

SOUTH AUSTRALIAN ROADMAP FOR EASING COVID-19 RESTRICTIONS

STEP 1 - FROM 11 MAY

Auctions and open inspections – Step 1 Fact Sheet

Restrictions prior to 11 May 2020

Prior to 11 May 2020, auction houses were closed and public face-to-face auctions and open house inspections were not allowed as part of a suite of restrictions imposed on non-essential businesses and activities. Instead, house sales were conducted via virtual property tours, private inspection appointments and online auctions.

Situation from 11 May 2020

From 11 May 2020, auction houses can open and real estate auctions and open house inspections can proceed. Inspections and auctions:

Must:

- ***Be limited to 1 person per four square metres***
- ***Have a maximum of 10 attendees at any one time, excluding staff***
- ***Keep a record of attendees***

Should:

- ***Monitor entry and exit to ensure the number of people inside does not exceed 10***
- ***Where possible, arrange for alternative entry and exit points and direction of travel within the site***
- ***Ensure any queuing to enter follows the 1.5 metre rule, and that people maintain this distance from each other as far as practical***
- ***Offer hand sanitiser on entry and exit***
- ***Register attendees***

More information

Maximum attendees

The number of attendees at an auction house, a real estate auction or on site property inspection must not exceed 10 people (not including the auctioneer/agent and support staff). Depending upon the size of the property, a lower maximum limit may apply in order to meet the density requirement, as outlined below. Entry and exit points should be monitored and/or restricted to ensure compliance.

Density requirement

There must be no more than an average of one person per four square metres on site at any time. The maximum number of people allowed can be calculated by dividing the total site area by four. For smaller properties, this may mean fewer than 10 people on the premises at one time. Attendees are encouraged not to congregate in small rooms and be aware of the number of people already in a room before entering.

Food and beverages

No food or beverages are to be provided for consumption on the premises.

Social distancing

Social distancing requirements (1.5 metre physical distance) should be followed. For auction houses, furniture/seating should be arranged to encourage adherence to this rule, where possible. For open inspections, this rule applies when queuing to enter a property and when moving through a property.

Registration

Agents/operators/hosts must keep a record of the names and contact details of attendees, to assist with contact tracing if required.

Good hygiene

Adopt, and encourage adoption of, good hand and respiratory (coughing and sneezing) hygiene practices. It is recommended that hand sanitiser be offered to attendees at entrance and exit.

Environmental cleaning disinfection

Frequent environmental cleaning and disinfection should be undertaken in line with health advice available from SA Health and the Australian Department of Health