

# SA COVID-19 TRANSITION COMMITTEE

## Meeting 73: 05 February 2021

### Outcomes:

Reference	Action
3.3	The Committee agreed to recommend to the State Coordinator that travellers be required to wear a mask when in public until their first negative test result is received.

### Minutes

#### 1. Welcome and apologies

- 1.1 DCPHO Dr Chris Lease attended as A/CPHO. All other members present.
- 1.2 Dr Emily Kirkpatrick, Ms Ingrid Norman, Supt Adam Rice, DCI Cath Hilliard and Mr Don Frater attended as guests.

#### 2. AHPPC update

- 2.1 A/CPHO provided information on the Victorian outbreak, noting possible links and sources are still being confirmed. Genomic sequencing is expected today. 14 exposure sites have been identified and are being treated with high intensity as the case was highly infectious while visiting these sites. States are very aligned in how they are approaching border controls for Victorian travellers. Additional information from Victoria is expected today.
- 2.2 A/CPHO advised WA has recorded no new cases over the week, and substantially increased testing rates. At the cessation of the lockdown, WA will return to restrictions including a density of 1 per 4 sqm, and caps of 150 for public venues and 20 for private residences.
- 2.3 A/CPHO advised another case had been linked to the NZ cluster.

#### 3. Cross border travel

- 3.1 A/CPHO advised that the WA outbreak is controlled and of very low risk, and accordingly recommended to the State Coordinator that travellers from Perth, Peel and South West be able to enter South Australia and required to test on days 1, 5 and 12, and isolate until the first negative test result is received.
- 3.2 The Committee had a thorough, considered discussion on the risk presented by travellers requiring them to isolate until a negative test result is received, and considered alternative risk management options.

- 3.3 The Committee agreed to recommend to the State Coordinator that travellers be required to wear a mask when in public until their first negative test result is received.
- 3.4 The Committee noted that the turnaround time on tests was usually between 6-12 hours, and that an exemption can be sought from the requirement to quarantine until the first result is received through the SA Health exemption process.