

# COVID-Safe: Direction to temporarily close



From midnight Wednesday 19 November, new Emergency Management Directions have come into effect.

These directions require people to stay at home at all times, except in very limited circumstances.

This is intended to provide a short-term 'circuit breaker' for the current COVID outbreak in South Australia, with the goal of preventing the virus from spiralling out of control and avoiding the need for long-term lockdowns as seen elsewhere.

**The activities that were allowed until now under your COVID-Safe Plan, will now be prohibited for the duration of the Direction.**

When the activities covered by your COVID-Safe Plan will be allowed to restart, you will be automatically issued with a new COVID-Safe Plan.

Accordingly, no new COVID Safe Plans are being issued until that time.

**Note:** the only businesses and activities that are still allowed to continue at this time are as follows:

- Supermarkets, butchers, fruit and vegetables stores and fishmongers – but not an indoor or outdoor market
- Bottle shops
- Financial institutions
- Post offices
- Pharmacies
- Hardware stores
- Petrol stations
- Distribution centres
- Pet stores or veterinary clinics
- Emergency services, including fire, ambulance, SES, police, medical retrieval and defence services
- Essential infrastructure and essential services within the meaning of the *Essential Services Act 1981*
- Vehicle repair and mechanical services
- Roadside assistance services
- National Heavy Vehicle Regulator compliance activities
- Certain essential government or local government services
- Consular and diplomatic services
- Australian Border Force and Commonwealth law enforcement
- Journalist and media services
- Factories or facilities that are not able to be shut down without causing damage or loss to plant and equipment
- Organisations that provide urgent services for the health and safety of any person, animal or premises. This may include activities such as emergency plumbing, animal shelters or food banks
- Public transport, taxis, air transport and freight services
- Essential health services, including blood banks
- Care services for disability, illness, age and infirmity
- Childcare, early childhood education and primary and secondary schooling
- Hotel or motel accommodation
- Truck stops and roadhouses
- Production and distribution of food and groceries, liquor, medical and pharmaceutical supplies
- Primary industries

The above activities do **not** require a COVID Safe Plan.

You can find the latest COVID-19 Emergency Management Directions by visiting [www.sa.gov.au/covid-19](http://www.sa.gov.au/covid-19).

## Temporary but necessary measures

These temporary measures are based on expert health advice.

If the current cluster of COVID-19 can now be contained quickly through rapid contact tracing and the immediate isolation of all positive and suspected cases, these measures may be able to be eased again soon.

It is important that all South Australians understand that these measures are critical to give South Australia the best possible chance to stop this cluster now.

As examples from interstate and overseas have clearly shown us, there is no second chance to stop a second wave. We must stop the spread now, before it spirals out of control and puts many South Australian lives and livelihoods at risk.

These measures were not taken lightly, and the Government of South Australia is hopeful that they can be eased again soon if we all do our part in stopping the spread.

We thank you for your understanding and cooperation.

### **For further information and resources**

Visit the following websites for more information.

[www.covid-19.sa.gov.au](http://www.covid-19.sa.gov.au) for the latest official health advice, news and information on current COVID-19 restrictions, support packages and the State's Roadmap to Recovery.

[www.health.gov.au](http://www.health.gov.au) or [www.sahealth.sa.gov.au](http://www.sahealth.sa.gov.au) for detailed health advice and guidance on health and infection control measures, including factsheets on COVID-safe cleaning.

[www.openyourworld.sa.gov.au](http://www.openyourworld.sa.gov.au) for advice and resources on how to promote wellbeing.

You can also call the dedicated SA information line on 1800 253 787.