

SA COVID-19 TRANSITION COMMITTEE

Meeting: 02 August 2021

Outcomes:

Reference	Action
3.1	The Committee recommended that the current border requirements for travellers from Queensland remain in place.
4.2	<p>The Committee agreed to recommend to the State Coordinator that from 0001 hours 05 August 2021:</p> <p>A density requirement of 1 per 2 sqm in most venues, with hospitality limited to seated consumption.</p> <p>A density requirement of 1 per 4 sqm for gyms and indoor fitness</p> <p>A return to competition for all levels of sport, and sport to become a reason to travel within the cross-border travel exemption.</p> <p>No changes to the requirements on mask wearing, and no change to the limit of people allowed to gather at home (10).</p>

Minutes

1. Welcome and apologies

- 1.1 Mr Stuart Hocking (A/CE DTF) was an apology for this meeting. All other members present.
- 1.2 Mr Rick Persse, Dr Evan Everest, Supt Stuart McLean, Dr Chris Lease and Mr Don Frater attended as guests.
- 1.3 The Committee noted discussion at National Cabinet about the pathway out of pandemic management, with strong international evidence that short sharp lockdowns that are hard and early yield both the best health and economic outcomes longer term.

2. AHPPC Update

- 2.1 CPHO provided the Committee with detail on the outbreak in Queensland, noting that the Delta variant is presenting additional challenges to containment including aerosol spread and an effective reproduction rate as high as 8. Modelling on SA's current transmission potential for Delta variant is 3.33.

- 2.2 The Committee discussed the management of the Modbury cluster, noting that QR usage was essential but there remains a small possibility of people who attended an exposure site but did not check in, and therefore are unknown to SA Health.
- 2.3 The Committee noted a current vaccination rate of approximately 11 per cent, with 40 per cent of the eligible population having received their first dose.

3. Cross Border travel update

- 3.1 The Committee recommended that the current border requirements for travellers from Queensland remain in place.
- 3.2 The Committee noted the challenge of returning SA residents currently in NSW, with SA Health working through a backlog of exemption applications, and reduced medihotel capacity to securely quarantine these arrivals.

4. Public activities

- 4.1 The Committee discussed the need to manage the residual risk from the Modbury outbreak, with the last exposure site on 19 July 2021, along with a heightened risk of seeding into SA from interstate outbreaks, through essential travellers and other exempt arrivals.
- 4.2 Accordingly, the Committee agreed to recommend to the State Coordinator that from 0001 hours 05 August 2021:
 - A density requirement of 1 per 2 sqm in most venues, with hospitality limited to seated consumption.
 - A density requirement of 1 per 4 sqm for gyms and indoor fitness
 - A return to competition for all levels of sport, and sport to become a reason to travel within the cross-border travel exemption.
 - No changes to the requirements on mask wearing, and no change to the limit of people allowed to gather at home (10).