



COVID-19 UPDATE

COVID-19 Information from the SA Health GP Liaison

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Good evening everyone. There are currently eight 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 Quick Reference Testing Guide Flowchart

The [Flowchart - COVID-19 quick reference testing guide](#) has been updated online. We have seen a drop in testing numbers across the state, which does concern us that we may miss cases. So please test and refer your patients. Don't forget the Respiratory Clinics!

Immunity post COVID-19

CDNA have updated their SoNG (available [here](#)). There was an interesting section on immunity which has been added. "The duration and degree of immunity following infection is not yet known. Persons who have been released from isolation should adhere to hygiene and physical distancing measures. A person without significant immunocompromise who has recovered from COVID-19 does not need to quarantine if they become a close contact of a confirmed case and the exposure was less than 8 weeks since the recovered case's symptom onset (or first positive PCR test if the case was asymptomatic)."

Changes to border restrictions

From Tuesday people can enter South Australia from New Zealand without the need to quarantine, provided they have not been in a restricted jurisdiction in the last 14 days. From Saturday 24 October, South Australian and Victorian cross border communities will be able to travel within a 70km radius of the border without needing a reason to do so. People permanently relocating to SA from Victoria will be able to do so, provided they meet criteria around accommodation and employment in SA and they quarantine for 14 days on arrival. More information will be available soon at www.covid-19.sa.gov.au.

Home Quarantine App

A procurement process is underway for a new home quarantine app that would ensure eligible arrivals into South Australia could safely quarantine from home instead of in a medi-hotel, using identifying metrics. The app would only be available to those eligible to home quarantine in South Australia, or close and casual contacts of confirmed cases. At this stage, international travellers would continue to quarantine in medi-hotels.

Wastewater tests for COVID launching in bid to spot outbreaks early

NSW Health is calling on anyone who attended the Bathurst 1000 motor race on the weekend as well as residents of Bathurst with any symptoms that could signal COVID-19 to get tested as soon as possible after remnants of the COVID-19 virus

were detected in wastewater (available [here](#)). An interesting article in News GP on wastewater testing. 'A pioneering surveillance program is already proving its worth in finding virus fragments and alerting authorities to potential cases'.
<https://www1.racgp.org.au/news/gp/clinical/wastewater-tests-for-covid-launching-in-bid-to-spo>

New COVID-19 case

A man in his 30s who recently returned from overseas has been diagnosed with COVID-19. He has been in a medi-hotel since his arrival and tested positive in his day one test. This case poses no public health risk.

South Australian COVID-19 Cases yesterday

- 1 new case
- 8 active COVID-19 cases
- 2,948 tests Tuesday
- 522,919 tests in total
- 485 confirmed cases in total
- 473 people have recovered from COVID-19
- 4 COVID-19 related deaths

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