



CFS FACT SHEET

Key messaging for bushfire safety during COVID restrictions

From November 19, a six-day initial stage of ‘circuit breaker’ restrictions will be implemented to protect the South Australian community from the spread of COVID-19. These restrictions may affect how you follow CFS bushfire safety advice.

Review your Bushfire Survival Plan using the up-to-date advice on the SA Health website www.sahealth.sa.gov.au/COVID-19

Under Lockdown

During this initial restriction period, you can only leave your home for limited reasons. This includes during a bushfire emergency or if your home is unsafe. You may also relocate to a safer place if your plan is to leave early on a day of Severe, Extreme or Catastrophic fire danger.

Some relocation destinations in Bushfire Safer Places will not be available due to these COVID-19 restrictions.

- Cinemas and other public venues will be closed.
- Visits to shopping centres are for essential food shopping only

If you plan to stay with relatives or friends when you relocate to a Bushfire Safer Place, consider alternative arrangements if your plan is to stay with elderly relatives or immuno-compromised relatives or friends. This will reduce the risk of exposing vulnerable people to COVID-19.

If you are in self-quarantine or self-isolation due to COVID-19, you can leave your home if you are in an emergency or your home is unsafe – but try to get back into self-isolation as soon as you safely can.

During an emergency, if you need to attend an emergency relief centre or a Bushfire Last Resort Refuge, you need to stay outside, alert emergency services (e.g. SAPOL, relief authorities at the location etc) and follow instructions.

You must ensure you advise emergency services that you have been forced to leave self-quarantine or self-isolation due to the emergency and that:

- you are a close contact of a known COVID-19 case
- you have recently tested positive to COVID-19 or if
- you are experiencing symptoms of COVID-19 or
- you are in self-quarantine because you have recently returned from interstate.

Bushfire Survival Planning during COVID-19

If you plan to leave early consider the following to protect yourself and your loved ones from COVID-19.

During COVID-19 restrictions you may travel if you are doing so as part of your Bushfire Survival Plan.

If you are unwell or have symptoms, isolate yourself from others and ensure you always wear a face covering and get tested as soon as possible.

Add to your 'Emergency Kit'

- Additional face masks
- Hand sanitiser - more than 60% alcohol
- Antibacterial wipes

Follow SA Health COVID-19 advice

- Wear a face mask
- Practise good hygiene. Wash or sanitise your hands when you enter someone else's home, if possible
- Do not shake hands, hug or kiss as a greeting
- Maintain physical distancing, keep at least 1.5 metres away from others

Current as at 20 November 2020