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**Clinical Practice During the Easing of Restrictions:  
Recommendations from the Australian Family Care Covid-19 Response Team:**

**Covid-19 statistics for SA. Summary of the week**

- there are no known active cases in the state
- total proven cases remains at 439
- 4 deaths throughout pandemic
- 435 recovered
- total tests for Covid-19 RNA are approaching 80,000 with no current positives
- community transmission has been identified in 9 cases or 2% of 439
- 300 cases (68%) were acquired overseas

**Assessment**

- the risk until now appears to have been overwhelmingly from travellers returning from overseas. Such travel has now ceased into SA.
- there is now a theoretical risk of cases reaching SA from interstate and there are robust systems in place to monitor and quarantine visitors from interstate.
- children have been affected in low numbers and internationally appear to represent a low risk for transmission even in high density settings such as schools.
- while the risks of contacting a Covid19 positive patient appear to be very low they are not zero and a degree of caution must remain.

**Proposal for Australian Family Care**

- our doors remain open.
- perhaps the biggest change is to recommend a return to normal appointment scripting for reception. This means deleting screening questions about interstate, Covid contact etc.
- offer patients tele-health or face to face consults but with gentle encouragement to return to face to face consults.
- social distancing measures remain.
- we continue to emphasise personal hygiene practices.
- PPE as is appropriate or chosen by staff.
- patients with respiratory symptoms encouraged to wear a mask, to be placed in a room if available and to be seen as rapidly as possible.
- return children's toys to consult rooms with daily cleaning.
- plan with nursing staff about re-activating recalls, care plans.

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