

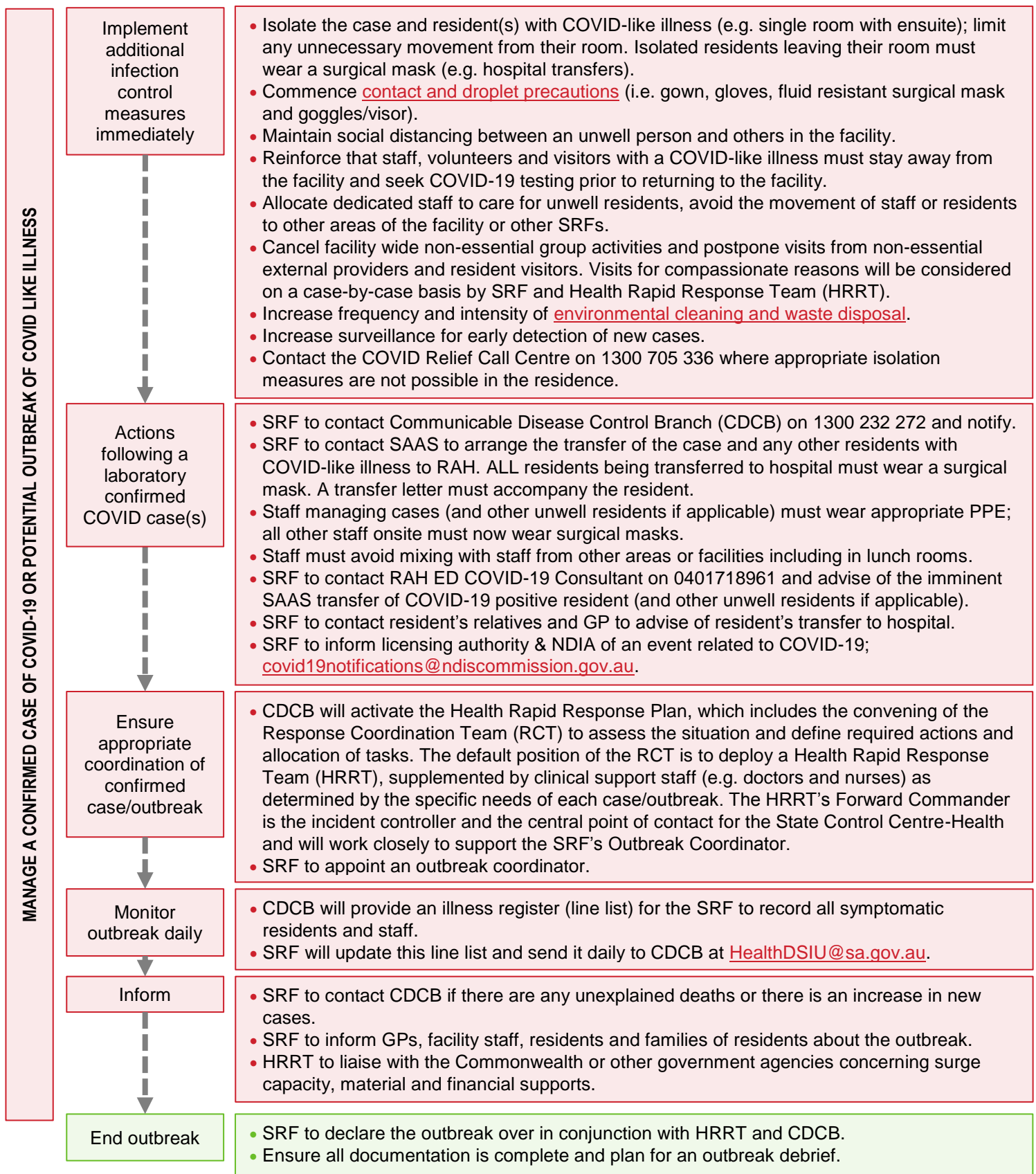
# Guideline for management in supported residential facilities in South Australia

