

SA COVID-19 TRANSITION COMMITTEE

Meeting 9: 19 May 2020

Actions:

Reference	Action
5.3	SA Health and SAPOL to prepare basis of a principles approach for Step 2 for consideration by the Transition Committee on Tuesday 19 May.
6.2	Secretariat to distribute focus group research report.

Outcomes

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4.4	The Committee agreed to recommend the capped principles approach to the State Coordinator, noting that the cap and the general and specific requirements for each industry were yet to be finalised, but nominally would allow 20 people per separate enclosed space, up to 60 per venue, subject to compliance with 1 person per 4 square metres. Specific requirements may apply for each industry/sector and would be determined based on health advice and tested with industry as appropriate.
4.8	The Committee agreed to recommend to the State Coordinator that Drive In Cinemas could reopen, as patrons remaining in their cars presents a low risk.
	The Committee (absent Jim McDowell and Nicola Spurrier) recommended to the State Coordinator that the two local AFL teams could be given a specific conditional exemption, to allow contact training on the condition that the participants otherwise isolate at home.

Minutes

1. Welcome and apologies

- 1.1 Mr David Reynolds arrived after the meeting commenced.
- 1.2 All remaining members present.
- 1.3 Deputy Chief Public Health Officers Dr Chris Lease and Assistant Commissioner Noel Bamford attended as guests.

2. Minutes of the previous meetings

- 2.1 The Committee approved the minutes of the 13 May and 15 May meetings

3. Capped principles approach for Step 2

- 3.1 The Committee considered taking a capped principles approach for Step 2 based on the papers provided.
- 3.2 The Committee recommended to the State Coordinator that Step 2 commence from Friday 5 June rather than Monday 8 June as previously agreed, to allow increased economic and social activity over the June long weekend.
- 3.3 The Committee discussed the principles approach and noted it was a familiar approach for many licenced venues, and provides significantly greater flexibility which would make reopening more financially viable for larger venues.
- 3.4 The Committee agreed to recommend the capped principles approach to the State Coordinator, noting that the cap and the general and specific requirements for each industry were yet to be finalised, but nominally would allow 20 people per separate enclosed space, up to 60 per venue, subject to compliance with 1 person per 4 square metres. Specific requirements may apply for each industry/sector and would be determined based on health advice and tested with industry as appropriate.
- 3.5 The Committee agreed that communications on the principle approach for Step 2 would need to commence significantly in advance of Step 2, so that operators can understand and confirm compliance with requirements, and order stock and arrange staffing. This is likely to need to be no later than next week.
- 3.6 The Committee considered whether the current evidence supported bringing any activity from Step 2 forward, and noted that community acceptance was critical to ongoing compliance. The Committee noted that indoor dining of 10 people in restaurants and cafes currently allowed to undertake outdoor dining had been safely started in other states and territories. The Committee agreed to recommend to the State Coordinator an inclusion of indoor dining limited to maximum of 10 patrons, and to allow the service of alcohol to seated diners in these premises.
- 3.7 The Committee agreed to recommend to the State Coordinator that Drive In Cinemas could reopen, as patrons remaining in their cars presents a low risk.
- 3.8 The Committee did not consider that there was sufficient social or economic benefit to bring forward beauty services such as nail salons.

4. AFL training exemption request

- 4.1 Chair Jim McDowell and CHPO Nicola Spurrier were recused from the meeting for this item as it may give rise to a conflict of interest.
- 4.2 The Committee considered whether any exemptions to the emergency management direction should be recommended which would allow full contact training to commence earlier than Step 2, for either the 2 AFL clubs as requested, or any other code or sport.
- 4.3 The Committee considered the public health risk of allowing all contact sport and noted the Deputy Chief Public Health Officer's advice that it was considered a high risk activity.

- 4.4 Accordingly, the Committee considered whether and how contact training of local AFL teams could be managed from a public health perspective, and reasonably distinguished from all other contact sports.
- 4.5 To manage the public health risk, it would be advisable for participants engaging in contact training to otherwise isolate in the community.
- 4.6 Accordingly the Committee recommended to the State Coordinator that the two local AFL teams could be given a specific conditional exemption, to allow contact training on the condition that the participants otherwise isolate at home.

5. **Compliance update**

- 5.1 The Committee noted that while there was no reports of significant non-compliance the community will only continue to comply if they consider restrictions reasonable.
- 5.2 The State Coordinator indicated that commencing Step 2 on a Friday rather than Monday was operationally manageable for the SA POL compliance operation.

6. **National Cabinet update**

- 6.1 The Chair indicated that the focus of the discussion was on economic elements, and the future of National Cabinet as a mechanism.

7. **AHPPC update**

- 7.1 CHPO presented some of the latest modelling considered by AHPPC for the Committee to consider.
- 7.2 CHPO emphasised the need to keep the reproduction rate to 1, which means that for every 1 person who contracts it they only infect 1 other person. An increase in the reproduction rate to even 1.5 will create exponential growth in infections, and while our current risk tolerance allows for some new infections each day the reproduction rate will need to be carefully monitored. It is impossible to do so currently with zero recorded active infections.
- 7.3 The Committee considered the finding that the highest risk activities are those that bring people into contact with strangers rather than with their known networks and how this should be accounted for in rolling out the roadmap.