

SA COVID-19 TRANSITION COMMITTEE

Meeting 56: 24 November 2020

Actions:

Reference	Action
5.4	An additional meeting to be scheduled for 27 November.

Outcomes:

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4.1	The Committee recommended to the State Coordinator that the border restrictions with Victoria including quarantine requirements be lifted from 1 December 2020.

Minutes

1. Welcome and apologies

- 1.1 Ms Leonie Muldoon was an apology. All other members present.
- 1.2 Dr Evan Everest, Mr Don Frater, Mr Chris Lease, AC Noel Bamford, Ms Jane Cox and Ms Ingrid Norman attended as guests.

2. Parafield cluster update

- 2.1 CPHO advised that there are no new cases today, and gave a brief epidemiological history of the Parafield cluster.
- 2.2 CPHO provided advice on the venues where not all contacts have been able to be identified. Of identified contacts, over 4000 people were currently in quarantine.
- 2.3 CPHO noted that the next two weeks would be critical in determining whether there was infection transmission from these sites into the community but that community testing would need to remain high..
- 2.4 The Committee discussed the wearing of masks as a simple risk mitigation measure.. The State Coordinator agreed this may be appropriate to mandate in certain high risk settings, such as medical and aged care environments.
- 2.5 DCPHO Dr Lease noted that work was being undertaken with retailers and the Rundle Mall Authority to distribute masks and ensure COVID safety crowd control measures during the Black Friday sales.

3. Economic update

- 3.1 CE DTF advised that prior to the Parafield cluster, single touch payroll data and employment data showed a positive trend towards the national average. However, Gross State Product for the 2019-20 financial year was poor.
- 3.2 CE DTF discussed some of the effects of the stay at home direction, with up to 40% of South Australians in casual or insecure work that means they may not have been paid for the duration of the stay at home direction.
- 3.3 CE DTF advised of the extension of the application date for government COVID support grants.
- 3.4 CE DTF noted the availability of the Department of Treasury and Finance to offer advice on the economic impacts of entering higher restrictions.

4. Cross Border Travel

- 4.1 CPHO advised that the risk profile of Victoria supported removal of quarantine requirements for Victorian travellers from 1 December 2020. Accordingly, the Transition Committee recommended to the State Coordinator that the border restrictions with Victoria including quarantine requirements be lifted from 1 December 2020.

5. Public activity restrictions

- 5.1 The Committee discussed the transmission risks still present and noted the CPHO's advice that limits on household gatherings be retained at 10 people, and the density requirement remain at 1 person per 4 sqm until satisfied that the risk of the Parafield cluster is contained.
- 5.2 The Committee discussed the timing of the rollout of the QR codes, noting the CPHO's advice that risky activities such as standing consumption should not be recommenced until the government QR system is available which will provide contact tracers with real time venue check in information.
- 5.3 The State Coordinator noted a conflict of interest in relation to the restrictions that apply to weddings and noted intention to refrain from discussion at future meetings when this issue is considered.
- 5.4 The Committee agreed to schedule an additional meeting at the end of the week which would review public activity restrictions and allow further monitoring of the Parafield cluster.