

SA COVID-19 TRANSITION COMMITTEE

Meeting 82: 30 March 2021

Minutes

1. Welcome and apologies

- 1.1 DC Linda Williams attended as A/State Coordinator. Ms Lynne Cowan attended as A/CE DHW. Mr Stuart Hocking attended representing the CE DTF. Ms Leonie Muldoon was an apology. All other members present.
- 1.2 Dr Evan Everest, AC Noel Bamford, Dr Chris Lease and Ms Ingrid Norman attended as guests.

2. AHPPC Update

- 2.1 CPHO provided an update on the outbreak in Queensland, and concern about the amount of time infectious people have spent in the community with relatively unrestricted activities.
- 2.2 NSW has advised against travel to QLD.
- 2.3 CPHO provided an update on vaccination of hotel quarantine staff, noting staff turnover challenges.

3. Cross Border travel update

- 3.1 Cross Border travel restrictions with Queensland may be revised following AHPPC meeting today.

4. Economic Update

- 4.1 The Committee noted that industries including tourism and hospitality functioning at below pre-COVID levels may be exposed by the cessation of Job Keeper.

5. Public activities

- 5.1 The Committee noted that the general increase in density to 3 per 4 sqm does not necessarily apply to COVID Management Plan events.
- 5.2 Each event is being reviewed by the COVID Management Plan team in SA Health, but as they are higher risk events owing to the large number of people they require distinct event and venue specific mitigations.

6. Any other business

- 6.1 The Committee noted that a detailed operational plan is being compiled for the return of international students, with the costs to be met by universities. This proposal would have staffing implications for both SA Health and SAPOL.
- 6.2 The Committee noted the first group of seasonal workers had arrived into the Paringa quarantine facility.
- 6.3 The Committee noted that in the context of concerns about government data harvesting, it was important to publicly emphasise that the COVID Safe Check In System is a standalone system which has end to end encryption, with only very limited access by a small number of authorised staff.