

SA COVID-19 TRANSITION COMMITTEE

Meeting 74: 09 February 2021

Actions:

Reference	Action
5.2	SA Health to accelerate investigation of suitable quarantine facilities for international students.

Outcomes:

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3.4	The Committee recommended to the State Coordinator that no changes be made to the border arrangements for WA, NSW and Victoria from this meeting.

Minutes

1. Welcome and apologies

- 1.1 All members present.
- 1.2 Dr Evan Everest, Ms Ingrid Norman, Supt Adam Rice and Mr Don Frater attended as guests.

2. AHPPC update

- 2.1 CHPO advised that in the context of recent outbreaks AHPPC is increasing focus on opportunities to continuously improve safety in quarantine hotels.
- 2.2 CPHO noted a relatively higher level of public activities restrictions and mask wearing in Victoria reduced some risk of community transmission, but that further information was expected on the Victorian outbreak today.
- 2.3 Travellers entering SA from Victoria have been contacted to ensure they have not visited listed Victorian exposure sites.

3. Cross-border travel restrictions

- 3.1 SAPOL advised that road crossings have been reinstated at major crossings from Victoria, NSW and WA to provide travellers with information on requirements, which requires significant resources.

- 3.2 CPHO advised that it remained the intention to cease testing requirements for entrants from WA from Sunday, provided no new cases are detected. A date for cessation of testing requirements for Victoria cannot be set in light of the recent new case.
- 3.3 The Committee discussed the requirement to isolate until the first test is received. CPHO will seek further advice and advise the State Coordinator out of session.
- 3.4 Accordingly, the Committee recommended to the State Coordinator that no changes be made to the border arrangements for WA, NSW and Victoria from this meeting.

4. Public activities restrictions

- 4.1 The Committee discussed the restrictions on dancing in South Australia compared to other jurisdictions, where a density requirement of 1 per 4 sqm and/or a cap of 50 people on the dancefloor applies.
- 4.2 CPHO noted the importance of restrictions reflecting the overdispersion effect of COVID by managing high risk super spreader events. CPHO noted the South Australian approach is consistent with AHPPC advice on high risk settings.

5. Any other business

- 5.1 CE DIS advised that the Commonwealth government had provided approval for the entry of international students, in addition to returning Australians under the cap on international arrivals.
- 5.2 Action: SA Health to accelerate investigation of suitable quarantine facilities for international students.