

Activities and gatherings

Changes have been announced to the Public Activities Direction.

In effect from 12:54pm:

- Density requirement: 3 people per 4 square metres
- Home gatherings up to 200 (51-200 you will need a COVID Safe Plan)
- Dancing permitted
- Singing permitted
- Stand up consumption of food and beverage permitted
- Shisha permitted

Full details will be available when Public Activities Direction No 28 is published.

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How everyone is affected

The total number of people at a place must not exceed **1 person per 2 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.

Masks

Face masks are mandatory to be worn at high risk settings such as health care facilities, Residential Aged Care Facilities, allied health, and when providing personal care.

For indoor venues such as cinemas, theatres, concert halls or other auditoriums must ensure masks are worn by patrons when they have between 50% and 75% of seats occupied.

Masks are strongly encouraged for people travelling on Public Transport or in a Taxi/Uber and in indoor public areas.

Gatherings

Residential premises

In Greater Metropolitan Adelaide:

- Home gatherings are capped at a maximum at 10 people per residential premises.

In other areas of South Australia:

If you have 50 people at a residential premises, there are no additional requirements.

If you have 51 to 150 people at a residential premises, you must:

- have a COVID-Safe Plan (<https://www.covid-19.sa.gov.au/business-and-events/create-a-covid-safe-plan>)
- appoint a COVID Marshal (<https://www.covid-19.sa.gov.au/business-and-events/covid-marshals>)
- require your guests to check-in via the COVID SAFE Check-in (<https://www.covid-19.sa.gov.au/restrictions-and-responsibilities/covid-safe-check-in>) (a QR code will be sent to you when you complete your COVID-Safe Plan).

A gathering of up to 1,000 people occurring as part of a defined public activity is a permitted gathering but an approved COVID Management Plan is required for more than 1,000 people.

Gatherings / Functions at a licensed premises

e.g. wedding, party, funeral or any other function held at licensed premises.

- The maximum number of people permitted is defined by the density provision of 1 person per 2 square metres.
- Communal food and beverage areas are not permitted. Food and beverages consumed indoors must be done so while seated.
- Dancing is not permitted by members of the bridal party at a wedding ceremony or reception (including at wedding ceremonies or receptions held at relevant licensed premises).
- Singing is not permitted indoors.

Gatherings / Functions at a non-licensed premises

e.g. wedding, party, funeral or any other function held at a private place such as a privately hired community hall, a farm used for commercial purposes, etc (this does not include licensed premises, or residential premises).

- The maximum number of people permitted is 150 and the density provision of 1 person per 2 square metres applies.
- Communal food and beverage areas are not permitted. Food and beverages consumed indoors must be done so while seated.
- Dancing is permitted.
- Singing is not permitted indoors.

Singing

Singing is not permitted at indoor premises that are non-residential unless:

- the singer is performing individually (not including a karaoke performer)
- the singers are members of a group of performers and they are performing or rehearsing in the indoor premises (not including karaoke performers or persons performing or rehearsing as part of a choir or chorus)
- the premises are an educational establishment
- the singers are undertaking or providing an individual lesson.

Backing singers with a band are permitted.

How businesses are affected

COVID-Safe Plan

All businesses that conduct a *Defined public activity* must have a COVID-Safe Plan (<https://www.covid-19.sa.gov.au/business-and-events/create-a-covid-safe-plan>).

COVID Management Plan

Some high-risk public activities require a COVID Management Plan (<https://www.covid-19.sa.gov.au/business-and-events/create-a-covid-management-plan>), approved by SA Health.

COVID SAfe Check-in


General retail premises, and businesses that conduct a *Defined public activity* (https://www.covid-19.sa.gov.au/_admin/?SQ_BACKEND_PAGE=main&backend_section=am&am_section=edit_asset&assetid=145975&asset_ei_screen=contents&SQ_BACKEND_PAGE=main&sq_link_path=250993%2C) must use the COVID SAfe Check-in (<https://www.covid-19.sa.gov.au/restrictions-and-responsibilities/covid-safe-check-in>) or other approved contact tracing system.

