



10 July 2020

Pre-weekend update! Please email if you have any issues or concerns. Please test anyone who has symptoms, even mild. If you don't have PPE, please send your patient to a testing [clinic](#).

COVID-19 UPDATE South Australia 10 JULY 2020			
New cases today	0	Patients in hospital	0
Total cases	443	Recovered	439
Active cases	0	Deaths	4
Overseas acquired	0	Tests yesterday	2,104
Locally acquired (close contact)	0	Total tests	169,757
Locally acquired (contact unknown)	0		
Interstate acquired	0		
Under investigation	0		

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Border changes – Victoria

A new CDCB [Health Alert](#) has been issued today regarding Victoria and the request that anyone from Victoria is tested at Day 1 and 12. Some people who have recently crossed the border may have a request form, whereas others may telephone your clinic for a request form or to have a test. Travellers who have arrived within the last 14 days are asked to get tested, regardless of whether they have symptoms. The respiratory clinics have agreed to see asymptomatic patients who need to be tested from Victoria and we are thankful for the GPs working in these clinics seeing patients at risk.

For information about self-isolation and self-quarantine, see the Victorian fact sheet [here](#). The person must be able to avoid contact with others and if this is not possible, then alternative accommodation should be considered. All essential travellers under schedule 2 are now required to wear a mask in South Australia for a period of 14 days when out in public.

Telehealth item restrictions from 20th July

An announcement was made by both the [AMA](#) and [RACGP](#) that some GP telehealth item numbers would be limited from the 20th of July, to circumstances where a patient has an existing relationship with a GP or general practice, other than for children aged under 12 months or patients who are homeless. The definition of a relationship will be having seen the same GP, or a GP at the same practice, face-to-face in the last 12 months before the telehealth consultation takes place. A formal update to the mbs website has not yet occurred.

Communicating and Caring for Culturally & Linguistically Diverse Patients during COVID-19

The lessons learned from Victoria have highlighted that we need to have a stronger focus on the CALD community and ensure that testing and communication are meeting the needs of the community. Thank you to the Refugee Health Service and various Medical Associations who have provided incredibly helpful suggestions. SA Health have developed a [survey](#) around resources, communication and testing for our CALD communities. It would be wonderful to have a primary care response as part of the survey, so please complete the [survey](#) by COB Tuesday 14th July.

SA Health Website

The [Health Professionals COVID-19 resources](#)

Telephone numbers

SA COVID-19 Information line: 1800 253 787

SA COVID-19 Social and non-clinical support: 1300 705 336

SA COVID-19 Mental health support: 1800 632 753

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