

SA COVID-19 TRANSITION COMMITTEE

Meeting 23: 07 July

Outcomes:

Reference	Action
3.2	Recommend to the State Coordinator to retain the date of 20 July to remove quarantine requirements for travellers from NSW and ACT as it will allow review of seeding into those jurisdictions from Victoria, but that the removal of these requirements will be subject to public health advice at the time.
4.2	State Coordinator advised the Committee of his intention to tighten border controls, including: instituting roadblocks on small roads, fixed border checkpoints. The State Coordinator will revise the Emergency Management Direction to only allow essential travellers from Victoria, and returning South Australians with a 14-day quarantine requirement. The requirements on essential travellers will also be increased to require them to isolate when not undertaking their essential activity.
4.4	Recommend to the State Coordinator that further restrictions be placed on nightclubs as they have demonstrated they do not have the capacity to manage patrons in a COVID safe way.
6.3	The Committee endorsed the approach circulated out of session to allow Victorian teams who had been in quarantine in Queensland to travel to and play matches in SA provided the Queensland CHO indicated there had been no breaches of quarantine.

Minutes

1. Welcome and apologies

- 1.1 All members present.
- 1.2 Ms Ingrid Norman, Dr Evan Everest and AC Noel Bamford attended as guests.

2. AHPPC update

- 2.1 CPHO provided the Committee with an update on the Victorian outbreaks, noting further restrictions were expected to be imposed within Victoria. CPHO emphasised the situation in Victoria places every other jurisdiction at risk.
- 2.2 SA, NSW and other jurisdictions are doing remote contact tracing to assist and SA has sent 30 nurses and paramedics.

2.3 CPHO noted the need to understand the areas people from a particular postcode tend to frequent to support any hot spot approach to restrictions. Data of this nature may be available in SA and should be sought.

2.4 CPHO noted that AHPPC have developed a paper for National Cabinet refining the national strategy [REDACTED]

3. SA Border entry controls

3.1 CPHO advised no information had yet been received from NSW on levels of community transmission despite repeated requests.

3.2 The Committee agreed to recommend to the State Coordinator to retain the date of 20 July to remove quarantine requirements for travellers from NSW and ACT as it will allow review of seeding into those jurisdictions from Victoria, but that the removal of these requirements will be subject to public health advice at the time.

3.3 The Committee noted exemptions were routinely being granted for travellers from Broken Hill into SA.

4. Risk assessment of seeding in current restrictions

4.1 The Committee noted the porous border with Victoria presents a low probability but high consequence risk of seeding to South Australia, particularly as the Victorian caseload continues to increase.

4.2 In light of this increased risk, the State Coordinator advised the Committee of his intention to tighten border controls, including: instituting roadblocks on small roads, fixed border checkpoints. The State Coordinator will revise the Emergency Management Direction to only allow essential travellers from Victoria, and returning South Australians with a 14-day quarantine requirement. The requirements on essential travellers will also be increased to require them to isolate when not undertaking their essential activity.

4.3 The Committee discussed the operation of nightclubs over the previous weekend and noted the poor behaviour of patrons in complying with social distancing requirements.

4.4 Accordingly the Transition Committee recommends to the State Coordinator that further restrictions be placed on nightclubs as they have demonstrated they do not have the capacity to manage patrons in a COVID safe way.

5. Update on COVID Management Plan process

5.1 The Committee noted that COVID Management Plans were being tested with stakeholders this week with an intention to publicly release by the end of the week.

6. AFL update

- 6.1 The Chair advised that he has resigned his position on the Adelaide Crows Board and therefore no longer has a conflict of interest in relation to AFL matters.
- 6.2 The Committee was advised the AFL has removed all Victorian teams and they are currently undertaking quarantine in other jurisdictions.
- 6.3 The Committee endorsed the approach circulated out of session to allow Victorian teams who had been in quarantine in Queensland to travel to and play matches in SA provided the Queensland CHO indicated there had been no breaches of quarantine.
- 6.4 The Committee noted the Adelaide Oval are preparing a plan for approval to allow 25,000 patrons.

7. Any other business

- 7.1 The Committee discussed capacity to manage supervised quarantine of international arrivals.