These recommendations and advice are subject to change and clinicians are advised to refer to the latest versions of the: Coronavirus Disease 2019 Communicable Diseases Network (CDNA) Australia National Guidelines for Public Health Units (SoNG) and the SA Health Public Health Alerts. This guideline is intended for use within residential care facilities in South Australia and has been adapted from Coronavirus Disease 2019 (COVID-19) CDNA National Guidelines for Public Health Units. <https://www1.health.gov.au/internet/main/publishing.nsf/Content/cdna-song-novel-coronavirus.htm>

TASK	ACTION / INFORMATION
Plan for cases	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Develop facility management plan and business continuity plan.</li> <li>• Review <a href="#">National Disability Insurance Agency (NDIA) advice</a>.</li> <li>• Ensure all staff and general practitioners (GPs) are aware of your plan.</li> <li>• Identify individuals who will need high level psychosocial support if transferred to hospital.</li> </ul>
Influenza Vaccination <i>Note: No COVID-19 vaccine is currently available</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Ensure staff, residents and volunteers have access to <a href="#">influenza vaccination</a>.</li> <li>• Encourage GPs to vaccinate residents against influenza and pneumococcus (if applicable). See the <a href="#">Australian Immunisation Handbook</a>.</li> <li>• Create a list of staff and residents by influenza vaccination status; ensure it is kept updated and accessible.</li> </ul>
Infection control preparedness	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Review and develop local policies and procedures based on the relevant <a href="#">CDNA COVID-19 guidelines</a>.</li> <li>• Ensure all staff have received current infection control training with a focus on appropriate use of personal protective equipment (PPE) and COVID-19.</li> <li>• Ensure PPE, hand washing facilities, alcohol based hand sanitiser and respiratory etiquette stations are available.</li> <li>• Encourage frequent and appropriate hand hygiene at all times.</li> <li>• Ensure infection control signage is available for use.</li> <li>• Develop internal contingency plans that include outbreak management, resident isolation, staffing shortages, and surge in demand for PPE.</li> <li>• Develop a plan that excludes unwell staff, volunteers and visitors with respiratory illness and encourage them to seek medical advice and COVID-19 testing if unwell.</li> <li>• Proactively promote and inform all visitors about <a href="#">cough etiquette</a> and <a href="#">hand hygiene</a>.</li> </ul>
Assess residents for signs and symptoms of COVID-19	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• For the most up to date case definition, refer to Communicable Diseases Network Australia Series of National Guidelines (SoNG) <a href="http://www1.health.gov.au/internet/main/publishing.nsf/Content/cdna-song-novel-coronavirus.htm">www1.health.gov.au/internet/main/publishing.nsf/Content/cdna-song-novel-coronavirus.htm</a>.</li> <li>• Regularly monitor SA Health Public Health Alerts: <a href="http://www.sahealth.sa.gov.au/healthalerts">www.sahealth.sa.gov.au/healthalerts</a>.</li> <li>• Fever / history of fever / chills with no other identifiable cause.</li> <li>• Acute respiratory infection (e.g. shortness of breath or cough) with or without fever.</li> <li>• Less common symptoms include headache, myalgia/arthralgia, nausea, vomiting, nasal or conjunctival congestion, haemoptysis, acute loss of sense of taste or smell, diarrhoea.</li> </ul>
Collect specimens	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• SRF should adopt a low threshold for initiating COVID testing among residents and staff.</li> <li>• Unwell residents with suspected COVID-19 should be discussed with the treating GP.</li> <li>• Obtain laboratory request forms for respiratory viral testing <b>INCLUDING CORONAVIRUS</b>.</li> <li>• Request urgent testing for symptomatic resident(s), being sure to identify the resident as living in a high risk setting</li> <li>• Contact SA Pathology on 8222 3000 for assistance with collection and urgent testing.</li> <li>• Notify Communicable Disease Control Branch (CDCB) on 1300 232 272 of any suspect cases.</li> </ul>

RCF PREPARE FOR COVID-19

RCF RISK ASSESSMENT FOR COVID-19



## For more information

Communicable Disease Control Branch  
 Telephone: 1300 232 272  
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