

SA COVID-19 TRANSITION COMMITTEE

Meeting 42: 11 September

Minutes

1. Welcome and apologies

- 1.1 Professor Nicola Spurrier on leave and represented by Deputy Chief Public Health Officer Dr Chris Lease. All other members present. Dr Chris McGowan attended by telephone.
- 1.2 Ms Ingrid Norman and AC Noel Bamford attended as guests.

2. AHPPC update

- 2.1 CPHO advised that AHPPC continues to discuss the identification of hotspots, noting the operational challenges of defining a hotspot for both the jurisdiction in which the hotspot occurs and other jurisdictions who may contemplate travel restrictions.
- 2.2 The Committee discussed the operational difficulty of putting a “boundary” around a hot spot, and whether such a definition captures people who live, work or visit such a location.
- 2.3 CPHO provided an update on cases in Victoria, NSW and Queensland, noting a drop in cases of unknown source in Victoria but a corresponding drop in testing rates.

3. Risk Review

- 3.1 SAPOL advised that there were no changes in border crossing operations and that the ADF are providing assistance in hotel quarantine.
- 3.2 The Committee discussed the COVID-19 transmission levels in NSW and ACT.
- 3.3 CPHO advised NSW experiences continuing community transmission and cases of unknown source.
- 3.4 The Committee noted the challenges of operationally distinguishing ACT from NSW noting unrestricted movement between the two jurisdictions.
- 3.5 The Committee discussed the public activities restriction requiring seated consumption, and whether this could be relaxed noting reduced cases in Victoria.
- 3.6 The Committee noted the need to consider all border and public activities restrictions together as a package to mitigate risk.
- 3.7 The Committee discussed other jurisdictions where standing consumption is allowed, and noted that on balance SA has the highest risk tolerance when considering allowable activities and allowable travellers.

4. Any other business

- 4.1 The Committee noted that the Zoo are seeking additional patron numbers, and noted that this would be handed through the established SA Health COVID Management Plan process.
- 4.2 SA Health advised the Committee that international aircrew will be directed to undertake supervised hotel quarantine.