

COVID-19 FAQs

Emergency Management (Gatherings No 2) (COVID-19) Direction 2020

South Australia assesses the current situation against the recommendations of the Prime Minister. It has been determined by the State Coordinator Commissioner, Grant Stevens that South Australia is currently in a better situation than other states. He feels that the current restrictions are working well in flattening the curve. This situation is assessed on a day to day basis and decisions will be made on any further restrictions according to advice from SA Health.

In South Australia:

Can I meet with more than 2 people?

Although it is strongly discouraged, you are able to meet with more than 2 people at a time, as long as you use social distancing of 1.5 metres and it is not more than 10 people.

What if my house has more than 2 people, can we still meet?

Yes – you are able to meet with everyone in your household. However, social distancing and good hygiene is encouraged.

Can I organise a party?

Gatherings of more than 10 people, including at residences, indoors or outdoors are prohibited. While gatherings of more than 2 people are strongly discouraged – you can have a gathering, if the total number of people present in a gathering does not exceed 10 people and does not exceed 1 person per 4 square metres. You can be fined \$1000 on the spot.

Can I get married?

Weddings can still occur, but can have a maximum of 5 people present (including the couple, i.e. the couple, the celebrant and 2 guests) and cannot exceed 1 person per 4 square metres. You can be fined \$1000 on the spot.

Can I organise a funeral?

Funerals can still occur, but can only have a maximum of 10 people if held inside and 15 people if held outdoors. You cannot exceed 1 person per 4 square metres. You can be fined \$1000 on the spot.

Can I get on public transport if there are more than 10 people there?

Although gatherings of more than 10 people are prohibited, public transport and facilities are exempt. However, people should still practice social distancing of 1.5 metres and good hygiene practices.



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Can I go to work if there are more than 10 people there?

Although gatherings of more than 10 people are prohibited, you can go to an office building, factory, laboratory, mining site or construction site or waste disposal or processing facility that is necessary for the normal business of those premises. However, people must practice social distancing of 1.5 metres and good hygiene practices. Working from home, where possible is encouraged.

Can I go to supermarkets, food markets, retail and shopping centres?

Although gatherings of more than 10 people are prohibited, you can go to supermarkets, food markets, retail and shopping centres. However, people must still practice social distancing of 1.5 metres and good hygiene practices.

Why are schools and childcare centres still open if the rest of us can no longer gather in groups of more than two people?

Schools and preschools will remain open until advice from SA Health changes. However, people must still practice social distancing of 1.5 metres and good hygiene practices.

Parents can choose to keep their children at home. If there is a confirmed case of COVID-19 at a site, the individual school or preschool will close temporarily.

I am an L Plater. Can I go out driving with a family member to get my hours up?

The purpose of the directions are to limit the spread of COVID-19 in South Australia and to ensure people adopt the recommended social distancing measures. These restrictions in South Australia would not prevent two members of the same family group from being together in a motor vehicle for the purposes of a driving lesson but our advice is to limit non-essential road use.

Our house has more than 10 people living in it. Can we still live together?

Yes. For people who ordinarily reside in a house with 10 or more people, you are able to continue residing together.

Can we have a team meeting at our residential care facility?

Yes. A gathering at a residential care facility (including a supported residential facility) that is necessary for the normal business of the facility is permitted. However, people should still practice social distancing of 1.5 metres and good hygiene practices.



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My job is to produce and treat primary produce on a ship. Can we have more than 10 people working?

Yes, you can have more than 10 people working together on land or a vessel if you are producing or treating primary produce (within the meaning of the Primary Produce (Food Safety Schemes) Act 2004). However, people should still practice social distancing of 1.5 metres and good hygiene practices.

Can I have a family picnic at my local park?

Councils are now re-opening local parks. 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.

Can I go to the playground?

Councils are now re-opening local playgrounds. 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.

Can I go to the skate park?

Councils are now re-opening local skate parks. 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.

Can I take my dog to the dog park?

Councils are now re-opening local dog parks. 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.



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