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**From:** Merrin Bamert (DHHS)  
**Sent:** Tuesday, 31 March 2020 3:21 PM  
**To:** Andrea Spiteri (DHHS) REDACTED  
**Cc:** Jason Helps (DHHS) REDACTED; Meena Naidu (DHHS) REDACTED  
**Subject:** FW: Governance of mandatory detention implementation

Hi

They have put me down for this however will respond back to say in interim till REDA work completed

Regards

Merrin

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## FW: Governance of mandatory detention implementation

From: "REDACTED (DHHS)" <REDACTED>  
 To: "Andrea Spiteri (DHHS)" <REDACTED>, "Jason Helps (DHHS)" <REDACTED>  
 Date: Tue, 31 Mar 2020 15:40:08 +1100

FYI

Warm regards,

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# OFFICIAL - Sensitive: FW: Governance of mandatory detention implementation

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**From:** "Merrin Bamert (DHHS)" <[REDACTED]>  
**To:** "Merrin Bamert (DHHS)" <[REDACTED]>  
**Date:** Sat, 05 Sep 2020 18:52:27 +1000

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## Re: Governance of mandatory detention implementation

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**From:** "Louise Galloway (DHHS)" <REDACTED>  
**To:** "Merrin Bamert (DHHS)" <REDACTED>  
**Date:** Tue, 31 Mar 2020 15:30:58 +1100

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**From:** Merrin Bamert (DHHS) <REDACTED>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, March 31, 2020 3:28:17 PM  
**To:** Louise Galloway (DHHS) <REDACTED>  
**Subject:** RE: Governance of mandatory detention implementation

Louise I will try and call you in a minute to explain what has been happening. Just on teams teleconferences.

Not sure I have your mobile

Thanks

Merrin

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**Cc:** Annaliese Van Diemen (DHHS) <REDACTED>; Brett Sutton (DHHS) <REDACTED>; Finn Romanes (DHHS) <REDACTED>  
**Subject:** Re: Governance of mandatory detention implementation

Finn  
Is this about just the travellers in hotels or others?

Also re those in hotels fro. Airport I have requested info on locations and level of care needed twice today and I really need it to get a solution. Anything you can do to unstick that would be welcome Louise

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**From:** Finn Romanes (DHHS) <REDACTED>  
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## FW: FW: Passengers under detention having Covi swabs at hospitals

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**From:** REDACTED  
**To:** Nathan Pinski; REDACTED  
**Date:** Tue, 07 Apr 2020 16:12:19 +1000

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Hi Nathan,

Another one for you, with many apologies.

As a look down this email trail will indicate, there seems to be some variable practice relating to the reporting of positive COVID-19 test results back up through the department so we can relocate them etc.

I'm wondering if it's possible for you to implement a process whereby your GPs notify our team leads at each site of positive results **but particularly** seek your advice on whether such a process is in keeping with medical best practice around ethics and privacy.

Thanks for your help!

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**From:** Katherine Ong (DHHS); REDACTED  
**Sent:** Tuesday, 7 April 2020 4:04 PM  
**To:** REDACTED; REDACTED; REDACTED  
 REDACTED; REDACTED  
**Subject:** Re: FW: Passengers under detention having Covi swabs at hospitals

Hi REDACTED

Sorry we are not able to answer this question.

It needs to be posed to the doctors who are ordering the tests what instructions/processes they have in place to receive results back from the lab and follow up when they order them and how this will be conveyed back to the patients.

So suggest you speak to the ordering doctors or those who are overseeing them in the first instance.

Thanks,

Katherine

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**From:** REDACTED  
**Sent:** Tuesday, April 7, 2020 11:55 am  
**To:** Katherine Ong (DHHS); REDACTED  
**Subject:** FW: FW: Passengers under detention having Covi swabs at hospitals

Hi [REDACTED]

I have forwarded your email as I genuinely do not know the answer. Perhaps Katherine or [REDACTED] have some advice.

Kind regards

[REDACTED]

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From [REDACTED]

Sent: Tuesday, 7 April 2020 11:38 AM

To: [REDACTED]

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From: [REDACTED]

Sent: Monday, 6 April 2020 7:13 PM

To: [REDACTED]

Cc: Andrea Spiteri (DHHS) [REDACTED]

Subject: FW: FW: Passengers under detention having Covi swabs at hospitals

[REDACTED]

Can you follow up this please.

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Thx

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**From:** SEMC <[semc@dhhs.vic.gov.au](mailto:semc@dhhs.vic.gov.au)>

**Sent:** Monday, 6 April 2020 5:31 PM

**To:** REDACTED

**Subject:** Fwd: FW: Passengers under detention having Covi swabs at hospitals

Hi REDACTED

Please see the below request from Andrea.

REDACTED (SDO)

----- Forwarded message -----

From: Andrea Spiteri

Date: 06/04/2020 16:28

Subject: FW: Passengers under detention having Covi swabs at hospitals

To: "StateEmergencyManagementCentre SEMC (DHHS)"

Deputy State Health Coordinator:

For your information/relevant action.

Thanks

Andrea

**Andrea Spiteri**

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Thanks, [REDACTED]

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 To: REDACTED  
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 Date: Mon, 06 Apr 2020 19:13:15 +1000

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## RE: FW: Passengers under detention having Covi swabs at hospitals

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**From:** REDACTED  
**To:** "Katherine Ong (DHHS) REDACTED  
REDACTED  
**Date:** Tue, 07 Apr 2020 16:10:26 +1000

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Thanks all – that is still very valuable advice!

Take care

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**To:** REDACTED

**Cc:** Andrea Spiteri (DHHS) <REDACTED>

**Subject:** FW: FW: Passengers under detention having Covi swabs at hospitals

REDA

Can you follow up this please.

I understand yesterday that the results of (positive) swabs were phoned through to the nurses yesterday. The nurse then informed the team leader.

Thx

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Hi REDACTED

Please see the below request from Andrea.

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From: Andrea Spiteri

Date: 06/04/2020 16:28

Subject: FW: Passengers under detention having Covi swabs at hospitals

To: "StateEmergencyManagementCentre SEMC (DHHS)"

Deputy State Health Coordinator:

For your information/relevant action.

Thanks

Andrea

**Andrea Spiteri**

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**Sent:** Monday, 6 April 2020 4:07 PM

**To:** Brett Sutton (DHHS) REDACTED

**Cc:** Andrea Spiteri (DHHS) REDACTED

**Subject:** Passengers under detention having Covi swabs at hospitals

Hi Brett,

There are a small number of passengers in detention who are being transported to hospital for various reasons.

Yesterday, one had a Covid swab at The Alfred (as well as some tests of thyroid function).

The Alfred, citing patient confidentiality, are unwilling to provide the nurses at the relevant hotel the results of the test.

If REDACTED or whoever is REDACTED on a particular day, sent an email to ??? with a list of passengers transported to (or from) detention to a hospital, would it be possible to find the results of their swab.

I think that it is reasonable that the nurses looking after these patients are aware of positive results.

We could use the locum doctors as the communication pathway but it sounds like they are a bit variable.

Also, of interest, does the 14 days start again if they come back positive?

Thanks **REDACT**

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## RE: Smoking policy - Operation Soteria

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**To:** "Braedan Hogan (DHHS)" <[REDACTED]>  
**Date:** Wed, 01 Apr 2020 11:28:15 +1100

With Finn, I will resend to you

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Thanks Maria – who is the policy with now?

I don't think we have seen it

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Yes it did. We plan to finalise the physical activity policy advice today.

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Hi all – did this progress yesterday?

Keen to land this and the physical recreation policy today as a priority.

Braedan

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Hi Finn

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Kind regards

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I think they need to take a hard line around smoking in quarantine and prohibit relations for bringing cigarettes. I had assumed that they would only be allowed to access food and medicines provided. Smokers are notorious for pushing for their right to smoke which is why I included something about Human Rights in the paper. We probably should have been consulted earlier but it does seem very chaotic. It will be hard to change the policy midway.

