

SOUTH AUSTRALIAN ROADMAP FOR EASING COVID-19 RESTRICTIONS

STEP 1 - FROM 11 MAY

Frequently Asked Questions

Step 1: From 11 May Public and Outdoor Activities

South Australia assesses the current situation based on the Prime Minister and the National Cabinet's positions, and advice from SA Health on the specific circumstances in our state.

On 8 May 2020, National Cabinet agreed to a first phase of easing certain COVID-19 restrictions. Based on expert advice by the Australian Health Protection Principal Committee, National Cabinet decided that states and territories should determine how to implement this in response to their unique circumstances and success to date in flattening the curve.

A [South Australian roadmap](#) has been developed to detail the stage of easing of restrictions and will start from 11 May. This is subject to public health performance and the State Co-ordinator's assessment of the situation at that time.

Remember:

- Gatherings should be 10 or less people at any time
- Keep 1.5 metres distance from others
- 1 person per 4 square metres (density requirement)
- If you have a cold or flu symptoms, seek testing and stay home until you are well.
- Wash your hands often, wipe frequently touched surfaces, and cover coughs and sneezes.
- Vulnerable people like the elderly and people with chronic health conditions should talk to their doctor about what is appropriate for them.

Regional Travel

Can I go to my holiday home in a regional area?

Yes. Previous advice was to re-consider your need to travel to regional areas because we were trying to slow the spread of COVID-19 particularly in our regional areas within South Australia. This advice has now been relaxed.

Universities, TAFE or other VET institutions

Can I go to university, TAFE SA or another VET institution?

Yes, you can. These institutions were never directed to close, but moved to remote learning models as an extra precaution to protect their staff and students.

However, SA Health has recently advised that it is safe for students and staff to attend university, TAFE and other VET institutions, and encouraged them to feel comfortable returning to attend in-person when possible.

However, if you have a chronic medical condition or a compromised immune system, you should consult your GP in first instance. If you are feeling unwell, you should stay home.

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Outdoor dining for restaurants and cafes

Can I open my restaurant or cafe if I have outdoor seating?

Yes, from 11 May outdoor dining of up to 10 patrons is permitted for restaurants and cafes. Patrons must be seated at tables. Alcohol is not permitted to be served or consumed on the premises. There will be a limit to the number of people on site to 1 person per 4 square metres (density requirement), and practice good hygiene.

Community, youth and RSL halls

Can I go to a recreation centre (community centre/hall, club, , RSL club)?

From 11 May 2020, recreation centres are allowed to operate for public gatherings of a maximum of up to 10 people. This number excludes any staff necessary to facilitate the gathering. Density requirements and social distancing principles continue to apply. No sporting activities or training may be conducted inside the facility.

As was already the case prior to 11 May, some facilities are also open for the purpose of hosting essential voluntary or public services, such as food banks or homeless services.

They will also still be allowed to provide goods, food and beverages to take away.

Auctions and inspections

Can house sales be conducted via auction and are open inspections allowed?

From 11 May 2020, in-person open house inspections and real estate auctions are allowed, Auction houses are also allowed to open for both inspections and auctions. but the number of attendees in all cases must be restricted to a maximum of 10 participants at any time

This number excludes the auctioneer, real estate agent or host, as well as any staff necessary to facilitate the activity. People are encouraged to minimise the number of people present at all times.

People who organise or host auctions or open house inspections must keep records of each attendee to each separate auction or open inspection, including the contact details of each attendee, to assist with contact tracing if required. These may be requested by an Authorised Officer. The form will be available for download at www.sa.gov.au.

Social distancing principles and the density requirement continue to apply.

Participants are encouraged to adopt good hand hygiene practices and the organiser(s) or host(s) should arrange appropriate and frequent environmental cleaning and disinfection.

Local government libraries

Can I go to the library? Can I open our library?

Local government libraries will be able to re-open with limitations including a limit of 10 patrons present at any time (excluding library staff), limit the number of people on site to 1 person per 4 square metres (density requirement), practice good hygiene and provided attendee records are kept.

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People will have to observe, and encourage attendees to adhere to, social distancing principles, requiring everyone to try to maintain at least 1.5 metres physical distance between one another at all times.

Note: Depending on the size of the library, a lower maximum limit may apply, as libraries also need to comply with the density requirement as outlined above.

Sports Training (outdoor only)

Can I train with my team outdoors?

Yes, outdoor team training is allowed, as long as you follow the density requirement, the 1.5 metre social distance rule, and you have no more than 10 people participating in a group. This number excludes any staff necessary to facilitate the training

Indoor sports and sports competitions will remain prohibited for now.

People are encouraged to limit the number of people in any location as much as possible (for example: no more than 1 parent per child), to get changed and shower at home, and practice good hand hygiene.

Sports clubs and organisations are encouraged to increase the frequency of environmental and disinfection cleaning.

Funerals

Can I organise or attend a funeral?

Funerals can still occur in South Australia.

From 11 May, the maximum number of mourners that is allowed to attend is 20 if the funeral is held indoors, and 30 if it is held outdoors. This excludes those officiating the funeral, and other staff necessary to facilitate the funeral.

This is an increase on the maximum numbers that applied prior to 11 May (previously the numbers were 10 indoors and 15 people outdoors). While more people will be allowed to attend funerals, the density requirement and social distancing principles continue to apply.

No food or beverages are to be provided for consumption.

Attendee records must be kept, including each attendee's contact details, to assist with contact tracing if required. These may be requested by an Authorised Officer. The form will be available for download at www.sa.gov.au.

Worship, weddings and ceremonies

Can I get married?

Weddings can still be conducted in South Australia. Commencing from 11 May 2020, up to 10 guests can attend. This is excluding the celebrant and any staff necessary to facilitate the event.

This is an increase on the previous maximum number of people (which was 5 in total).

No food or beverages are to be provided for consumption.

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Attendee records must be kept, including each attendee's contact details, to assist with contact tracing if required. These may be requested by an Authorised Officer. The form will be available for download at www.sa.gov.au.

Can I visit a church, mosque or other place of worship?

From 11 May 2020, places of worship are allowed to be open, as long as no more than 10 people attend at any one time.

Religious gatherings, private worship or small religious ceremonies of up to 10 people will now be allowed. Social distancing principles and density requirements continue to apply.

Places of worship or organisers of religious gatherings are strongly advised to keep records of each attendee to each ceremony, service or gathering, including the contact details of each attendee, to assist with contact tracing if required.

Larger services continue to be prohibited.

Prior to 11 May, all places of worship were closed to the public, although the recording or streaming of services was allowed with only essential participants and social distancing requirements observed. Recording or live streaming scenario remains an option under the latest Direction.

Pools

Can I go to the public swimming pool?

From 11 May restrictions on public swimming pools will be eased, with lap swimming and recreational swimming allowed, as long as the following requirements are complied with:

- there is a maximum of 10 swimmers in each separate pool at any time
- no spectators are permitted, except for up to one parent/carer per swimmer if necessary
- there is a maximum of one person per lane for lap swimming.
- change and shower facilities are not permitted to be used (but toilet facilities may be made available).

As was already the case prior to 11 May, supervised hydrotherapy, registered swimming club training and elite athlete (including divers) can all still continue, provided that the total number of people does not exceed 10 and the density requirement is complied with.

Campgrounds and caravan parks

Can I go camping at national parks and reserves?

Yes, South Australia is re-opening camp sites at national parks and reserves. However, gatherings should be 10 or less people at any time, and you still should practice social distancing of 1.5 metres and good hygiene practices.

Online bookings are encouraged. To book a campsite online visit www.parks.sa.gov.au/booking