

17th November updates

Important information: Updated fact sheets and information about the Parafield cluster

Updated Directions

Two Directions have been updated in South Australia; Public Activities and Residential Aged Care which both came into effect today, Tuesday 17 November 2020.

Activities and gatherings

New density requirements are in place. The total number of people at a place must not exceed 1 person per 4 square metres. Physical distancing or social distancing principles apply. Every person should attempt to stay at least 1.5 metres from other members of the public. However, this does not apply to people who live together, who are friends or family members, or people who regularly associate with each other.

[Click here](#) for more information about activities and gatherings.

[Click here](#) to view the *Emergency Management (Public Activities No 11) (COVID-19) Direction 2020*.

Residential aged care facilities

In light of the increased level of risk currently present in the South Australian community, the *Emergency Management (Residential Aged Care Facilities No 12) (COVID-19) Direction 2020* has been revoked and replaced by the [Emergency Management \(Residential Aged Care Facilities No 13\) \(COVID-19\) Direction 2020](#).

The updated version of the Direction reintroduces the following key provisions that were previously included in Direction No 11:

- Visits by family/friends providing care and support to a resident (including social support) are limited to one visit of up to two visitors per day.
- Personal care workers are only permitted to work at one residential aged care facility (RACF).
- Any person providing nursing, medical, allied health or personal care services to residents at a RACF must wear appropriate PPE, in accordance with Australian Guidelines, whenever a distance of 1.5m between themselves and the resident cannot be maintained.

Importantly, anyone who has been at any of the listed affected locations at the listed times should not visit or attend a residential aged care facility. Visit www.sahealth.sa.gov.au/COVIDcontacttracing for a list of affected locations.

Retirement villages

The RACF Direction **does not apply to retirement villages**. However, retirement villages and residents must comply with the restrictions set out under the *Emergency Management (Public Activities) (COVID-19) Direction 2020*.

[Click here](#) to view the updated **Information for Retirement Village Operators** fact sheet.

Updated fact sheets and resources

[Click here](#) to view the updated Information for Older South Australians fact sheet.

[Click here](#) to view the updated Information for Visitors to Residential Aged Care Facilities fact sheet.

[Click here](#) for updated information about aged care and visitation.

Additional COVID-19 advice

The SA Government has released updated COVID-19 advice due to the Parafield cluster. Please note the following are recommended but do not form part of a formal directive at this point in time.

- Vulnerable people are advised to stay at home and avoid having visitors at the moment.
- Unnecessary travel is discouraged.
- South Australian residents should wear a mask when physical distancing of 1.5m cannot be observed, e.g. on public transport.

If you require further information you can call the SA COVID-19 Information Line on 1800 253 787 between the hours of 9am to 5pm 7 days per week or go to the SA Health website at www.sahealth.sa.gov.au or www.sa.gov.au/covid-19

Important note: This information is current as of Tuesday 17 November 2020.

Kind regards,

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