Hope everything good with you. Have a relaxing day off 😊

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I managed to find a document on the f drive so I've sent it through to Maria, RED & you to discuss. I think it's going to get messy if smokers have got a supply of tobacco coming in as they'll just smoke in their rooms & annoy their neighbors!  
 It all sounds very ad hoc as I had a conversation with someone about me helping with EHO work & they mentioned the issue of people smoking but were unaware we'd developed some info. My reading was that Annaliese would be endorsing some sort of policy but I think the reality is that it will be more of a case by case situation depending on how angry the smokers get!  
 Hope you enjoyed your walk. Take care if yourself. X

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Haha, glad you found our meeting so stimulating. Yes, unfortunately, I am not super across what has been happening with the hospitals or how NRT is supplied in these circumstances. The hospital work has been the first thing to be neglected in the context of low resourcing.

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Hi,  
 I was thinking about this while we were talking to RED and Maria earlier. I think that the Alfred would have developed guidelines for providing NRT to patients as part of the work we have funded them to do. I couldn't find anything in TRIM but we could probably email REDACTED directly to see if RED has something RE can share. It sounds from Noel's email that there are nurses there so even if it's a document designed for health professionals it may be useful to assist given it sounds like we need to come up with an alternative to letting smokers out of their room regularly to smoke. I can follow up with REDA if you are happy to look into this futher.

Kind regards,

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Thanks Noel

We provided advice on smoking yesterday. Our recommendation is that people remain confined to their rooms but be provided with nicotine replacement therapy and counselling via the Quitline to manage cravings. As you describe, allowing people to leave to smoke and moving them around the hotel, undermines the quarantine and is not manageable or sustainable. There is also the issue that smoking increases the health risks associated with COVID-19.

A lot of facilities are now smoke-free, including mental health facilities and prisons, and this is not a new issue although understandable that people are very stressed in the circumstances.

While hotels can legally allow smoking in the rooms, this is not recommended as the smoke enters ventilation systems and lands on surfaces etc.

Kind regards

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Hi to all,

I can add that the Crown Promenade has some smoking rooms (4 or 5 from memory) they are located on a different floor. To move a smoker to that floor, potentially many times a day, requires a security guard wearing PPE to escort them to that floor. We felt that the smoker needs to also wear some PPE so that don't potentially cross-contaminate surfaces that a security guard or other people then touch. We couldn't see how we could manage that process on a regular basis so as far as I'm aware we haven't used it.

It is pretty likely that there are smokers smoking in their rooms in the bathrooms etc but obviously that runs the risk of a fire alarm being triggered. We have had a complaint from one room at the Plaza that they could smell tobacco smoke in their room.

I haven't heard anything about smoking rooms at the other two hotels.

I am aware that some of our AO's have made the call to allow two people to leave the Plaza hotel with a security guard to smoke to reduce an escalating situation.

I have also seen nicotine patches and gm at one hotel (Metropole) that is administered on request by the nurses.

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Yes, agree. I haven't head of it happening yet – perhaps smokers grabbed cartons on the way through the airport.

### Noel Cleaves

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If that's the case I'm sure someone like Uber would happily pick up anything that people wanted to order. It sounds like the alcohol supply may dry up with bottle shops closing but there will still be plenty of places that could buy a packet of cigarettes to deliver to the hotels.

Kind regards,

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Very good question....there's a vague arrangement to allow friends and family to send goods in via taxi's or couriers but until today we haven't had a nice way of receiving it and getting it to the room but that's how I'd imagine it to work. Some people though won't have either in this state so we might have to cope with a different way of them requesting it.

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Hi Noel,

Thanks for the update, that's very helpful. We haven't got much information about how this arrangement is working on the ground. We understand that food and medication is being supplied but will smokers be able to access additional tobacco during their detention?

Kind regards,

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Thanks – do we have a health prevention person that can develop this?

We don't have anyone

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There is in principle support in here for allowing a person – if monitored in some way – to have a smoking break on a balcony or outdoors if that is the lesser harm option.

Can you put a proposal up with parameters / strict parameters and I will ask Annaliese to endorse as a policy?

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Hi – we need to develop a policy position on allowing smoking at the hotels.

I think this need to be considered with input with AO on the ground and how this can be operationalised.

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**From:** REDACTED  
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**Date:** Wed, 01 Apr 2020 15:48:29 +1100

I managed to find a document on the f drive so I've sent it through to Maria, REDACTED & you to discuss. I think it's going to get messy if smokers have got a supply of tobacco coming in as they'll just smoke in their rooms & annoy their neighbors! It all sounds very ad hoc as I had a conversation with someone about me helping with EHO work & they mentioned the issue of people smoking but were unaware we'd developed some info. My reading was that Annaliese would be endorsing some sort of policy but I think the reality is that it will be more of a case by case situation depending on how angry the smokers get! Hope you enjoyed your walk. Take care if yourself. X

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Haha, glad you found our meeting so stimulating. Yes, unfortunately, I am not super across what has been happening with the hospitals or how NRT is supplied in these circumstances. The hospital work has been the first thing to be neglected in the context of low resourcing.

I think I need to go out for a walk as I have serious brain fuzz today. Would you mind emailing REDACTED. I was assuming that the policy paper we developed yesterday would inform the decision and then we would work with the COVID-19 team to put the action in place. However, I am getting nervous that people are just coming up with their own plans.

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Hi,

I was thinking about this while we were talking to RED and Maria earlier. I think that the Alfred would have developed guidelines for providing NRT to patients as part of the work we have funded them to do. I couldn't find anything in TRIM but we could probably email REDACTED directly to see if RE has something RE can share. It sounds from Noel's email that there are nurses there so even if it's a document designed for health professionals it may be useful to assist given it sounds like we need to come up with an alternative to letting smokers out of their room regularly to smoke. I can follow up with REDA if you are happy to look into this further.

Kind regards,

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While hotels can legally allow smoking in the rooms, this is not recommended as the smoke enters ventilation systems and lands on surfaces etc.

Kind regards

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Kind regards,

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I have started today monitoring the COVIC directions inbox. Nice to e-meet you.

RE advised you may be able to assist with this or point me in the direction of someone that may be able to assist?

Regards,

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Hi,  
 I was thinking about this while we were talking to RE and Maria earlier. I think that the Alfred would have developed guidelines for providing NRT to patients as part of the work we have funded them to do. I couldn't find anything in TRIM but we could probably email REDACTED directly to see if RE has something RE can share. It sounds from Noel's email that there are nurses there so even if it's a document designed for health professionals it may be useful to assist given it sounds like we need to come up with an alternative to letting smokers out of their room regularly to smoke. I can follow up with REDA if you are happy to look into this further.

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**Date:** Tue, 31 Mar 2020 16:52:11 +1100

Hey, just wondering what sort of stuff we should be channelling through COVID Directions? It is the first I have seen of this group title.  
 thanks

**Maria Bubnic**

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Being physically active is fun, enjoyable and good for our body and mind. It can help to relieve feelings of stress and make us feel happier and healthier. Our normal physical activity routines have changed and for those in quarantine additional challenges may exist through having limited physical space to be active. Despite these challenges it is still possible, and it is important that we find ways to be active while indoors.

Being active involves two main components - reducing the amount of time we spend in sedentary positions (such as sitting or lying down) and then looking for opportunities to move more across the day. Activity can be accumulated in small blocks so moving regularly and making small changes can really add-up over the course of a full day.

Some useful tips and hints about how you can be active whilst in quarantine are provided below:

- Hide the TV remote – instead of using the TV remote, get up and change the TV channel by hand
- Stand when you talk or scroll – make a point of standing-up and waking around your room each time you make a phone call or scroll through social media
- Put an alarm on your phone – set an alarm on your phone to remind you to move more. Aim to set an alarm at 20-30-minute intervals to help avoid prolonged periods of sedentary behavior. Breaking up this behavior could be as simple as doing some light stretching for a couple of minutes or walking within your room.
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**Subject:** RE: Smoking policy - Operation Soteria

Yes it did. We plan to finalise the physical activity policy advice today.

