



COVID-19 UPDATE

COVID-19 Information from the SA Health GP Liaison

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Good evening everyone. There are currently 7 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

Masks in GP practices

The Direction has now been changed to allow cloth masks to be worn in health care settings. All people (care providers, patients, clients etc.) entering health care facilities are still required to wear masks, but it is no longer specified to be single-use surgical masks. Masks are only required when in the presence of other people. For example, care providers running telehealth appointments alone in office, or hospital patients alone in single rooms, are not required to wear a mask.

There are exceptions to mask wearing in health care settings that do not require a formal exemption. This includes situations where the mask will hinder the care which is being provided, there is a medical condition, communication with a person who is deaf or hard of hearing is required, the person is under 12 and the person is a live in staff member or a resident of a residential care facility.

More information, including the new Direction is available at www.covid-19.sa.gov.au/emergency-declarations/public-activities.

Information regarding cloth masks that can assist in making or guiding purchase of cloth masks can be found at www.health.gov.au/resources/publications/how-to-make-cloth-mask.

We understand this was a huge undertaking by GP practices, and we truly appreciate all of your hard work!

Density requirements

Density requirements are still at 4sqm per person in GP clinics. Please note, staff are not included when calculating this number. We are recommending patients wait in their cars, although we understand this can be difficult in the heat.

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- 0 new case
- 7 active COVID-19 cases
- 3,548 tests yesterday
- 747,388 tests in total
- 562 confirmed cases in total

- 551 people have recovered from COVID-19
- 4 COVID-19 related deaths

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