noted CPHO would review security arrangements for the return of international students.