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## COVID-19 UPDATE 13: MONDAY 6 APRIL 2020

### **Women's and Children's Hospital boost**

The Women's and Children's Hospital has opened more high dependency beds and is training around 80 nurses to work at an Intensive Care Unit (ICU) level.

An additional three High Dependency Unit beds had already been established with planning underway for an additional 10 ICU beds for South Australian women and children.

### **Extra frontline responders**

An additional 97 paramedics will be recruited into SA Ambulance Service to support the frontline response to COVID-19.

SA Ambulance Service is fast-tracking:

- > An intake of 36 paramedic interns
- > 20 patient transport officers, who will complement a recent intake of 23 graduates
- > 18 interns have recently begun their on the road supervision
- > An additional 11 Triple Zero (000) call takers were recently recruited.

### **Historic alliance for private and public hospitals**

In a first for South Australia, private hospitals will be used as part of the State's response plan to the COVID-19 pandemic. The agreement between the State and Commonwealth will provide the local health system with up to 1,700 beds and significant ICU capacity.

#### **SOUTH AUSTRALIA COVID-19 CASES**

There have been **2** new cases of COVID-19 today bringing the total to **411** confirmed cases in South Australia.

To date, **53** people have been confirmed cleared of COVID-19, however we expect this number to increase as our data is updated.

South Australians are praised for following health advice, practising good hygiene and social distancing.

As a result, there has been steady cases numbers in SA, mostly related to overseas and interstate travel.

However, this does not mean we can become complacent.

SA Health is your trusted source for information on COVID-19. For more information visit our [website](#) and follow us on [Facebook](#) or [Twitter](#).

[SA.GOV.AU](#) is a dedicated COVID-19 gateway, linking to relevant information on state and federal government websites.

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