

SA COVID-19 TRANSITION COMMITTEE

Meeting 36: 25 August

Outcomes:

Reference	Action
4.2	The Transition Committee agreed to recommend to the State Coordinator that we could return to previous travel arrangements for close border communities, allowing travel into South Australia for employment, education, food, petrol and other supplies within a buffer zone 40 km either side of the Victorian border.
4.8	The Transition Committee agreed to recommend to the State Coordinator that while no change be made to the current quarantine requirements for travellers from ACT and NSW, public messaging indicating that quarantine requirements may cease in the near future should commence.
4.9	The Transition Committee further agreed that the levels of community transmission in ACT and NSW were sufficiently low to recommend to the State Coordinator that travellers who transit from a low community transmission zone (WA, NT, Tasmania, Queensland) through an airport in NSW or ACT would not be required to quarantine on arrival into SA.
4.10	The Transition Committee recommended to the State Coordinator that the limit for gatherings in private residences be increased to 50.

Minutes

1. Welcome and apologies

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

2. AHPPC update

- 2.1 CPHO discussed the cluster in Queensland, and the concern associated with the dispersal of detainees from the Youth Detention Centre to a wide variety of locations in Queensland, including to living situations which made them difficult to trace.

- 2.2 SA travellers arriving from Queensland are being asked to monitor symptoms and avoid attending aged care and other vulnerable settings, and to isolate if they have attended sites identified by Queensland authorities.
- 2.3 CPHO advised that AHPPC will be continuing to consider hot spots, and noted for them to be effective in the realistic containment of spread it depends on a range of circumstances, including the enforceability, level of restrictions in the community at large, geography and demographics.

3. Economic update

- 3.1 CE DTF noted no new information since last meeting, but payroll touch data would soon be released which would provide information on South Australia's economic and employment performance.

4. Risk Review

- 4.1 The Committee noted that while there remained active cases in western regional Victoria, Thursday would be 14 days since the last case was diagnosed.
- 4.2 Accordingly, the Committee agreed to recommend to the State Coordinator that we could return to previous travel arrangements for close border communities, allowing travel into South Australia for employment, education, food, petrol and other supplies within a buffer zone 40 km either side of the Victorian border.
- 4.3 CPHO noted that testing capability would be increased in the South East.
- 4.4 SAPOL noted that the restrictions had been effective in reducing near border travel, from 1300 individuals crossing 1400 times to 400 individuals crossing 500 times in comparable time periods.
- 4.5 The Committee discussed the ACT, and the operational and enforceability challenges presented by treating ACT differently to NSW when many people commute into the ACT daily from NSW.
- 4.6 While there has been no community transmission in ACT, there has been sustained low level community transmission in NSW seeded from Victoria.
- 4.7 CPHO advised that with based on current trends, a few more weeks of active tracking, tracing and isolation of cases may eliminate community transmission in NSW.
- 4.8 The Transition Committee agreed to recommend to the State Coordinator that while no change be made to the current quarantine requirements for travellers from ACT and NSW, public messaging indicating that quarantine requirements may cease in the near future should commence.
- 4.9 The Transition Committee further agreed that the levels of community transmission in ACT and NSW were sufficiently low to recommend to the State Coordinator that travellers who transit from a low community transmission zone (WA, NT, Tasmania,

Queensland) through an airport in NSW or ACT would not be required to quarantine on arrival into SA.

- 4.10 The Committee noted that the risk had sufficiently reduced in SA to allow increased numbers for gatherings in private residences, and recommended to the State Coordinator that the limit for gatherings in private residences be increased to 50.
- 4.11 The limit on weddings, funerals, and other private gatherings was considered appropriate to remain at 100 given the increased risk of these activities.

5. Any other business

- 5.1 The Committee noted the Adelaide Airport Roadmap to Recovery document.
- 5.2 Committee members agreed to provide feedback on the draft Cabinet Submission on the extension of the COVID-19 Emergency Response Act to the Secretariat out of session.