

SA COVID-19 TRANSITION COMMITTEE

Meeting 22: 03 July

Actions:

Reference	Action
3.6	DHW to correspond with councils to reemphasise responsibilities and requirements under COVID Safe Plans.

Minutes

1. Welcome and apologies

- 1.1 All members present.
- 1.2 Ms Ingrid Norman, Mr Mike Wait SC and AC Noel Bamford attended as guests.

2. AHPPC update

- 2.1 CPHO provided an update on the situation in Victoria, noting that their latest genomic research suggested the current outbreak differed from their first outbreak and could be traced to a breach in hotel quarantine, highlighting that one case in the wrong place can spread and take hold very rapidly.
- 2.2 CPHO noted discussion in AHPPC about a hot spot approach, with review of how this approach works in Victoria, given the difficulty in messaging and enforcement “on different sides of the road”.
- 2.3 CPHO noted the importance of testing rates remaining high, with a maximum daily capacity of circa 6000 in SA, and the importance of hardship payments that allow people to not attend the workplace.

3. Planning for restriction reintroduction

- 3.1 The Committee discussed a tabled paper which set out action levels for reimposition of restrictions.
- 3.2 The Committee noted that Alert Level 2 may also need to reduce high risk activities and general population movement by closing gyms and returning to seated consumption.
- 3.3 The Committee noted the need to balance public messaging on preparedness with business confidence.
- 3.4 The Committee noted that the return to restrictions may happen rapidly, and the epidemiology of the outbreak will influence the response, and therefore it may not directly correlate to the tabled paper.

3.5 CPHO noted there is a need for greater understanding and compliance with COVID Safe Plans, and the availability of this information in other languages.

3.6 Action: DHW to correspond with councils to reemphasise responsibilities.

4. Update on COVID Management Plan process

4.1 The Committee noted progress towards preparation of COVID Management Plans, and that the approval of a COVID Management Plan indicates only that restrictions do not prohibit the event, and therefore the approval may be revoked if the restrictions change.

5. Update on online travel preapproval process

5.1 The Committee noted that 13,000 applications had been received with 300 processed every day. Many applications are being processed at the border with 1000 people arriving each day.

5.2 SAPOL noted that the airport will become a significant pressure point if unrestricted travel is allowed from NSW and ACT.

6. Quarantine requirements – ACT and NSW

6.1 The Committee agreed to seek up to date information on community transmission in these jurisdictions from their Chief Health Officers, on which any decision about relaxing quarantine requirements could be based.

7. AFL

7.1 The Chair was recused for the discussion on AFL.

7.2 Deputy Chief Public Health Officer advised that discussions with AFL to plan fixtures were ongoing, and focused on whether teams could cohort quarantine as a team in SA, and train and play other Victorian teams.

7.3 The Committee agreed that DCPO should seek a formal proposal from AFL.