COVID Marshals

COVID Marshals (<https://www.covid-19.sa.gov.au/business-and-events/covid-marshals>) are required across a number of industry sectors to ensure venue capacity, physical distancing and infection control requirements are met.

Defined public activities

A defined public activity means:

- onsite purchase and consumption of food or beverages (whether occurring in an indoor or outdoor area)
- sport (including sports training), fitness or recreation activities
- indoor public meetings
- ceremonies
- public assemblies
- provision of personal care services
- provision of public entertainment
- provision of recreational transport
- the operation of a nightclub
- the operation of relevant licensed premises
- the operation of a casino or gaming area (within the meaning of the *Gaming Machines Act 1992* )
- auctions and inspections of premises for the purpose of sale or rental of any property
- driver instruction
- an assembly within the meaning of the *Public Assemblies Act 1972*
- the provision of health care, residential care, disability support or aged care services
- the onsite purchase and consumption of shisha.

Maximum occupancy requirements for Defined public activities

The density requirement of 1 person per 2 square metres applies for all defined public activities.

The maximum number of attendees at a place of business will be determined by its size.

These requirements apply only to patrons, not staff.

Contact tracing

COVID-Safe Check-In (<https://www.covid-19.sa.gov.au/restrictions-and-responsibilities/covid-safe-check-in>) is a new feature that has been added to the free mySA GOV app. 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.

Any defined public activity which requires a COVID Safe Plan, and any general retail premises, must use an approved contact tracing system which includes the COVID-Safe Check in, Scan Tek or any other electronic platform which is approved by the state coordinator.

Those who have a COVID Safe Plan will be issued with a QR code which will be attached to the approved plan and must be displayed in the premises/business/venue.

A person who participates in a defined public activity or who enters a venue must upload their relevant contact details. If the system is not working or the person is unable to upload their details they must provide their details to the venue operator and these details must be retained.

Contact tracing records must be presented at the request of an authorised officer and may not be used retained for any other purpose.

In circumstances in which it might not be possible for the person attending the activity to provide their contact details, a carer/companion of the person attending may record or provide the relevant contact details on behalf of the person attending.

 [Contact tracing record for attendance at public activities \(PDF, 185.0 KB\) \(https://www.covid-19.sa.gov.au/_data/assets/pdf_file/0011/209594/Contact-Tracing-Record-Attendance-at-public-activities_20210605.pdf\)](https://www.covid-19.sa.gov.au/_data/assets/pdf_file/0011/209594/Contact-Tracing-Record-Attendance-at-public-activities_20210605.pdf)

Restrictions on businesses

See Business restrictions and closures (<https://www.covid-19.sa.gov.au/restrictions-and-responsibilities/business-restrictions-and-closures>) for more information on businesses restrictions.

Where businesses may now open, some restrictions apply.

- No shared utensils may be provided in the course of providing the service of any food or beverages.
- No communal food or beverage service areas may operate, this includes buffets, salad bars or or sauce dispensers
- Shisha/Hookah bars may open for the sale of food and beverages (as long as they are consumed while seated indoors) but smoking of Shisha is not permitted.

Excluded businesses

The following locations and activities are not required to comply with capacity limits applicable to prohibited or prescribed gatherings under the Direction. However, these businesses, locations and activities must comply with all other provisions of the Direction (where applicable) including the density requirements:

- airports
- public transport
- medical or health services, including hospitals
- emergency services
- disability, aged care or residential facilities
- prisons, correctional facilities or training centres
- courts or tribunals
- Parliament or Government House
- council meetings (although members of the public attending must adhere to maximum occupancy and density requirements)
- food markets, supermarkets, grocery stores, retail stores or shopping centres
- workplaces, including offices, factories, laboratories, repair or maintenance premises (workshops), mining or construction sites, waste disposal or processing facilities
- land or vessels used in the production or treatment of primary produce
- schools, universities, educational institutions and childcare facilities
- accommodation facilities such as hotels or motels
- where people are transiting through a place (such as Rundle Mall)

- any other gathering deemed exempt by the State Coordinator.

More information

See the Direction on Public Activities (<https://www.covid-19.sa.gov.au/emergency-declarations/public-activities>) for details.

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