**Maria Bubnic**

Assistant Director, Population Health

Regulation, Health Protection & Emergency Management Division  
 50 Lonsdale Street, Melbourne VIC 3040

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Hi all – did this progress yesterday?

Keen to land this and the physical recreation policy today as a priority.

Braedan

Braedan Hogan  
Deputy Director, Strategy and Policy  
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Hi REDACTED

Could you send through the smoking advice for people in detention – I can place it in the plan ASAP

Finn

Dr Finn Romanes  
Deputy Public Health Commander - Planning  
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Thanks REDACTED

We have prepared some advice that we will be sending through any second now. Our recommendation is that people will be supported to manage cravings through the provision of nicotine replacement therapy and telephone counselling.

REDACTED

Manager, Tobacco Control  
Prevention and Population Health, Regulation, Health Protection & Emergency Management Division

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I acknowledge the traditional Aboriginal owners of country throughout Victoria and pay my respect to them, their culture and their Elders past, present and future

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Hi I'm advised that the key issue is really about people leaving their rooms securely. With the hotel's cooperation establishing a designated smoking room/s (such as how high roller room operates) would be the best solution that has appropriate density and hygiene parameters. (There is exemption under s5A(2) I've copied in REDACTED the tobacco manager and those involved in compliance and enforcement.

RED

REDACTED  
 Principal Regulatory Policy Advisor Health Protection  
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Hi RED

I have started today monitoring the COVIC directions inbox. Nice to e-meet you.

RED advised you may be able to assist with this or point me in the direction of someone that may be able to assist?

Regards,

REDACTED  
 Principal Community Recovery Officer  
 Emergency Management and Health Protection

South Division  
 Department of Health and Human Services  
 8-12 Seymour Street (PO Box 1661), Traralgon, Victoria, 3844

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We don't have anyone

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**To:** "Finn Romanes (DHHS)" REDACTED "Jason Helps (DHHS)" REDACTED  
**Cc:** "Maria Bubnic (DHHS)" <REDACTED> (DHHS)" REDACTED  
**Date:** Tue, 31 Mar 2020 08:04:36 +1100

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Dr Finn Romanes  
 Public Health Physician  
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Morning, yes, it is [REDACTED] who I have ccd here.

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Regulation, Health Protection & Emergency Management Division

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**From:** "Finn Romanes (DHHS)" [REDACTED]  
**To:** "Braedan Hogan (DHHS)" [REDACTED]  
**Date:** Mon, 30 Mar 2020 23:02:49 +1100

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Will enquire and get back to you

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**To:** "Braedan Hogan (DHHS)" [REDACTED], "Finn Romanes (DHHS)" [REDACTED], "Jason Helps (DHHS)" [REDACTED]  
**Cc:** [REDACTED] [REDACTED]  
**Date:** Tue, 31 Mar 2020 08:14:19 +1100

And thanks for the heads up re: physical activity, we are onto that one too.

**Maria Bubnic**  
 Assistant Director, Population Health

Regulation, Health Protection & Emergency Management Division  
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**Cc:** [REDACTED] (DHHS) [REDACTED] >, "Annaliese Van Diemen (DHHS)" (DHHS)  
**Date:** Tue, 31 Mar 2020 08:03:57 +1100

We are pleased to assist. [REDACTED] & [REDACTED] are working on it right now.

**Maria Bubnic**

Assistant Director, Population Health

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**To:** maria REDACTED

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Just for background the room do not have balcony or outside access so will need to be escorted out by security.

This flows into the next issue of a physical activity policy the will also need to be developed

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**Bcc:** "Finn Romanes (DHHS)" [REDACTED]  
**Date:** Mon, 30 Mar 2020 18:38:06 +1100

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Hi [REDACTED]

Can you add a policy proposal intention that positive COVID-19 cases are moved to a dedicated hotel for people found to be positive. This idea of cohorting positive cases (and not requiring they stay near others in quarantine) is potentially necessary and we should all discuss it.

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Hi

Just following are the nurses at the hotels allowed to swab the passengers should they require it this is not clear.

Thanks

Merrin

**Merrin Bamert**  
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Thanks Finn

The other issues that we need sorted is access to swabbing equipment and processes for the nursing staff should a person start showing symptom for COVID, that is those who are well enough to remain at the hotel not those who are very unwell and need a transfer to hospital.

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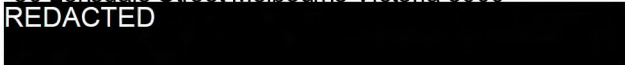
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## FW: Smoking policy - Operation Soteria

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**To:** [REDACTED] (DHHS)" [REDACTED]  
**Date:** Tue, 31 Mar 2020 08:07:32 +1100

Is a physical activity policy your team?

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Finn

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## FW: Smoking policy - Operation Soteria

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**From:** REDACTED (DHHS)" REDACTED  
**To:** REDACTED (DHHS)" REDACTED  
**Date:** Tue, 31 Mar 2020 09:29:39 +1100

FYI

REDACTED

Manager, Tobacco Control  
 Prevention and Population Health, Regulation, Health Protection & Emergency Management Division  
 Department of Health and Human Services | GPO Box 4057, Melbourne, Victoria, 3001

REDACTED

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I acknowledge the traditional Aboriginal owners of country throughout Victoria and pay my respect to them, their culture and their Elders past, present and future

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**Cc:** "Maria Bubnic (DHHS)" REDACTED  
**Date:** Tue, 31 Mar 2020 09:45:46 +1100

Hi there

I think you may have accidentally copied me in? I will delete this unless you need me to action anything.

Kind regards

RED

Sent from [Outlook Mobile](#)

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### Additional info

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**Date:** Mon, 30 Mar 2020 18:35:01 +1100

Please indicate the proposal is okay in the draft policy proposal – nurses can swab

Finn

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Hi

Just following are the nurses at the hotels allowed to swab the passengers should they require it this is not clear.

Thanks

Merrin

### **Merrin Bamert**

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**Subject:** RE: Smoking policy - Operation Soteria

Thanks Finn

The other issues that we need sorted is access to swabbing equipment and processes for the nursing staff should a person start showing symptom for COVID, that is those who are well enough to remain at the hotel not those who are very unwell and need a transfer to hospital.

Thanks

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Deputy Director, Strategy and Policy  
Emergency Management Branch  
Regulation, Health Protection & Emergency Management Division  
Department of Health and Human Services  
50 Lonsdale Street Melbourne Victoria 3000

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## Re: Smoking policy - Operation Soteria

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**From:** REDACTED (DHHS) REDACTED  
 REDACTED  
**To:** "Maria Bubnic (DHHS)" REDACTED, REDACTED (DHHS)  
 REDACTED  
**Date:** Tue, 31 Mar 2020 08:10:55 +1100

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**From:** Maria Bubnic (DHHS) REDACTED  
**Sent:** Tuesday, March 31, 2020 8:06:48 AM  
**To:** REDACTED (DHHS) REDACTED; REDACTED (DHHS)  
 REDACTED  
**Subject:** FW: Smoking policy - Operation Soteria

Additional info

**Maria Bubnic**  
 Assistant Director, Population Health

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 50 Lonsdale Street, Melbourne VIC 3040

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**To:** Finn Romanes (DHHS) REDACTED; Jason Helps (DHHS)  
 REDACTED  
**Cc:** Maria Bubnic (DHHS) REDACTED; REDACTED (DHHS)  
 REDACTED  
**Subject:** Re: Smoking policy - Operation Soteria

Just for background the room do not have balcony or outside access so will need to be escorted out by security.

This flows into the next issue of a physical activity policy the will also need to be developed

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**From:** Finn Romanes (DHHS) REDACTED  
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**To:** Jason Helps (DHHS) REDACTED  
**Cc:** Maria Bubnic (DHHS) REDACTED; REDACTED (DHHS)  
 REDACTED; Braedan Hogan (DHHS) REDACTED  
**Subject:** Fwd: Smoking policy - Operation Soteria

Please link up - grateful - unless Braedon you are still leading.

