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COVID-19 UPDATE 20: FRIDAY 17 APRIL 2020

Rapid testing soon available

COVID-19 diagnosis will soon be available in less than 60 minutes with [rapid testing capability](#) to be rolled out in the coming weeks.

This will enable clinicians in all metro and ten regional hospitals to make quick decisions around the treatment and care of patients deemed clinically urgent.

Wastewater testing

[Wastewater sampling](#) will help the public health team identify the extent of COVID-19 within the community.

Monitoring wastewater will identify the presence of virus genetic material (viral RNA) to build a better understanding of communities where the virus has spread.

Q&A with Chief Public Health Officer

Catch up with today's Q&A with Professor Nicola Spurrier on The Advertiser's [Facebook page](#).

SOUTH AUSTRALIA COVID-19 CASES

- > One additional person tested positive today
- > 435 confirmed cases in total
- > 331 people have recovered from COVID-19
- > Sadly, there have been 4 COVID-19 related deaths in SA to date
- > 2 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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