

SA COVID-19 TRANSITION COMMITTEE

21 September 2021

Outcomes:

Reference	Outcome
4.1	Recommended to the State Coordinator that from Saturday 25 September 2021 travellers arriving from Queensland would not be subject to any restrictions (Level 0).
5.1	Recommended to the State Coordinator that dancing be allowed at private functions, and outdoor consumption be allowed at a density of 1 per 2 sqm, noting the advice of the CPHO to retain current limits on these activities.

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.

2. Minutes

- 2.1 The minutes of the previous meeting were endorsed.

3. AHPPC Update

- 3.1 CPHO advised the Committee of an indicative case in NSW who had been in Port Augusta during their infectious period and noted work was underway to identify a transmission source.
- 3.2 CPHO presented to the Committee on scenario planning for 80 per cent vaccination, including choices on the packages of restrictions that would need to apply to reduce burden on the health system and reduce any transmission in SA as borders reopen to jurisdictions with community transmission of COVID.

4. Cross border travel update

- 4.1 The Committee noted improvement in the Queensland outbreak and agreed to recommend to the State Coordinator that effective Saturday travellers from Queensland would not be subject to any restrictions (Level 0).

- 4.2 The Committee noted the deadline for mandatory vaccination of freight drivers had changed from 27 September to 7 October in Victoria and noted the State Coordinator's intention to amend the South Australian direction to align with this change.

5. Public activities update

- 5.1 The Committee discussed activities including dancing and outdoor standing consumption.
- 5.2 CPHO noted these were high risk activities, and ones that in future should be considered for possible vaccination requirement. CPHO noted that given current levels of vaccination and risk of seeding from interstate outbreaks health advice is to retain current restrictions.
- 5.3 The Committee noted that outdoor activities proposed a lower risk (though outdoor transmission has been observed in interstate Delta outbreaks), and that risks at private events are reduced by the limited number of people and QR and other requirements.
- 5.4 Accordingly the consensus of the Committee was to recommend to the State Coordinator that dancing be allowed at private functions, and outdoor consumption be allowed at a density of 1 per 2 sqm, noting the advice of Health to retain current limits on these activities.