Finn

Dr Finn Romanes  
Public Health Physician  
Department of Health and Human Services

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**From:** Finn Romanes (DHHS) REDACTED  
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**To:** Braedan Hogan (DHHS); Maria Bubnic (DHHS)  
**Cc:** REDACTED (DHHS); Annaliese Van Diemen (DHHS)  
**Subject:** Fwd: Smoking policy - Operation Soteria

Dear Maria, REDACTED and Braedon

Could you work quickly together to provide an assessment and written proposal for smoking cessation options for people detained in their rooms please.

I'm sorry to make this request by email however there are some emergency issues happening here - I'll engage as soon as I can.

Can you provide a proposal that can have a chance to keep a person in their room, and only as a last resort allowing a person to leave for a monitored break.

Your urgent help Maria and REDACTED is appreciated. I can present the proposal to the Deputy Chief Health Officer at midday.

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 REDACTED  
 Cc: REDACTED  
 Date: Tue, 31 Mar 2020 08:30:27 +1100

Thanks Maria

I am just reading through all the emails and will give Finn a call in a moment. Finn, my number is REDACTED if you need to talk to me urgently.

Cheers

REDACTED

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Would be good to use material from Quit for this. I got a message from REDACTED to say she had been contacted by our command centre to ensure quitline was available to people in hotel quarantine.

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## Fwd: [EXTERNAL] - RE: Passengers under detention having Covi swabs at hospitals

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**From:** "Andrea Spiteri (DHHS)" [REDACTED]  
**To:** "StateEmergencyManagementCentre SEMC (DHHS)" <semc@health.vic.gov.au>  
**Date:** Mon, 06 Apr 2020 16:59:50 +1000

FYI - NFA at this point.  
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Andrea Spiteri  
 Director Emergency Management  
 Department of Health and Human Services  
 [REDACTED]

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**From:** [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Monday, April 6, 2020 16:40  
**To:** Brett Sutton (DHHS) [REDACTED]  
**Cc:** Andrea Spiteri (DHHS); Annaliese Van Diemen (DHHS)  
**Subject:** RE: [EXTERNAL] - RE: Passengers under detention having Covi swabs at hospitals

Thanks Brett,

Would it be reasonable for [REDACTED] to communicate to the nurses that:

A nurse or other HCW in appropriate PPE would not be a close contact; only a 'casual contact', required to self-monitor but not quarantine.

There is a process for all positive cases.

Thanks, [REDACTED]

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**From:** Brett Sutton (DHHS) [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Monday, 6 April 2020 4:37 PM  
**To:** [REDACTED]  
 [REDACTED]  
**Cc:** Andrea Spiteri (DHHS) [REDACTED] Annaliese Van Diemen (DHHS)  
 [REDACTED]  
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Brett

**Adj Clin Prof Brett Sutton** MBBS MPHTM FAFPHM FRSPH FACTM MFTM  
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The nurse rang to say she couldn't find out. If there is a process by which the nurses are informed of a positive result that's great.

Is a nurse in PPE considered a close contact?

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Hi REDA,

All the close contacts (including these nurses) would be made aware of any positive swabs, for any case, anywhere. So I don't understand what the issue is here. They're effectively asking for **all** results, which is not something we would do, or is helpful.  
 Does that make sense?

Brett

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Deputy State Health Coordinator:

For your information/relevant action.

Thanks  
 Andrea

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Date: Wed, 08 Apr 2020 10:34:18 +1000

Hi REDACTE

Nathan and I have spoken re your earlier conversation re protocols and process and as the program grows it is definitely needed.

Also the logistical process which I am covering off as well as comms with the Doctors etc which i am covering off

Can the 3 of us speak at 2;00.

I want to be able to ensure that again as the demand/need grows i am ahead of the game in managing that.

Regards

REDACTED

On 7 Apr 2020, at 5:30 pm, Nathan Pinski REDACTED

Begin forwarded message:

From: REDACTED  
 Date: 7 April 2020 at 4:12:29 pm AEST  
 To: Nathan Pinski REDACTED  
 Subject: FW: FW: Passengers under detention having Covi swabs at hospitals

Hi Nathan,

Another one for you, with many apologies.

As a look down this email trail will indicate, there seems to be some variable practice relating to the reporting of positive COVID-19 test results back up through the department so we can relocate them etc.

I'm wondering if it's possible for you to implement a process whereby your GPs notify our team leads at each site of positive results **but particularly** seek your advice on whether such a process is in keeping with medical best practice around ethics and privacy.

Thanks for your help!

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**From:** Katherine Ong (DHHS) REDACTED

**Sent:** Tuesday, 7 April 2020 4:04 PM

**To:** REDACTED

**RE**

**DA**

**Subject:** Re: FW: Passengers under detention having Covi swabs at hospitals

Hi REDACTED

Sorry we are not able to answer this question.

It needs to be posed to the doctors who are ordering the tests what instructions/processes they have in place to receive results back from the lab and follow up when they order them and how this will be conveyed back to the patients.

So suggest you speak to the ordering doctors or those who are overseeing them in the first instance.

Thanks,  
 Katherine

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**From:** REDACTED >

**Sent:** Tuesday, April 7, 2020 11:55 am

**To:** Katherine Ong (DHHS); REDACTED

**Subject:** FW: FW: Passengers under detention having Covi swabs at hospitals

Hi REDACTED

I have forwarded your email as I genuinely do not know the answer. Perhaps Katherine or REDACTED have some advice.

Kind regards

REDACTED

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**Sent:** Tuesday, 7 April 2020 11:38 AM

**To:** REDACTED

**Subject:** FW: FW: Passengers under detention having Covi swabs at hospitals

Hi REDACTED

Sorry to besiege you – this one is more for advice.

Looking through the email trail below, it appears there is some variable practice around how we (the royal we) are notified of positive COVID results for residents in enforced quarantine.

We have nurses on site, as well as GPs available, however a bit of a rotating roster.

What would you suggest is the best approach for ensuring pathology results are communicated both to the patient as well as their caregivers to ensure appropriate action is taken?

Thanks heaps

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**From:** REDACTED

**Sent:** Monday, 6 April 2020 7:13 PM

**To:** REDACTED

**Cc:** Andrea Spiteri (DHHS) REDACTED

**Subject:** FW: FW: Passengers under detention having Covi swabs at hospitals

REDA  
CTED

Can you follow up this please.

I understand yesterday that the results of (positive) swabs were phoned through to the nurses yesterday. The nurse then informed the team leader.

Thx

RED

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**From:** SEMC <[semc@dhhs.vic.gov.au](mailto:semc@dhhs.vic.gov.au)>

**Sent:** Monday, 6 April 2020 5:31 PM

**To:** REDACTED

**Subject:** Fwd: FW: Passengers under detention having Covi swabs at hospitals

Hi RE  
DA

Please see the below request from Andrea.

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From: Andrea Spiteri

Date: 06/04/2020 16:28

Subject: FW: Passengers under detention having Covi swabs at hospitals

To: "StateEmergencyManagementCentre SEMC (DHHS)"

Deputy State Health Coordinator:

For your information/relevant action.

Thanks  
Andrea

**Andrea Spiteri**

Director Emergency Management

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**From:** [REDACTED]

**Sent:** Monday, 6 April 2020 4:07 PM

**To:** Brett Sutton (DHHS) [REDACTED]

**Cc:** Andrea Spiteri (DHHS) [REDACTED]

**Subject:** Passengers under detention having Covi swabs at hospitals

Hi Brett,

There are a small number of passengers in detention who are being transported to hospital for various reasons.

Yesterday, one had a Covid swab at The Alfred (as well as some tests of thyroid function).

The Alfred, citing patient confidentiality, are unwilling to provide the nurses at the relevant hotel the results of the test.

