

COVID-19 UPDATE

COVID-19 Information from the SA Health GP Liaison

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Good evening, thank you for all that you're doing. There were two new cases today, with now 6 active cases here in SA. Understandably there is anxiety currently in the community. Any issues, please email me at Health.COVID-19GPLiaison@sa.gov.au

COVID-19 school closures

Two schools, [Roma Mitchell Secondary College](#) and [Thebarton Senior College](#) are closed as a student who attended the sites has been diagnosed with COVID-19. The Department for Education has enacted its COVID-19 protocol and the sites have been shut to allow deep cleaning to occur. The schools will both remain closed on Tuesday 4 August. I have heard from a few GPs today about concerns for some of your patients. The close contacts have been contacted in relation to this case. However, if anyone develops symptoms who attends these facilities they should self-isolate immediately and seek testing.

COVID-19 cases - Saturday 01/08/20

- A man in his 20s who has returned from overseas and has been in quarantine since his arrival

COVID-19 cases - Sunday 02/08/20

- A teenager who has returned from interstate and has been in quarantine since her arrival.
- A woman in her 20s who is a close contact of a confirmed case.

COVID-19 cases - Monday 03/08/20

- A man in his 50s who arrived on a repatriation flight from overseas
- A man in his 50s who is a close contact of a confirmed case

Update to COVID-19 restrictions

From Wednesday 5 August, gatherings at homes in South Australia will be limited to 10 people. Additionally, the standing consumption of food and drink will no longer be permitted. Further details will be available shortly on the www.covid-19.sa.gov.au website.

COVID-19 Testing

Many of you have probably heard that SA Health's COVID-19 testing clinics continue to experience high demand, with FMC redirecting patients to the repat drive through. SA Health is actively looking at setting up more drive through clinics and strengthening testing at the border for essential travellers. Please consider referring your patients to one of the drive-through clinics at ACL, Clinpath or SA Pathology. In addition, the GP-led Respiratory Clinics are available for all ages, without referral, with an easy online booking system. Find more information on testing options and requirements at www.sahealth.sa.gov.au/covidtesting.

'Weak spots' in the SA community

If you have concerns about potential 'weak spots', such as particular facilities or meat works, please let me know, so I can forward to the command team to look into. It's helpful to identify issues in the system and often as GPs we are ideally placed to know these things!

Serology Update

COVID-19 serology can be requested through CDCB if a patient meets certain criteria. See attached SA Pathology information sheet. All serology ordered by GPs needs to be approved, as if the serology comes back positive, this will be treated as a case. See the video [here](#).



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