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South Australian Primary Industries COVID-19 Update

Industry updates now available on the PIRSA website

Industry updates are now available on the [PIRSA website](#). All previous industry updates are now also available in this [central location](#).

Australian Government JobKeeper payment

The Australian Government has announced a \$130 billion JobKeeper payment to help keep more Australians in jobs and support businesses affected by the significant economic impact caused by COVID-19. Businesses significantly impacted by the Coronavirus outbreak will be able to access a subsidy from the Government to continue paying their employees. This assistance will help businesses to keep people in their jobs and re-start when the COVID-19 event has concluded.

Elements of the JobKeeper package include:

- Eligible businesses will be able to claim a fortnightly payment of \$1,500 per eligible employee from 30 March 2020
- First payment in May (paid monthly and backdated to March)
- \$1,500 payment is taxable and employers are not required to pay the Superannuation Guarantee Charge
- Employers must pay a minimum of \$1,500 per fortnight to their employee to qualify (even employees who would typically earn less per fortnight)
- The JobKeeper payment is not income-tested for employees, so they may earn additional income from their current employer or additional employers, so long as they are eligible and maintain employment (including being stood down) with their JobKeeper-eligible employer.
- JobKeeper registration for businesses can be accessed at the [ATO](#) here.
- Additional information on the JobKeeper payment can be found [here](#).

Business SA is running a free JobKeeper Payments Webinar on Wednesday 15 April from 9:30am - 10:15am. Register [here](#)



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Small SA businesses to receive \$10,000 payments

The South Australian Government has announced it will provide one-off, \$10,000 emergency cash grants to small businesses and not-for-profits across the State that have suffered a significant loss of income or been forced to close as a result of coronavirus-related restrictions.

For more information, conditions and to register your interest, businesses are urged to visit [Growing South Australia](#) on the SA Treasury website.

Applications for the grant will open shortly and be available until 1 June 2020.

View the Premier's media release [here](#).

Travelling in vehicles

It is recommended that workers travelling by vehicle be limited to ensure social distancing of 1.5m can be maintained.

Employers should ensure there is adequate space between passengers, for example 2 people in a typical sedan would ensure social distancing can be practiced.

Ensure that fresh air is circulated in the vehicle for the duration of the journey.

The inside of vehicles should be regularly cleaned and surfaces disinfected, paying particular attention to frequently touched surfaces. Information on cleaning and disinfection principles for COVID-19 is available [here](#).

- Passengers should practice good hand hygiene by washing hands with soap and water or using hand sanitiser.
- This information may change frequently so for the most up-to-date information always check www.sa.gov.au/covid-19.
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For businesses experiencing shortages of PPE

Businesses should register any shortage of PPE on the national [Industry Capability Network Portal](#).

This portal is being used to connect businesses experiencing PPE shortages with suppliers, both Australian manufacturers gearing up to produce PPE as well as offshore capability.



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Once registered, an Industry Capability Network (ICN) consultant will be in touch to discuss your business needs in more detail and can conduct investigations across the national network.

More information on ICN COVID-19 response can be found [here](#).