If [REDACTED] or whoever is [REDACTED] on a particular day, sent an email to ??? with a list of passengers transported to (or from) detention to a hospital, would it be possible to find the results of their swab.

I think that it is reasonable that the nurses looking after these patients are aware of positive results.

We could use the locum doctors as the communication pathway but it sounds like they are a bit variable.

Also, of interest, does the 14 days start again if they come back positive?

Thanks, [REDACTED]

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## RE: Smoking policy - Operation Soteria

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**Date:** Wed, 01 Apr 2020 12:11:02 +1100

Thanks Noel

We provided advice on smoking yesterday. Our recommendation is that people remain confined to their rooms but be provided with nicotine replacement therapy and counselling via the Quitline to manage cravings. As you describe, allowing people to leave to smoke and moving them around the hotel, undermines the quarantine and is not manageable or sustainable. There is also the issue that smoking increases the health risks associated with COVID-19.

A lot of facilities are now smoke-free, including mental health facilities and prisons, and this is not a new issue although understandable that people are very stressed in the circumstances.

While hotels can legally allow smoking in the rooms, this is not recommended as the smoke enters ventilation systems and lands on surfaces etc.

Kind regards

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Hi to all,

I can add that the Crown Promenade has some smoking rooms (4 or 5 from memory) they are located on a different floor. To move a smoker to that floor, potentially many times a day, requires a security guard wearing PPE to escort them to that floor. We felt that the smoker needs to also wear some PPE so that don't potentially cross-contaminate surfaces that a security guard or other people then touch. We couldn't see how we could manage that process on a regular basis so as far as I'm aware we haven't used it.

It is pretty likely that there are smokers smoking in their rooms in the bathrooms etc but obviously that runs the risk of a fire alarm being triggered. We have had a complaint from one room at the Plaza that they could smell tobacco smoke in their room.

I haven't heard anything about smoking rooms at the other two hotels.

I am aware that some of our AO's have made the call to allow two people to leave the Plaza hotel with a security guard to smoke to reduce an escalating situation.

I have also seen nicotine patches and gm at one hotel (Metropole) that is administered on request by the nurses.

#### Noel Cleaves

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#### Maria Bubnic

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Hi [REDACTED]

I have started today monitoring the COVIC directions inbox. Nice to e-meet you.

[REDACTED] advised you may be able to assist with this or point me in the direction of someone that may be able to assist?

Regards,

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Thanks – do we have a health prevention person that can develop this?

We don't have anyone

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There is in principle support in here for allowing a person – if monitored in some way – to have a smoking break on a balcony or outdoors if that is the lesser harm option.

Can you put a proposal up with parameters / strict parameters and I will ask Annaliese to endorse as a policy?

Finn

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Hi – we need to develop a policy position on allowing smoking at the hotels.

I think this need to be considered with input with AO on the ground and how this can be operationalised.

Braedan

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**Date:** Wed, 01 Apr 2020 19:45:34 +1100

Thanks Noel, these are useful insights and a reminder of how challenging the current situation is for all concerned. I gather the nurses are screening all persons under quarantine to identify pre-existing health conditions, management and risks as well as those who may need further assessment for COVID etc. It would be good to include the advice re: smoking cessation options in the protocol to make this available wherever possible. We acknowledge access to smoking areas will still need to be carefully managed on a case by case basis taking account of individual needs, social distancing measures and environmental constraints.

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Hi to all,

I can add that the Crown Promenade has some smoking rooms (4 or 5 from memory) they are located on a different floor. To move a smoker to that floor, potentially many times a day, requires a security guard wearing PPE to escort them to that floor. We felt that the smoker needs to also wear some PPE so that don't potentially cross-contaminate surfaces that a security guard or other people then touch. We couldn't see how we could manage that process on a regular basis so as far as I'm aware we haven't used it.

It is pretty likely that there are smokers smoking in their rooms in the bathrooms etc but

obviously that runs the risk of a fire alarm being triggered. We have had a complaint from one room at the Plaza that they could smell tobacco smoke in their room.

I haven't heard anything about smoking rooms at the other two hotels.

I am aware that some of our AO's have made the call to allow two people to leave the Plaza hotel with a security guard to smoke to reduce an escalating situation.

I have also seen nicotine patches and gm at one hotel (Metropole) that is administered on request by the nurses.

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Yes it did. We plan to finalise the physical activity policy advice today.

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Hi all – did this progress yesterday?

Keen to land this and the physical recreation policy today as a priority.

Braedan

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Hi REDACTED

Could you send through the smoking advice for people in detention – I can place it in the plan ASAP

Finn

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Thanks REDACTED

We have prepared some advice that we will be sending through any second now. Our recommendation is that people will be supported to manage cravings through the provision of nicotine replacement therapy and telephone counselling.

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Hi I'm advised that the key issue is really about people leaving their rooms securely. With the hotel's cooperation establishing a designated smoking room/s (such as how high roller room operates) would be the best solution that has appropriate density and hygiene parameters. (There is exemption under s5A(2) I've copied in [REDACTED] the tobacco manager and those involved in compliance and enforcement.

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## RE: Governance of mandatory detention implementation

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**Date:** Tue, 31 Mar 2020 15:26:43 +1100

Hi Finn

I am happy that we support the setting up for of the cell and role for welfare cell, and will talk to Louise about that and the health care sector

However this will not be long term, I need to go back into the EM and HP structures and regional responsibilities required of me as I have not been able to attend to any of those over the last three days.

We will be working on a future lead for this cell going forward

Regards

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### Proposed -

#### Directions and exemptions

The Chief Health Officer and Deputy Chief Health Officer have instituted this Direction.

The following roles are involved in the oversight of the mandatory detention intervention:

- Deputy Chief Health Officer – issuing of Directions including the detention direction;
- Deputy Public Health Commander Planning – initial advice to DCHO/PHC on exemption requests where allowed or relevant;
- Director Regulation and Compliance – lead for compliance and enforcement activity including authorised officer workforce – including the issuing and modification of detention directions (for example including moving a person from one room to another);

- Director Health Protection and Emergency Management – lead for welfare and healthcare sector for detention sector;
- Director Primary Care - lead for medical services to people in detention.

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**Date:** Mon, 30 Mar 2020 18:07:11 +1100

Hi

Just following are the nurses at the hotels allowed to swab the passengers should they require it this is not clear.

Thanks

Merrin

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## Fwd: [EXTERNAL] - RE: Passengers under detention having Covi swabs at hospitals

**From:** "Andrea Spiteri (DHHS)" [REDACTED] >  
**To:** "Jason Helps (DHHS)" [REDACTED]  
**Date:** Mon, 06 Apr 2020 17:06:32 +1000

FYI...  
 Andrea Spiteri  
 Director Emergency Management  
 Department of Health and Human Services  
 [REDACTED]

**From:** Annaliese Van Diemen (DHHS) [REDACTED] >  
**Sent:** Monday, April 6, 2020 17:04  
**To:** [REDACTED] Brett Sutton (DHHS); [REDACTED] (DHHS)  
**Cc:** Andrea Spiteri (DHHS)  
**Subject:** RE: [EXTERNAL] - RE: Passengers under detention having Covi swabs at hospitals

Hello all,

Thanks for clarifying Brett.

[REDACTED], for future reference this is an operational issue which does not need to be resolved at CHO or class 2 controller level. As I am sure you will appreciate both [REDACTED] and Andrea are exceedingly busy and we are trying to protect their time as much as we can.

In future please escalate these issues via the relevant daily lead for the health management of the detainees and, if required, into our operations area [publichealth.operations@dhhs.vic.gov.au](mailto:publichealth.operations@dhhs.vic.gov.au)

If you could please provide a contact number I will ask one of our operations leads to call you to discuss the process regarding results with you.

The additional benefit of doing this within the existing structures is that it gives those of us managing the day to day operations of this the opportunity to identify where there are gaps in the required information provision or sharing.

