

# COVID-19 update

## COVID-19 News

Adelaide PHN continues to keep general practices and providers up to date with the latest COVID-19 information by providing relevant resources, support, and updates as they become available. Most recent updates include –

### Infection Prevention and Control Webinars

Adelaide PHN has commissioned the Australian Primary Health Care Nurses Association (APNA) to provide these webinars to support a state of readiness and preparedness for primary health care workplaces during COVID-19 and the emerging flu season. Find out more about each webinar and register to attend via the links below.

***Basic Principles of Infection Prevention Control | 6.00PM - 7.30PM Tuesday 3 May***  
*Suitable for GPs, Practice Nurses, Pharmacists, Allied Health Professionals and Practice Managers.*

Join APNA and subject matter expert Megan Reilly for a webinar packed with all you need to know about how to apply infection prevention control in your practice. We will:

- Provide an overview of the basic principles of Infection prevention control
- Discuss what is required of workplaces to prevent the risk of transmission within the workplace
- Offer practical examples of how different elements of infection prevention control might be applied to different settings to support business continuity
- Provide access to evidence-based infection control information
- Explore further resources available to you

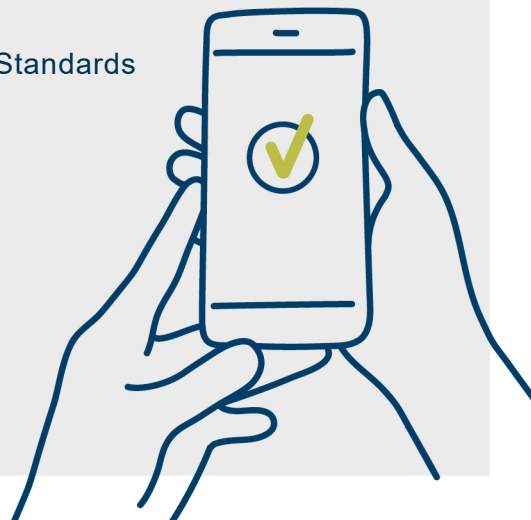
[Register here.](#)

***IPC Guidelines in Accreditation | 6.00PM - 7.30PM Tuesday 17 May***  
*Suitable for Practice Managers, Practice Nurses and GPs.*

Join the APNA IPC team for an informative webinar on navigating Infection Prevention and Control in the Accreditation process. We will:

- Provide the current guidelines and information
- Link Infection Prevention & Control to the RACGP Core Standards
- Look at managing your processes

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## ***Aerosol Generated Procedures in Primary Care | 6.00PM - 7.30PM Tuesday 24 May*** *Suitable for Practice Nurses and GPs.*

Join APNA and subject matter expert Megan Reilly for a webinar packed with all you need to know about aerosol generated procedures (AGLs) in primary health. We will:

- Provide up-to-date advice on performing AGL's in Primary care
- Advise on how to perform AGL's safely and prevent the risk of nosocomial transmission
- Explain how airflow and air exchanges help reduce the transmission of viruses

[Register here.](#)

## **What You Need to Know about the COVID Antivirals Webinar Recording**

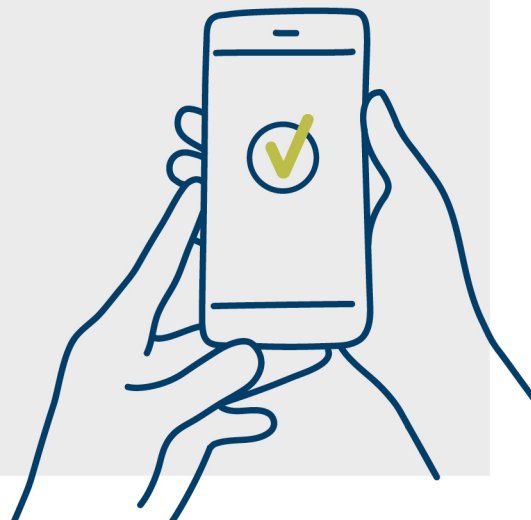
SA PHNs in conjunction with SA Health provided a COVID-19 update on Wednesday 20 April 2022. The Webinar was facilitated by Dr Emily Kirkpatrick, Deputy Chief Medical Officer, SA Health and Dr Melanie Smith, Medical Lead COVID Response Care Team, SA Health with special guest presenter Cara Kolopelnyk, Clinical Pharmacist, Central Adelaide Local Health Network.

Topics included:

- Everything you need to know about prescribing Molnupiravir (Lagevrio)
- Everything you need to know about accessing Paxlovid for your patients

This webinar is now available on [Adelaide PHN's YouTube channel](#) and the presentation slides are available via Adelaide PHN's website:

- [Lagevrio presentation](#)
- [Paxlovid presentation](#)



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## Resources for COVID Antivirals

- [SA Health Treatments and Referrals](#): includes outpatient guidelines, patient eligibility criteria, antiviral referral form and patient education information
- [COVID-19 Drug Interactions](#): comprehensive interaction checker for COVID drugs and co-medications
- [COVID-19 Mobile App](#): download this app to easily access drug interaction information on mobile devices
- [PBS Paxlovid Factsheet](#): From 1 May 2022, Paxlovid will be available through the PBS
- [Oral Treatments for COVID-19](#): Information from the Department of Health
- [Webinar Recording](#): a Department of Health webinar from 7 April 2022

## Close Contact Changes

Quarantine and testing requirements for close contacts will be changing from 12.01am Saturday 30 April. Close contacts of a COVID-19 case will no longer need to quarantine. However, for 7 days after exposure they will be:

- Required to wear a mask when they leave the house
- Required to undertake five rapid antigen tests during the seven days
- Prohibited from high-risk settings (hospitals, residential aged care and disability care facilities, correctional services, and Aboriginal community-controlled organisations)
- Required to notify their employer or school / education facility

Close contacts will also be strongly encouraged to:

- Avoid contact with people at risk of severe illness
- Avoid non-essential gatherings
- Monitor themselves closely for symptoms and get a PCR test as soon as any symptoms develop

Close contacts who are quarantining with other people do not need to restart the above guidelines each time if another person in the house tests positive.

For further information, please visit the [SA Health website](#).

