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COVID-19 UPDATE 17: TUESDAY 14 APRIL 2020

PPE stock

South Australia has secured more than 1.7 million pieces of Personal Protection Equipment (PPE), including surgical masks and N95 masks, providing much needed protection for our staff. Stock should be used appropriately to ensure adequate levels of supplies are maintained.

Free car parking for hospital staff

Free parking and public transport will be provided to South Australian hospital workers during the COVID-19 pandemic. This includes doctors, nurses, administration, cleaners and other support staff.

Further details about accessing these measures will be provided once administrative arrangements are finalised.

Qantas staff at Adelaide Airport

There are a number of [Qantas staff-only areas within the Adelaide Airport](#) where confirmed COVID-19 cases have been.

Affected staff will be contacted by SA Health Communicable Disease Control Branch in the next few days with more information and instructions.

SA Health are recommending testing of Qantas staff who have been in the affected areas even if they have only very mild symptoms or are asymptomatic. These staff will be required to be in quarantine for at least 14 days from their last exposure to the site.

At this stage, no public areas have been identified as being affected, but anyone who has been to any area of Adelaide Airport and develops symptoms of COVID-19 must immediately self-isolate and [seek testing](#).

Stop the flu

SA Health has launched the 'Stop The Flu' public awareness campaign, which encourages the uptake of the vaccine, especially for those groups more vulnerable to complications from severe flu.

For more information and to download resources visit sahealth.sa.gov.au/flu.

Wakefield Hospital reactivation

The Wakefield Hospital is now fully-equipped as a dedicated COVID-19 response facility. The reactivation has a new \$1.9 million CT-scanner, a bulk medical oxygen tank and brings online another 130 beds, if needed.

This will complement other dedicated facilities at ECH College Grove and the Repat, creating 278 additional beds throughout the health system.

ICU Nurse tests positive

An intensive care nurse working with COVID-19 patients at the Royal Adelaide Hospital has tested positive to COVID-19.

To date, 23 close contacts, mainly ICU staff, have been advised to self-isolate and the Communicable Disease Control Branch investigation is ongoing.

There have been 36 cases of COVID-19 in healthcare workers but they have been acquired through overseas or interstate travel or close contact. This is the first hospital acquired case.

SOUTH AUSTRALIA COVID-19 CASES

- > 2 additional people tested positive today.
- > 433 confirmed cases in total.
- > 253 people have recovered from COVID-19.
- > Sadly, there have been 4 COVID-19 related deaths in SA to date.
- > 11 South Australians are in hospital.
- > 4 South Australians are receiving care at the Royal Adelaide Hospital's Intensive Critical Care Unit.

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.

View previous COVID-19 Updates [here](#).

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