Kind Regards

Annaliese

**Dr Annaliese van Diemen** MBBS BMedSc MPH FRACGP FAFPHM  
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 To: [REDACTED]  
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 Date: Mon, 06 Apr 2020 21:32:01 +1000

Please can you follow-up tomorrow

Thanks  
 Simon

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Hi both,

Could one of you call or allocate someone to call [REDACTED] (below) – can be tomorrow—to clarify who does and does not need to know results of swabs and the process for results etc?

Cheers

Annaliese

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Date: Wed, 01 Apr 2020 12:11:02 +1100

Thanks Noel

We provided advice on smoking yesterday. Our recommendation is that people remain confined to their rooms but be provided with nicotine replacement therapy and counselling via the Quitline to manage cravings. As you describe, allowing people to leave to smoke and moving them around the hotel, undermines the quarantine and is not manageable or sustainable. There is also the issue that smoking increases the health risks associated with COVID-19.

A lot of facilities are now smoke-free, including mental health facilities and prisons, and this is not a new issue although understandable that people are very stressed in the circumstances.

While hotels can legally allow smoking in the rooms, this is not recommended as the smoke enters ventilation systems and lands on surfaces etc.

Kind regards

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Hi to all,

I can add that the Crown Promenade has some smoking rooms (4 or 5 from memory) they are located on a different floor. To move a smoker to that floor, potentially many times a day, requires a security guard wearing PPE to escort them to that floor. We felt that the smoker needs to also wear some PPE so that don't potentially cross-contaminate surfaces that a security guard or other people then touch. We couldn't see how we could manage that process on a regular basis so as far as I'm aware we haven't used it.

It is pretty likely that there are smokers smoking in their rooms in the bathrooms etc but obviously that runs the risk of a fire alarm being triggered. We have had a complaint from one room at the Plaza that they could smell tobacco smoke in their room.

I haven't heard anything about smoking rooms at the other two hotels.

I am aware that some of our AO's have made the call to allow two people to leave the Plaza hotel with a security guard to smoke to reduce an escalating situation.

I have also seen nicotine patches and gm at one hotel (Metropole) that is administered on request by the nurses.

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Yes it did. We plan to finalise the physical activity policy advice today.

#### Maria Bubnic

Assistant Director, Population Health

[Regulation, Health Protection & Emergency Management Division](#)

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Hi all – did this progress yesterday?

Keen to land this and the physical recreation policy today as a priority.

Braedan

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Hi REDACTED

Could you send through the smoking advice for people in detention – I can place it in the plan ASAP

Finn

Dr Finn Romanes  
 Deputy Public Health Commander - Planning  
 Novel Coronavirus Public Health Emergency

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From REDACTED (DHHS) REDACTED

Sent: Tuesday, 31 March 2020 12:04 PM

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Thanks REDACTED

We have prepared some advice that we will be sending through any second now. Our recommendation is that people will be supported to manage cravings through the provision of nicotine replacement therapy and telephone counselling.

REDACTED

Manager, Tobacco Control  
Prevention and Population Health, Regulation, Health Protection & Emergency Management Division  
Department of Health and Human Services LGPO Box 4057, Melbourne, Victoria, 3001

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Hi I'm advised that the key issue is really about people leaving their rooms securely. With the hotel's cooperation establishing a designated smoking room/s (such as how high roller room operates) would be the best solution that has appropriate density and hygiene parameters. (There is exemption under s5A(2) I've copied in REDACTED the tobacco manager and those involved in compliance and



enforcement.

REDACTED

Principal Regulatory Policy Advisor Health Protection

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**Subject:** FW: Smoking policy - Operation Soteria

Hi REDACTED

I have started today monitoring the COVIC directions inbox. Nice to e-meet you.

REDACTED advised you may be able to assist with this or point me in the direction of someone that may be able to assist?

Regards,

REDACTED

Principal Community Recovery Officer  
Emergency Management and Health Protection  
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Department of Health and Human Services  
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**From:** Braedan Hogan (DHHS) <REDACTED>

**Sent:** Monday, 30 March 2020 9:26 PM

**To:** Finn Romanes (DHHS) REDACTED; Merrin Bamert (DHHS)

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**Subject:** RE: Smoking policy - Operation Soteria

Thanks – do we have a health prevention person that can develop this?

We don't have anyone

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Emergency Management Branch  
Regulation, Health Protection & Emergency Management Division  
Department of Health and Human Services  
50 Lonsdale Street Melbourne Victoria 3000

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**From:** Finn Romanes (DHHS) REDACTED

**Sent:** Monday, 30 March 2020 5:53 PM

**To:** Braedan Hogan (DHHS) REDACTED Merrin Bamert (DHHS)

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**Cc:** COVID Directions <[COVIDdirections@dhhs.vic.gov.au](mailto:COVIDdirections@dhhs.vic.gov.au)>; StateEmergencyManagementCentre SEMC (DHHS) <[semc@health.vic.gov.au](mailto:semc@health.vic.gov.au)>

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There is in principle support in here for allowing a person – if monitored in some way – to have a smoking break on a balcony or outdoors if that is the lesser harm option.

Can you put a proposal up with parameters / strict parameters and I will ask Annaliese to endorse as a policy?

Finn

Dr Finn Romanes  
Deputy Public Health Commander - Planning  
Novel Coronavirus Public Health Emergency

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**Sent:** Monday, 30 March 2020 5:23 PM

**To:** Merrin Bamert (DHHS) **REDACTED** >; Finn Romanes (DHHS)

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**Subject:** Smoking policy - Operation Soteria

Hi – we need to develop a policy position on allowing smoking at the hotels.

I think this need to be considered with input with AO on the ground and how this can be operationalised.

Braedan

[Braedan Hogan](#)  
[Deputy Director, Strategy and Policy](#)  
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## Re: Hotels, Protocols , Needs management and Comms

From: REDACTED  
 To: REDACTED  
 Cc: Nathan Pinskier REDACTED  
 Date: Wed, 08 Apr 2020 10:52:28 +1000

OK 2PM locked in

Regards

REDACTED

REDACTED

On 8 Apr 2020, at 10:44 am, REDACTED wrote:

Hi REDACTED

Let's do that.

Also, we are expecting to stand up four more hotels tomorrow. By my estimation, this would require two extra GPs online.

By 2pm I should have a much clearer picture about the timeline, but we're planning for all four going live tomorrow.

Cheers

REDACTED

From: REDACTED  
 Sent: Wednesday, 8 April 2020 10:34 AM  
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Thanks for your help!

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**From:** Katherine Ong (DHHS) [REDACTED]

**Sent:** Tuesday, 7 April 2020 4:04 PM

**To:** [REDACTED]

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**Subject:** Re: FW: Passengers under detention having Covi swabs at hospitals

Hi [REDACTED]

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It needs to be posed to the doctors who are ordering the tests what instructions/processes they have in place to receive results back from the lab and follow up when they order them and how this will be conveyed back to the patients.

So suggest you speak to the ordering doctors or those who are overseeing them in the first instance.

Thanks,  
 Katherine

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**Sent:** Tuesday, April 7, 2020 11:55 am  
**To:** Katherine Ong (DHHS); REDACTED (DHHS)  
**Subject:** FW: FW: Passengers under detention having Covi swabs at hospitals

Hi REDACTED

I have forwarded your email as I genuinely do not know the answer. Perhaps Katherine or REDAC have some advice.

Kind regards

REDACTED

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Thanks heaps

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REDACTED

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I understand yesterday that the results of (positive) swabs were phoned through to the nurses yesterday. The nurse then informed the team leader.

Thx

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**Sent:** Monday, 6 April 2020 5:31 PM

**To:** REDACTED

**Subject:** Fwd: FW: Passengers under detention having Covi swabs at hospitals

Hi RE

Please see the below request from Andrea.

REDA (SDO)

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From: Andrea Spiteri

Date: 06/04/2020 16:28

Subject: FW: Passengers under detention having Covi swabs at hospitals

To: "StateEmergencyManagementCentre SEMC (DHHS)"

Deputy State Health Coordinator:

For your information/relevant action.

