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Significant easing of COVID-19 rules to bring SA into line with the rest of Australia

Following today's Emergency Management Council meeting, there will be further easing of South Australia's COVID-19 rules to bring SA into line with the rest of the nation.

Effective from 12:01am on Friday, 15 April 2022, the following adjustments will be made to the current settings:

- QR check-ins will only be required for hospitals, aged care and residential disability facilities;
- Masks will be required only on passenger transport (including taxis and rideshare), planes, indoors at airports, hospitals and community healthcare, residential aged care, disability care facilities and correctional service facilities.

In relation to masks in schools, we will continue to work with the Department of Education over the school holidays and make further announcements closer to the next school term.

The changes have been supported by Chief Public Health Officer Professor

Nicola Spurrier and will form the basis of directions from State Co-ordinator Linda Williams.

In the absence of a substantial change of circumstance, South Australia also remains on track to remove the Emergency Management Declaration on or before 30 June.

Quotes attributable to Premier Peter Malinauskas

Today's changes to COVID-19 rules in South Australia will help bring our state into line with the rest of the nation.

QR codes and masks have been critical in keeping us safe, however, with increasing numbers of South Australians getting their third dose we are able to make these changes.

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South Australians have overwhelmingly followed the rules throughout the COVID-19 pandemic and this further easing of restrictions is further reward for everyone's efforts.

Quotes attributable to Minister for Health Chris Picton

These changes bring us in line with the mandates across the country, but the message to the community is still that masks are effective and that people are still able to wear them in a variety of settings to keep themselves and their families safe.

Changes to QR code and mask requirements will still support our focus on the highest-risk settings ensuring we continue to protect vulnerable people who must access these premises and services.

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