

SA COVID-19 TRANSITION COMMITTEE

Meeting 79: 10 March 2021

Minutes

1. Welcome and apologies

- 1.1 Mr David Reynolds was an apology for this meeting. All other members present.
- 1.2 Dr Chris Lease, Ms Ingrid Norman, AC Noel Bamford and Mr Don Frater attended as guests.

2. AHPPC Update

- 2.1 CPHO provided an update on cases in New Zealand but noted that the Commonwealth government continued to allow quarantine free travel into Australia.
- 2.2 CPHO indicated concern about the positive wastewater results. Additional testing of medi hotel staff has been undertaken, but it remains possible that the positive result is the result of persistent intermittent shedding from a previous positive case, possibly from interstate noting the high levels of interstate tourism for Adelaide Festival and Fringe.
- 2.3 The Committee noted the need to communicate concern and vigilance around symptoms to the community, while acknowledging the likely conclusion that the result relates to prior cases.

3. Cross Border Travel

- 3.1 CPHO advised that NZ should be treated the same as all other jurisdictions with community transmission, requiring quarantine until 14 days from the last community+ exposure.
- 3.2 SAPOL noted they are preparing alternative approaches to arrivals at the airport that would be less resource intensive.

4. Economic update

- 4.1 No additional economic data was available.

5. Public activities

- 5.1 Noting the concern over the wastewater results the Committee did not consider any further relaxation of public activities restrictions.

6. Any other business

- 6.1 The Committee noted that an alternative site was now being investigated to establish a quarantine facility for international students.