



# COVID-19 UPDATE

COVID-19 Information from the SA Health GP Liaison

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Good afternoon everyone. There are currently 11 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. It's been challenging the changes with QR codes and masks, so thank you for embracing these changes to keep the community safe. Any issues, please email me at [Health.COVID-19GPLiaison@sa.gov.au](mailto:Health.COVID-19GPLiaison@sa.gov.au)

### **Mandatory Mask Usage**

Under the new [Public Activities Direction](#), which came into effect at midnight 1 December 2020:

- All healthcare facilities will be required to have a COVID Safe Plan.
- The COVID Safe plan for healthcare settings must include the use of the COVID SAfe Check-In contact tracing system for all people entering the facility, including staff.
- Everyone (including patients, patients' family members, healthcare staff, administrative staff, contractors and cleaning staff) is required to wear single use surgical masks when on healthcare sites.

The mask usage is aimed at protecting the community from any undetected community transmission. This measure will ensure our clinicians and everyone in our hospitals and health services have additional protection against COVID-19 and appropriate measures are in place should an outbreak occur. The definition of a healthcare setting includes GP clinics, public and private hospitals and specialist practices (including drug and alcohol facilities), pharmacies, allied health services, dental services and Aboriginal Community Controlled Health Services.

While healthcare settings are required to have this in place from 1 December, an initial leniency period of 72 hours will apply while staff and the community are informed and educated on this requirement.

The FAQ is available here: [FAQs - Mandatory mask use in health care settings \(PDF 140KB\)](#)

### **COVID-19 SAfe Check-In**

From today (1/12/20) a COVID SAfe Check-In feature will be added to the mySA GOV app, to enhance contact tracing and keep our community COVID safe. If someone in South Australia tests positive to COVID-19, the COVID SAfe Check-In enables SA Health to quickly contact others who may have been exposed to the virus and stop the spread of COVID-19. Healthcare practices will be required to

complete a COVID Safe Plan to generate a QR code. More information, including frequently asked questions for businesses and customers, is available at [www.covid-19.sa.gov.au/business-and-work/covid-safe-check-in](http://www.covid-19.sa.gov.au/business-and-work/covid-safe-check-in).

### **COVID-19 testing sites**

Two pop-up COVID-19 testing sites have opened in Torrensville and Glandore:

- Thebarton Community Centre, cnr Ashwin Pde and South Rd.
- Glandore Community Centre, Naldera St (relocated from Kurralta Park).

The clinics will operate until Sunday 6 December, 8.00am – 6.00pm. No booking or referral is required.

Find more information and testing locations at

[www.sahealth.sa.gov.au/COVIDtesting](http://www.sahealth.sa.gov.au/COVIDtesting).

### **Cross Border Travel Update**

The new Cross Border Travel Direction came into effect 12.01am Tuesday 1 December. A number of updates have been made including the addition of Victoria to the Low Community Transmission Zone. This means there are no internal restrictions on people travelling to SA who have only travelled domestically in the last 14 days. All people travelling to SA must still complete the [Cross Border Travel Registration form](#). For more information, including the updated [Direction](#) and frequently asked questions, visit [www.covid-19.sa.gov.au](http://www.covid-19.sa.gov.au).

### **Residential Aged Care Direction update**

From 12.01am Tuesday 1 December the new Residential Aged Care Direction came into effect which includes changes to restrictions for people visiting and working in Residential Aged Care Facilities. Under these changes, all people who are at a Residential Aged Care Facility (other than resident or child under 12 years of age) must wear a single use surgical mask at all times when in the presence of other people (unless they are eating or drinking). For more information, including the updated [Direction](#) and frequently asked questions, visit [www.covid-19.sa.gov.au](http://www.covid-19.sa.gov.au).

### **South Australia COVID-19 Update**

- 0 new cases
- 11 active COVID-19 cases
- 6,531 tests yesterday
- 732,562 tests in total
- 462 confirmed cases in total
- 547 people have recovered from COVID-19
- 4 COVID-19 related deaths

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