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COVID-19 UPDATE 5: WEDNESDAY 25 MARCH 2020

The health workforce will be boosted with highly skilled nurses and midwives in the health workforce as part of the COVID-19 pandemic response.

The State Government has begun fast-tracking recruitment of nurses and midwives with a range of skills including intensive care, home care and aged care.

As part of the initiative, SA Health will work with education partners in the rapid upskilling of nurses for support in areas of need, including ICU-level care.

In other updates:

- > Non-urgent elective surgeries in Australia's public and private hospitals will be banned from midnight in a bid to preserve the healthcare system to respond to the coronavirus pandemic.
- > [New restrictions](#) have been issued on non-essential businesses and activities.
- > The Prime Minister announced a [ban](#) on Australians travelling overseas.

SOUTH AUSTRALIA COVID-19 CASES

Since 1 February 2020, there have been 197 confirmed cases of COVID-19 in South Australia.

While the majority of cases can be traced to overseas travel, interstate travel or confirmed contact of a known case, SA Health has identified two cases of local community transmission.

There is an ongoing investigation into cluster of cases at Lyndoch Hill Winery and Chateau in the Barossa. Anyone who attended the winery on or after 14 March and are now unwell should self-isolate and seek testing.

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 now a dedicated COVID-19 gateway, linking to relevant information on state and federal government websites.

www.sahealth.sa.gov.au/COVID2019



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