

SA COVID-19 TRANSITION COMMITTEE

Meeting 25: 14 July

Actions:

Reference	Action
2.7	SAPOL to amplify messaging on freight drivers avoiding risky settings including pubs and clubs while in SA through National Heavy Vehicle Regulator.
2.8	SA Health to prepare communications to be provided to freight drivers at border stops.
6.1	SA Health to respond to SANFL about COVID Management Plans for matches this weekend.

Minutes

1. Welcome and apologies

- 1.1 Commissioner Stevens and Professor Spurrier joined via telephone. All other members present.
- 1.2 Ms Ingrid Norman, Dr Evan Everest and AC Noel Bamford attended as guests.

2. AHPPC Update

- 2.1 DCPHO provided an update on Victorian and New South Wales outbreaks.
- 2.2 Victoria is experiencing significant outbreaks in high risk settings including aged care, hospitals, food distribution, public housing towers.
- 2.3 Nation wide surge plans have been implemented with every state and territory providing remote contact tracing and testing capability for Victoria.
- 2.4 Victoria expect regional outbreaks to grow over the next few days.
- 2.5 NSW is managing an outbreak associated with a large pub with approximately 4000 patrons over the period an infectious staff member may have worked. A number of patrons include travellers and freight drivers.
- 2.6 The Committee discussed the risk of freight drivers, who other than those from Victoria can move freely in SA.
- 2.7 **Action: SAPOL to amplify messaging on freight drivers avoiding risky settings including pubs and clubs while in SA through National Heavy Vehicle Regulator.**
- 2.8 **Action: SA Health to prepare communications to be provided to freight drivers at border stops.**

- 2.9 The Committee discussed the need to manage risky settings including pubs and clubs as the risk of transmission in SA increases. The Committee noted that the reapplication of restrictions is an emergency response matter that will be managed by the control agency and the State Coordinator.

3. SA Border entry update

- 3.1 SAPOL advised that border stops are operational with staff doing great work in challenging conditions. Many road blocks are in place with others being set up by local council.
- 3.2 The processing of online applications remains backlogged but the staffing levels will be doubled. A number of applications are still being processed at the border, with checkpoint staff checking with the central assessment unit to ensure consistency.
- 3.3 The Committee noted the need to monitor quarantine capacity to ensure some slack for escalation, with hotels with larger capacity being investigated.

4. Review low transmission zones

- 4.1 On health advice on the potential risks associated with the spread of the NSW cluster, the Committee agreed to recommend to the State Coordinator that quarantine requirements for travellers from NSW and ACT remain in place indefinitely and will undergo regular review.

5. Any other business

- 5.1 **Action: SA Health to respond to SANFL about COVID Management Plans for matches this weekend.**