



COVID-19 UPDATE

COVID-19 Information from the SA Health GP Liaison

14 August 2020

Good morning everyone. Thank you for your ongoing support and care to your patients. I know it has been particularly hard for our rural GPs who have patients who live across the border or travel across into Victoria for their work. Any issues, please email me at Health.COVID-19GPLiaison@sa.gov.au

South Australian COVID-19 Cases

- 1 new case today
- 7 active COVID-19 cases
- 6,8080 tests yesterday
- 311,863 tests in total
- 460 confirmed cases in total
- 450 people have recovered from COVID-19

Email Results from SA Pathology

SA Pathology have established a dedicated email service to better support GPs as our call centre continues to experience extended wait times due to COVID-19 impacts.

GPs can now email requests for a patient's COVID-19 result to the dedicated service at Health.SAPathologyCallCentre@sa.gov.au.

Please state "COVID result request" in the subject line of the email. This email service will operate extended hours, 7 days a week.

SA Pathology test result update

SA Pathology have removed the registration requirement for people to receive their COVID-19 test results via text message. Anyone who has had a COVID-19 test will now be sent their negative result via text message directly. If people provide only a landline number, they will receive a phone call with their results.

Changes to residential aged care

From 27 August, all personal care workers in residential aged care facilities will not be able to work across multiple sites. At present, these restrictions do not apply to other employees or contractors.

Additionally, all nursing, medical, allied health and personal care workers will be required to wear personal protective equipment when working within 1.5 metres of residents. For more information, visit <https://www.covid-19.sa.gov.au/emergency-declarations/aged-care>.

Drive-through testing update

There are now five drive-through testing facilities at Aldinga, Repat, Victoria Park, Hampstead and pop-up clinic at Port Adelaide. These clinics no longer require a referral or booking. A reminder to test for mild symptoms,

but please help support your patients in not seeking tests when asymptomatic and worried well. Find all COVID-19 testing locations at www.sahealth.sa.gov.au/covidtesting.

PPE Guide

[The Personal Protective Equipment \(PPE\) guide for Healthcare Practitioners in a non-hospital based setting taking COVID-19 specimens](#) has been updated to reflect new medical waste disposal requirements. This guide is a quick reference to best practice PPE usage, sequencing and disposal. For more information, visit [Infection control and personal protective equipment \(PPE\) advice](#).

Changes to Victorian cross border community members

From 12.01am Friday 28 August, cross border community members crossing the Victorian border will have their essential travellers status suspended. Cross border community members wishing to enter South Australia will be required to [re-apply](#) under another essential traveller category. These changes take into account the current situation in Victoria and will be continuously monitored until the risk is significantly reduced. The New South Wales cross border arrangements remain unchanged. Further information on these changes will be available shortly on the www.covid-19.sa.gov.au website.

Update to restrictions on gatherings

Restrictions limiting the number of people at private gatherings to 10 will be updated. From 12.01am Friday 14 August, the restrictions will be changed to allow up to 10 visitors at a residential premises. This will be in addition to those who normally live there, but will be capped to a total of 20 people.

New COVID Marshals introduced

New COVID Marshals will be introduced across a number of industry sectors to ensure venue capacity, physical distancing and infection control requirements are met. Marshals will be required at licensed premises, cafes and food courts, large stores, gyms, freight distribution centres, shopping centres and places of worship. SA Police and SA Health will work with the various sectors to introduce the Marshals as quickly and smoothly as possible. These requirements will come into effect in seven days from 12.01am Friday 14 August - effective from 12.01am hrs Friday 21 August.

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