



COVID-19 UPDATE

COVID-19 Information for General Practice

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Good afternoon everyone. There are currently eleven active case of COVID-19 in South Australia. Check out the [dashboard](#) for further details. The Health.COVID-19GPLiaison@sa.gov.au

New cases yesterday

Yesterday's cases are two men in their 30s who recently returned from overseas and have been in a medi-hotel since their arrival.

New South Wales update

From 12.01am 14 January, people travelling from regional New South Wales will be allowed to enter South Australia but will require a COVID-19 test on day one, day five and day 12. There will be no requirement to isolate while awaiting test results unless you have symptoms.

People who entered South Australia from regional NSW between 8 January and 13 January 2021 who are currently quarantining can apply to SA Health for a review of their quarantine requirement. They must be able to demonstrate they have not been in a Prohibited Location in the preceding 14 days.

More information is available at www.covid-19.sa.gov.au.

COVID-19 face masks update

Face masks (covering mouth and nose) are mandatory at all times while on an airplane or at any airport during your journey. People present at an airport in South Australia must also wear a face mask. This includes people working at the airport.

There are some exemptions to this requirement:

- A person is not required to wear a mask if they have a relevant medical condition, including problems with their breathing, a serious condition of the face, a disability or a mental health condition (evidence of a relevant medical condition must be produced on request i.e. letter from GP or medical professional).
- A mask is not required to be worn in circumstances where the ability to see the mouth is essential for communication.
- A mask is not required to be worn when a person is eating or drinking.
- A child under the age of 12 is not required to wear a mask.

Learn more about face masks: www.sahealth.sa.gov.au/COVIDmasks

COVID-19 vaccine update

We've had many enquiries about where the vaccine strategy is up to. It was announced by the Prime Minister that the rollout of the COVID-19 vaccine will commence February 2021.

SA Health is working closely with the Commonwealth Department of Health to develop an implementation plan for South Australia in line with the Vaccine Roadmap announced by the Federal Government.

The COVID-19 vaccination rollout will be complex and vastly different from how vaccination programs are normally administered, ensuring the vaccine is available for every single South Australian.

The first phase will include residents and staff of aged and disability care facilities, medi-hotel and airport staff, and health care workers working in high risk exposure and transmission areas, such as COVID testing clinics and emergency departments.

The program will take several months to roll out, with vaccination of the general population expected to begin from mid-2021. Two doses of vaccine are required for each person. Significant planning has been underway for some time to determine how and where the vaccine will be distributed and administered in South Australia. This work is being led by the Department for Health and Wellbeing (DHW) Vaccine Workstream, chaired by DHW Deputy Chief Executive, Don Frater, with representatives from across SA Health. I've had the pleasure of meeting with stakeholders this week in primary care to discuss the roll-out.

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- 0 new cases
- 11 active COVID-19 cases
- 5,850 tests yesterday
- 904,906 tests in total
- 590 confirmed cases in total
- 575 people have recovered from COVID-19
- 4 COVID-19 related deaths

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