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Good evening everyone. There are currently 23 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

COVID-19 health alert

SA Health has identified two new locations of concern. Anyone who visited Armada Arndale Shopping Centre or Port Adelaide Plaza on the specified dates and times should monitor for symptoms and get tested immediately if symptoms appear. The list of locations and advice can be found at www.sahealth.sa.gov.au/COVIDcontacttracing.

COVID-19 mask requirements

It was announced today that, from Tuesday 1 December, masks will mandatory for employees, patients and clients in certain healthcare settings. We are also continuing to encourage telehealth usage as much as feasible and minimisation of waiting rooms by having patients wait in their cars. Further details will be released regarding masks once the direction is finalised. For more information, including a downloadable poster or translated fact sheets on how to wear a mask, visit www.sahealth.sa.gov.au/COVIDmasks.

COVID-19 testing sites

A number of COVID-19 testing clinics have updated hours on Saturday 28 November due to heat. A pop-up COVID-19 testing site opened today at the Adelaide Showgrounds (Goodwood Rd, Wayville) from 8am to 9pm. This is a walk-in testing site and is air-conditioned. Car parking and access is available via Rose Terrace. TQEH site has also moved to the old bank, on-site of TQEH, testing adults and children. The list of testing clinics and hours can be found at www.sahealth.sa.gov.au/COVIDtesting.

SA electronic script expansion - Prescriber Session webinar

The Australian Digital Health Agency has been working with South Australian PHNs and clinical peak bodies to support the introduction of electronic prescriptions to South Australia. During this session, ADHA and PHN will provide practical information on how to implement electronic prescriptions to your organisations.

Guest speaker Dr Danny Byrne will join to discuss his experience using electronic prescriptions to date. There will be an opportunity for Q+A at the end of the session. Prescriber Session: 30th November 2020 (Monday) 6.30 – 7.30PM ACDT:

<https://attendee.gotowebinar.com/register/56921028549652236>

A Post-Covid New Normal: Developing Fundamental Changes for Group Medical Practices

Today, I would like to draw your attention to a recent article published in NEJM Catalyst authored by Stacey Hrountas, MPH, Alan J. Bier, MD & Steven Green, MD.

Summary:

As the effects of SARS-CoV-2 continue to devastate patients and challenge health care workers, the leaders at Sharp Rees-Stealy, a multispecialty medical group in San Diego affiliated with Sharp HealthCare, have recognized the need to respond not only to existing demands, but to re-envision how health care will be delivered going forward. Some changes made in the moment of heightened Covid-19 infections will be adopted and adapted for the long-term.

Changes include redesigned physical ingress and egress for patients and employees, as well as major redeployments and retraining of staff and a new approach to patient encounters, including integration of virtual visits as a regular mode of care, plus increased focus on social determinants. [Click here](#) to read.

South Australia COVID-19 Update

- 0 new case
- 23 active COVID-19 cases
- 12,322 tests yesterday
- 714,532 tests in total
- 559 confirmed cases in total
- 532 people have recovered from COVID-19
- 4 COVID-19 related deaths

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