Thanks  
Andrea

**Andrea Spiteri**

Director Emergency Management

Emergency Management Branch, Regulation, Health Protection and Emergency  
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**From:** REDACTED

**Sent:** Monday, 6 April 2020 4:07 PM

**To:** Brett Sutton (DHHS) REDACTED

**Cc:** Andrea Spiteri (DHHS) REDACTED

**Subject:** Passengers under detention having Covi swabs at hospitals

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Thanks, **RED**

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## RE: Hotels, Protocols , Needs management and Comms

**From:** REDACTED  
**To:** "Merrin Bamert (DHHS)" REDACTED  
**Date:** Wed, 08 Apr 2020 11:38:22 +1000

Thanks Merrin, all good!

Cheers

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**Sent:** Wednesday, 8 April 2020 11:37 AM  
**To:** REDACTED  
**Subject:** FW: Hotels, Protocols , Needs management and Comms

I assume you don't need me for this one, of course happy to support you if needed but figure you have all this under control.

Yell out if you need any help, advise or an ear.

Thanks

Merrin

### Merrin Bamert

Director, Emergency Management and Health Protection  
 South Division  
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## RE: Physical Activity policy - Operation Soteria

From: REDACTED  
 To: REDACTED  
 Date: Wed, 01 Apr 2020 15:25:09 +1100

Ok no worries RED. Will try update before my next meeting at 4.

From: REDACTED  
 Sent: Wednesday, 1 April 2020 3:07 PM  
 To: REDACTED  
 Subject: RE: Physical Activity policy - Operation Soteria

Hi REDAC

I think the leave policy is still relevant to the AO, but maybe reference the physical policy also.

Additionally, I should have directed you to the **direction and detention notice** for greater context as this is applicable to the hotel situation. Apologies. This notice can be found on the website below. FYI, see clause 4. I understand the D/CHO can grant permission to leave based on the three criteria, for example treatment for cancer.

<https://www.dhhs.vic.gov.au/state-emergency>

I think the key points for AOs;

- They need to be informed D/CHO has granted permission and under what circumstances (such as routine and urgent medical treatment)
- What to do in emergency situation (as discussed in the temporary leave policy)
- What to do if D/Cho has granted permission (such as monitoring leave and ensuring infection control)
- Recording any leave

It might be worth including these brief points, but then we catch up with Meena for further advice on the way forward as things change. And also an operational plan as per NSW model.

Rachel, I'll set up a meeting tomorrow morning.

I'll endeavour to look at some of the other policies you have been working on late today.

Cheers

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REDACTED: this is the policy that was drafted yesterday to facilitate short breaks for exercise/smoking etc. Is this no longer required? Noting tobacco teams comments to support quitting rather than cigarette breaks. Will all physical activity be undertaken by people in quarantine within the room?

Thanks

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 Date: Tue, 31 Mar 2020 09:13:10 +1100

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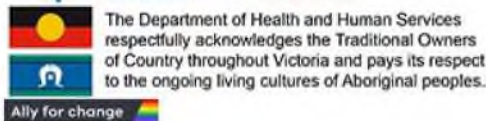
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 Cc: REDACTED  
 Subject: Re: Physical activity policy

Hi RED  
 Will update now - it had been drafted with consideration for being able to go out once per day for exercise, so will need to edit to comply with restriction within hotels.

With thanks,  
 REDACTED

From: REDACTED  
 Sent: Tuesday, 31 March 2020 8:21 AM  
 To: Maria Bubnic (DHHS) REDACTED  
 Cc: REDACTED  
 Subject: Re: Physical activity policy

Hi REDA and REDA  
 A task for you, please - REDAC tells me you have already started a fact sheet on this topic, thanks for working on this as a matter of priority.

R, sorry I disturbed you on your day off and thanks for your understanding.

Thanks RED and REDA too.

Kind regards

REDACT

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Thanks [REDACTED] is on leave today. [REDACTED] is covering have ccd.

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Dear [REDACTED]

For your team's action, please

Call me to discuss further, please. Maria is on another phone call now.

Thanks

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**RE: Physical activity policy**

From: REDACTED  
 To: REDACTED  
 Date: Wed, 01 Apr 2020 08:28:49 +1100

That's great REDA  
 Did it end up going out yesterday?  
 What did it say

REDACTED

Manager, Healthy Eating and Active Living  
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State Public Health Nutritionist: Job share with REDACTED  
 Not in the office Thursday



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Ally for change

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 Cc: REDACTED  
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Hi RED

Will update now - it had been drafted with consideration for being able to go out once per day for exercise, so will need to edit to comply with restriction within hotels.

With thanks,

REDACTED

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Date: Tue, 31 Mar 2020 08:38:23 +1100

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**Date:** Tue, 31 Mar 2020 08:26:46 +1100

I am checking EDRM TRIM on physical activity fact sheets or similar

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**To:** Finn Romanes (DHHS) REDACTED; Jason Helps (DHHS)

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**Cc:** Maria Bubnic (DHHS) REDACTED

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**Subject:** Re: Smoking policy - Operation Soteria

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Emergency Management  
Department of Health and Human Services  
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**Cc:** Maria Bubnic (DHHS) REDACTED  
REDACTED Braedan Hogan (DHHS) REDACTED  
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Public Health Physician  
Department of Health and Human Services

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**Subject:** RE: Smoking policy - Operation Soteria

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**Maria Bubnic**



Assistant Director, Population Health

Regulation, Health Protection & Emergency Management Division  
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## FW: Physical Activity policy - Operation Soteria

**From:** REDACTED  
**To:** REDACTED  
**Date:** Wed, 01 Apr 2020 13:37:31 +1100  
**Attachments:** Physical activity in quarantine\_V2.docx (20.99 kB)

FYI

REDACTED

Senior Regulatory Policy Advisor  
 Strategic Projects & Regulatory Policy Team  
 Health Protection Branch  
 Regulation, Health Protection & Emergency Management  
 Department and Health and Human Services  
 50 Lonsdale Street, Melbourne 3000

REDACTED

*Please note that I work remotely on Tuesdays.*

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 Anthony J Kolmus (DHHS); REDACTED; Noel Cleaves (DHHS)  
 REDACTED  
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 <sccvic.sctrl.health@scc.vic.gov.au>; REDACTED  
**Subject:** RE: Physical Activity policy - Operation Soteria

Dear Braedan & Finn, please find attached the physical activity advice.  
 We understand you will coordinate approvals via our COVID comms director with DPC from here.  
 Very happy to provide further assistance, just let us know.  
 Thanks,

**Maria Bubnic**  
 Assistant Director, Population Health

Regulation, Health Protection & Emergency Management Division  
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Yes it did. We plan to finalise the physical activity policy advice today.

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 [REDACTED]  
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Hi all – did this progress yesterday?

Keen to land this and the physical recreation policy today as a priority.

