COVID-19 UPDATE JULY 2021

Income Support Payments for Regional SA

The State Government will match the Commonwealth's COVID-19 Disaster Payment scheme for eligible workers throughout the State, who live or work outside of the Commonwealth-declared 'Hotspot' areas (and, therefore, were not previously entitled to the Commonwealth Government's support payments).

The scheme provides $375 per week for those workers who have lost between 8 and less than 20 hours' work, or have lost a full day of work, and $600 per week if a person has lost over 20 hours' work.

The payments will be paid in arrears for the lockdown and anyone affected can apply through myGOV from Wednesday, 28 July.

The State Government is seeking to confirm with the Commonwealth Government, that the vast majority of microbusinesses not registered for GST will be eligible for the COVID-19 Disaster Payment of $600/$375 per seven-day period.

More information, including how to claim the Commonwealth COVID-19 Disaster Payment (including the matching income support payment for eligible SA individuals outside the Commonwealth declared hotspots) will be available on the Services Australia website soon at:
https://www.servicesaustralia.gov.au/individuals/services/centrelink/covid-19-disaster-payment.

Further updates on these schemes will be circulated as information becomes available.

New Business Support Package

The State Government has announced a $100 million support package for businesses during South Australia's lockdown. The package includes the following:

- $3,000 cash grants available to eligible small and medium businesses that suffer significant loss of income*
- $1,000 cash grants available to eligible small non-employing businesses i.e. sole traders that suffer significant loss of income **

*To be eligible for the one-off $3,000 emergency cash grant, a business must, as at 12:01am Tuesday 20 July 2021:

- Be located within South Australia
- Have an annual turnover of $75,000 or more in 2020-21 or 2019-20, and be registered for GST
- Employ people in South Australia
- Have an Australia-wide payroll of less than $10 million in 2019-20
- Have a valid Australian Business Number (ABN)
- Experienced at least a 30 per cent reduction (compared to the week prior) in turnover due to the restricted trading conditions

**To be eligible for the one-off $1,000 emergency cash grant, a non-employing business must meet the criteria listed above excluding the requirement to employ people

You can register your interest for the Business Support Grant here. Applications close 30 September 2021.

What happens if your business is a COVID-19 exposure site?

As we work through the current COVID-19 cases in South Australia, some businesses are being identified as exposure locations to help members of the public quickly identify whether there is a risk they have been exposed to COVID-19.

SA Health makes every effort to contact businesses prior to adding exposure locations to the website and releasing publicly, however this is not always possible. As the situation continues to evolve, the health and safety of the South Australia community is the number one priority.

If your business is listed as a COVID-19 exposure location, but you have not yet been contacted by SA Health, please immediately close the business (if not already required to under level 5 restrictions) and send staff home.

SA Health will be in contact as soon as possible to provide information about necessary cleaning, as well as staff testing and quarantine requirements.

For the latest list of exposure sites, visit sahealth.sa.gov.au/COVIDcontacttracing

For all existing Directions, tables and frequently asked questions and other information can be found here: https://www.covid-19.sa.gov.au/emergency-declarations

If you require further information you can call the SA COVID-19 Information Line on 1800 253 787 between the hours of 9am to 5pm 7 days per week or go to the SA Health website at www.sahealth.sa.gov.au or www.sa.gov.au/covid-19