

# SA COVID-19 TRANSITION COMMITTEE

## Meeting 78: 2 March 2021

### Minutes

#### 1. Welcome and apologies

- 1.1 Stuart Hocking attended for David Reynolds. All other members present.
- 1.2 Dr Evan Everest, Ms Ingrid Norman, AC Noel Bamford and Mr Don Frater attended as guests.
- 1.3 The Chair noted SA Health representatives had been called to attend an urgent vaccination meeting and accordingly this meeting would be limited to 30 minutes and discussion would be focused on matters of immediate priority.

#### 2. Priority updates

- 2.1 The Committee noted progress on the vaccine rollout and the responsibilities of the Commonwealth government in managing the rollout through GP clinics.
- 2.2 The Committee noted progress on a quarantine arrangement for seasonal workers at Paringa. The Committee noted that 1100 seasonal workers had been preapproved by the Commonwealth government for entry but the facility would only be able to manage approximately 210 at once.
- 2.3 Accordingly South Australia will indicate interest in participating in an offshore country-of-origin quarantine program for seasonal workers.
- 2.4 The Committee noted that the ventilation in the proposed quarantine facility for international students has been assessed as unsuitable, and so further work is being undertaken to identify engineering or other solutions.
- 2.5 Dr Chris Lease DCPHO noted that proposals from Royal Croquet Club for outdoor dancing will be considered through the agreed COVID Management Plan process.
- 2.6 The Committee expressed concern that there had not been noticeable increase in COVID Safe Check-ins noting that schools and Fringe and Festival events were now included in the system. The Committee noted the importance of check ins and testing as lines of defence in any COVID outbreak.
- 2.7 The Committee discussed South Australia's public activity restrictions relative to other jurisdictions, noting that NSW and Victoria remained at 1 per 4 sqm density with additional restrictions not present in South Australia.