

COVID-19 FAQs

Emergency Management (Gatherings) (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 one 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 metres square. 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 metres square. 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, mining site or construction site 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 national health advice 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.



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