



COVID-19 UPDATE

COVID-19 Information from the SA Health GP Liaison

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Good afternoon everyone. Great news! There are currently 0 active cases of COVID-19 in South Australia. Check out the [dashboard](#) for further details. Thank you for your ongoing support and care to your patients. Any issues, please email me at Health.COVID-19GPLiaison@sa.gov.au

SA COVID-19 GP Update

Adelaide PHN, in conjunction with SA Health, SA Pathology, the RACGP SA/NT Faculty and AMA(SA), will be hosting a live webinar tonight at 6pm (Tuesday 8 December).

Updating GPs in South Australia on the state's response to COVID-19 and to discuss pertinent issues in general practice, including mask usage, QR codes and the Parafield cluster. A rolling Q and A from participants will be undertaken during the webinar and facilitated by Dr Emily Kirkpatrick. All practice staff are welcome to attend, including practice nurses and practice managers.

Register at adelaidephn-au.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_A_6ki3CXRIaq39_gWH1XDQ.

Testing

Numbers have dropped to approx. 1400 tests on Sunday reported. Testing is important to detect any COVID-19 cases in our community. SA Health is reminding people to get tested for COVID-19 immediately if they have any symptoms, even if mild. Reminding patients that if they have had a negative test before but develop new symptoms, they'll need to have another test. Please remind your patients of this where possible. Download the 'Get tested' [A4](#) or [A3](#) poster or share the social media [tile](#). For more resources visit stophespread.sa.gov.au

Masks in health care settings

All people in health care settings must wear a mask (covering mouth and nose) at all times when in the physical presence of other people on the premises. A person will be considered to be in the physical presence of another person if they are in the same room as that other person.

Reusable cloth masks are acceptable outside of the PPE matrix ie when you usually wouldn't wear a mask clinically in non-COVID times, then a cloth mask is acceptable. Single-use surgical masks should be worn in some clinical environments, ie as per the [SA Health PPE guide](#).

There are exceptions for mandatory mask use in health care settings. This includes situations where a mask will hinder the provision of care or communication, there is a relevant medical condition or the person is under 12. A live in staff member or a resident of a residential care facility are not required to wear a mask. Hospital inpatients are generally not expected to wear masks except when being transported through public spaces.

Find more information and resources about masks visit www.sahealth.sa.gov.au/COVIDmasks.

South Australia COVID-19 Update

- 0 new case
- 0 active COVID-19 cases
- 2,442 tests yesterday
- 756,603 tests in total
- 562 confirmed cases in total
- 558 people have recovered from COVID-19
- 4 COVID-19 related deaths

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