

SA COVID-19 TRANSITION COMMITTEE

Meeting 70, 20 January 2020

Actions:

Reference	Action
2.5	A/CE, DPC to seek advice from Commonwealth on specific arrangements put in place around testing prior to boarding a flight to Australia (process, reporting of results, exemptions, and how system will be operationalised)
5.1	Chair, TAG to provide Committee with advice on newly proposed areas for possible inclusion in QR code system.
5.2	A/CE, DPC to report back on advice from Chief Data Officer, DPC regarding the feasibility of correlating the volume of traffic (data to be used for this to be TBC) at business premises with check-ins.
6.1	Alison to source information from sector on appetite from events/seated entertainment sector for higher caps if masks are used.

Outcomes:

Reference	Action
3.4	No changes to Cross Border Travel Direction
4.3	Public Activities Direction to be amended as follows: <ul style="list-style-type: none">- Lift capacity limit on residential gatherings from 50 to 200, provided a COVID-Safe Plan, QR Code and COVID Marshal are in place.- New, additional requirement for people conducting Private Functions: now required to produce a full invitee list upon a request from an authorised officer.

Minutes

1. Welcome and apologies

- 1.1 The Chief Executive, Department for Trade and Investment was an apology.
- 1.2 Mr Don Frater and Dr Evan Everest attended as guests.

2. AHPPC update

- 2.1 CHPO provided an update on the vaccine rollout strategy.
- 2.2 CPHO advised that AHPPC is of the unanimous position that mandating vaccination would not be proportionate, as there is not yet any evidence base that demonstrates that vaccination stops transmission.
- 2.3 For similar reasons, AHPPC did not support vaccination as a pre-condition for entry to high-risk venues. CE, DHW advised that he and his counterparts shared this view. There will likely be a National Cabinet decision on these matters on Friday, 5 February.
- 2.4 PM&C has liaised with States and Territories to ensure masks are made mandatory on flights. CPHO confirmed SA's current Directions require having worn a mask on board an aircraft as a condition for entry into SA (as SA cannot enforce mid-air, this was seen as the maximum of what was achievable). SA is hoping Commonwealth will also put requirements in place. PM&C is seeking advice on feasibility.
- 2.5 CMO advised CPHO that testing prior to boarding a flight into Australia has now been enacted under the Biosecurity Act. CPHO would like visibility over the process, results and reporting, exemptions, and how this will be operationalised. ACTION: A/CE, DPC to seek advice from Commonwealth on specific arrangements.
- 2.6 CPHO provided a brief update on the NSW clusters, leading into a broader discussion as part of agenda item 3.

3. Cross border travel

- 3.1 CPHO shared data on VIC and QLD. CPHO particularly outlined NSW case numbers, testing rates, levels of restrictions, containment (isolation of cases), sewage testing, transmission potential rate and the extent of people movement between clusters/hot zones.
- 3.2 NSW's testing rates were still low, particularly considering active clusters and advice that undetected community transmission was still occurring. Western Sydney remains of particular concern due to lower testing, positive sewage testing, community profile and high levels of movement.
- 3.3 Discussion occurred on the risk profile presented by the above and potential opportunities to ease or adapt border restrictions to support economic activity. A cautious approach to border restrictions was recommended.

3.4 DECISION: State Coordinator decided that no changes were required to the Cross Border Travel Direction.

4. Public activities restrictions

4.1 The Committee recommended lifting the capacity limit on residential gatherings from 50 to 200, provided a COVID-Safe Plan, QR Code and COVID Marshal are in place.

4.2 The Committee also recommended that people conducting Private Functions be required to produce a full invitee list in addition to having a QR Code, so as to address a known compliance issue.

4.3 DECISION: so decided by State Coordinator.

5. Any other business

5.1 Discussion occurred on expanding the scope of the QR Code system to incorporate education (schools), public transport, taxis and rideshares, government offices.
ACTION: Committee decided to seek advice on system stability from Technical Advisory Group (TAG).

5.2 Committee discussed compliance issues with COVID-Safe Check-In system and ways to support compliance. ACTION: A/CE, DPC has asked Chief Data Officer, DPC to report to Committee on feasibility of correlating volume of traffic with check-ins on business premises.

5.3 Dr Everest outlined seasonal picker shortages as a serious issue he is working on. Concerns around economic impacts = \$900m impact if fruit isn't picked (which is currently the case). Getting overseas pickers in is underway, but SA Health needs to work with stakeholders on on-site safe quarantine arrangements. This facility would need to be controlled by SA Health/the State rather than the owner.
Dr Everest to continue to work with stakeholders to resolve this.

5.4 State Coordinator advised Committee that SAPOL will start to pull back staff from SA's border with VIC in the South East, as no NSW travellers were found to use this route to travel to SA.

5.5 Committee noted that all data sources on international arrivals still indicate low levels of Australian passport holders.

6. Review actions

6.1 Secretariat is still sourcing information from sector on appetite from events/seated entertainment sector for higher caps if masks are used.