

A message from the

Department for Energy and Mining



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Several [Directions](#) under the *Emergency Management Act 2004* have been or are currently being updated by the South Australian Government in response to developments associated with the Parafield Cluster. The majority of the changes are to assist SA Health and SAPOL to carry out intensive contact tracing activities and symptomatic testing while minimising the movement of people. SA Health's [locations of concern](#) and directions to anyone who may have visited these places in metropolitan Adelaide is a ready source of information available to employers across the sector for informing risk mitigation measures for employees reporting for duty across the State.

Updated directions

Two specific Direction changes impact on the resource and energy sectors:

Cross Border Travel – SAPOL have confirmed that cross-border restrictions on travel from Victoria will be eased from Tuesday 1 December. For the time being travellers will still be required to [register online](#) to assist in understanding movements and responding to any future infection outbreak. Online registrations will receive automatic approval. Interstate border arrangements impacting on travel from South Australia are still changing in light of the Parafield Cluster, and companies with interstate FIFO/DIDO interests should continue to monitor conditions implemented by other state and territory jurisdictions.

Public Activities – revised requirements for contact tracing and public activities apply to the operation of licenced premises from 1 December, including the requirement for a [COVID Safe Plan](#) and implementation of the [COVID-Safe Check In](#) contact tracing system also known as the 'QR-code' system.

DEM has confirmed that implementation **will not** be compulsory for wet messes on sites that are closed to public access. However sites and wet mess providers may choose to implement the COVID-Safe system as part of the overall contact tracing arrangements. The system that involves employees using their mobile phones to scan a QR code is designed to be simple to implement. A paper recording-log template is available as a back-up for patrons that do not have a mobile phone or have not uploaded the required app.

Face masks

SA Health has advised that the wearing of face masks is not mandatory for the general community, but it is recommended to wear a mask where people are out in public and unable to [physically distance](#). Accordingly, wearing of masks is not mandated for the resources and energy sector, and each worksite should continue to assess the suite of risk control measures suitable for their circumstances and exposure to infection risk, and advise employees accordingly. Information and updates about wearing face masks in South Australia can be found at this [Frequently Asked Questions](#) page on the SA Health website.

Working from home

South Australia's Chief Public Health Officer Nicola Spurrier has recommend that people continue to work from home for the next two weeks where possible, to the extent that this does not significantly disrupt service delivery or core business.

Thank you for your continued support of these actions and your efforts to maintain business continuity during this challenging time. Any queries can be emailed to DEM.industryenquiries@sa.gov.au at the Department for Energy and Mining.

Stay well

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The information contained in this resources and energy industry update has been verified by the South Australian Government COVID-19 Public Information Function Support Group coordinated by SA Police.

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