

SA COVID-19 TRANSITION COMMITTEE

Meeting 38: 28 August

Minutes

1. Welcome and apologies

- 1.1 State Coordinator Commissioner of Police Grant Stevens was an apology for the meeting.
- 1.2 Dr Evan Everest, Ms Ingrid Norman and AC Noel Bamford attended as guests. Ms Norman arrived at the end of item 2.

2. AHPPC update

- 2.1 CPHO advised of AHPPC discussions relating to aged care and her appointment to the National Aged Care Advisory Subcommittee.
- 2.2 CPHO discussed recent discussion at AHPPC about the effectiveness of community use of masks, and noted the consistent opinion that widespread community mask use is to be considered in conjunction with other measures.
- 2.3 The Committee noted mask use was now mandatory in aged care in SA for personal care workers.
- 2.4 CPHO advised of ongoing work requested by National Cabinet to define hotspots, and indicated the health and enforceability challenges of spatial containment.
- 2.5 The Committee noted that the use of hotspots by other jurisdictions including NT and QLD for travel controls is no more nuanced than the current approach, as whole jurisdictions are defined as hotspots.

3. Economic update

- 3.1 CE DTF advised that South Australia is showing a slight improvement one-touch payroll data, and private capital expenditure is increasing month on month, which indicates improved confidence.

4. Risk Review

- 4.1 SAPOL advised that the new Directions for cross border travel and public activities are now in place, returning travel arrangements for near border communities to their previous settings allowing travel within a 40 km buffer zone for near border community members, and increasing the allowable gathering size at private residences.
- 4.2 CE DHW noted the commencement of the Aged Care direction limiting personal care workers to a single facility, and advised some extensions and exemptions had been sought but compliance was expected to be good.