Braedan

**Braedan Hogan**  
 Deputy Director, Strategy and Policy  
 Emergency Management Branch  
 Regulation, Health Protection & Emergency Management Division  
 Department of Health and Human Services  
 50 Lonsdale Street Melbourne Victoria 3000

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**From:** Finn Romanes (DHHS); [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, 31 March 2020 10:35 PM  
**To:** Melissa Boag (DHHS); [REDACTED]  
**Cc:** Braedan Hogan (DHHS); [REDACTED];  
 StateEmergencyManagementCentre SEMC (DHHS) <[semc@health.vic.gov.au](mailto:semc@health.vic.gov.au)>; [REDACTED]  
 [REDACTED] Anthony J  
 Kolmus (DHHS); [REDACTED]; Noel Cleaves (DHHS)

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REDACTED

**Subject:** RE: Smoking policy - Operation Soteria

Hi REDACTED

Could you send through the smoking advice for people in detention – I can place it in the plan ASAP

Finn

Dr Finn Romanes  
Deputy Public Health Commander - Planning  
Novel Coronavirus Public Health Emergency

REDACTED

Department of Health and Human Services  
State Government of Victoria

**From:** REDACTED

**Sent:** Tuesday, 31 March 2020 12:04 PM

**To:** REDACTED COVID Directions

<[COVIDdirections@dhhs.vic.gov.au](mailto:COVIDdirections@dhhs.vic.gov.au)>

**Cc:** Braedan Hogan (DHHS) REDACTED; Finn Romanes (DHHS)

REDACTED StateEmergencyManagementCentre SEMC (DHHS)

<[semc@health.vic.gov.au](mailto:semc@health.vic.gov.au)> REDACTED Anthony J

Kolmus (DHHS) REDACTED Noel Cleaves (DHHS)

REDACTED

Maria Bubnic (DHHS) REDACTED

REDACTED

**Subject:** RE: Smoking policy - Operation Soteria

Thanks REDACTED

We have prepared some advice that we will be sending through any second now. Our recommendation is that people will be supported to manage cravings through the provision of nicotine replacement therapy and telephone counselling.

REDACTED

Manager, Tobacco Control  
Prevention and Population Health, Regulation, Health Protection & Emergency Management Division  
Department of Health and Human Services | GPO Box 4057, Melbourne, Victoria, 3001

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 [REDACTED] RE: Anthony J Kolmus (DHHS)  
 [REDACTED] Noel Cleaves (DHHS) [REDACTED]  
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Hi I'm advised that the key issue is really about people leaving their rooms securely. With the hotel's cooperation establishing a designated smoking room/s (such as how high roller room operates) would be the best solution that has appropriate density and hygiene parameters. (There is exemption under s5A(2) I've copied in [REDACTED] the tobacco manager and those involved in compliance and enforcement.

[REDACTED]

Principal Regulatory Policy Advisor Health Protection

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Hi [REDACTED]

I have started today monitoring the COVIC directions inbox. Nice to e-meet you.

[REDACTED] advised you may be able to assist with this or point me in the direction of someone that may be able to assist?

Regards,

[REDACTED]

Principal Community Recovery Officer  
 Emergency Management and Health Protection  
 South Division  
 Department of Health and Human Services  
 8-12 Seymour Street (PO Box 1661), Traralgon, Victoria, 3844

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REDACTED

**Re: Physical activity policy**

From: REDACTED  
 To: REDACTED  
 Date: Wed, 01 Apr 2020 08:37:51 +1100  
 Attachments: Physical activity in quarantine\_V1.docx (19.26 kB)

Hi RED  
 It is drafted and RED and RED reviewed. SRV got approval last night to release their Active April workout videos, I am just waiting for them to go on the website (checked about 30 minutes ago and they aren't up yet). RED gave me 24 hours to hold to put the links in. Given it is 1 April I am think it'll be any minute

From: REDACTED  
 Sent: Wednesday, 1 April 2020 8:28 AM  
 To: REDACTED  
 Subject: RE: Physical activity policy

That's great REDA  
 Did it end up going out yesterday?  
 What did it say

REDACTED

Manager, Healthy Eating and Active Living  
 State Public Health Nutritionist APD  
 Prevention and Population Health Branch  
 Regulation, Health Protection & Emergency Management

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REDACTED  
[www.health.vic.gov.au/nutrition](http://www.health.vic.gov.au/nutrition)

State Public Health Nutritionist: Job share with Sharon Laurence 9095 5664  
 Not in the office Thursday



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Ally for change

From: REDACTED  
 Sent: Tuesday, 31 March 2020 8:40 AM  
 To: REDACTED Maria Bubnic (DHHS) REDACTED  
 REDACTED  
 Cc: REDACTED  
 REDACTED  
 Subject: Re: Physical activity policy

Hi RED  
 Will update now - it had been drafted with consideration for being able to go out once per day for exercise, so will need to edit to comply with restriction within hotels.

With thanks,  
 REDACTED

From: REDACTED  
 Sent: Tuesday, 31 March 2020 8:21 AM  
 To: Maria Bubnic (DHHS) REDACTED  
 Cc: REDACTED  
 REDACTED  
 Subject: Re: Physical activity policy

Hi REDA and REDA

A task for you, please - REDAC tells me you have already started a fact sheet on this topic, thanks for working on this as a matter of priority.

RE sorry I disturbed you on your day off and thanks for your understanding.

Thanks RED and REDA too.



Kind regards

REDA

From: Maria Bubnic (DHHS) REDACTED

Sent: Tuesday, 31 March 2020 8:13 AM

To: REDACTED

Cc:

Subject: RE: Physical activity policy

Thanks RE - REDA is on leave today. RED is covering have ccd.

**Maria Bubnic**

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To: REDACTED

Cc: Maria Bubnic (DHHS) <REDACTED>

Subject: Re: Physical activity policy

Dear REDAC,

For your team's action, please

Call me to discuss further, please. Maria is on another phone call now.

Thanks

REDACTED

REDACTED

Prevention and Population Health

50 Lonsdale Street

Melbourne VIC 3001

REDACTED

From: Maria Bubnic (DHHS) REDACTED

Sent: Tuesday, March 31, 2020 8:06:48 AM

To: REDACTED

Subject: FW: Smoking policy - Operation Soteria

Additional info

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## FW: Physical activity policy

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**From:** "Maria Bubnic (DHHS)" <[REDACTED]>  
**To:** [REDACTED]  
**Cc:** [REDACTED]  
**Date:** Tue, 31 Mar 2020 08:21:30 +1100

Hi [REDACTED], do we have existing guidance that we can adapt, in consult with VicHealth for this purpose?

**Maria Bubnic**  
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**From:** Maria Bubnic (DHHS)  
**Sent:** Tuesday, 31 March 2020 8:13 AM  
**To:** [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]  
**Cc:** [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]  
**Subject:** RE: Physical activity policy

Thanks [REDACTED] – [REDACTED] is on leave today [REDACTED] is covering have ccd.

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**Sent:** Tuesday, 31 March 2020 8:13 AM  
**To:** [REDACTED]  
**Cc:** Maria Bubnic (DHHS) [REDACTED]  
**Subject:** Re: Physical activity policy

Dear [REDACTED]

For your team's action, please

Call me to discuss further, please. [REDACTED] is on another phone call now.

Thanks

REDACTED

Milica Markovic, PhD  
Prevention and Population Health  
50 Lonsdale Street  
Melbourne VIC 3001

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**From:** Maria Bubnic (DHHS) <REDACTED>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, March 31, 2020 8:06:48 AM

**To:** REDACTED

REDACTED

**Subject:** FW: Smoking policy - Operation Soteria

Additional info

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**From:** Braedan Hogan (DHHS) <REDACTED>

**Sent:** Tuesday, 31 March 2020 8:05 AM

**To:** Finn Romanes (DHHS) <REDACTED>; Jason Helps (DHHS)

<REDACTED>

**Cc:** Maria Bubnic (DHHS) <REDACTED>

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**Subject:** Re: Smoking policy - Operation Soteria

Just for background the room do not have balcony or outside access so will need to be escorted out by security.

This flows into the next issue of a physical activity policy the will also need to be developed

Braedan Hogan  
Deputy Director, Strategy and Policy  
Emergency Management  
Department of Health and Human Services

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**From:** Finn Romanes (DHHS) <REDACTED>

**Sent:** Tuesday, March 31, 2020 8:00:36 AM

**To:** Jason Helps (DHHS) <REDACTED>

**Cc:** Maria Bubnic (DHHS) <REDACTED>

<REDACTED> Braedan Hogan (DHHS) <REDACTED>

**Subject:** Fwd: Smoking policy - Operation Soteria

Please link up - grateful - unless Braedon you are still leading.

Finn

Dr Finn Romanes  
Public Health Physician  
Department of Health and Human Services

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**From:** Finn Romanes (DHHS) [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, March 31, 2020 7:59 am  
**To:** Braedan Hogan (DHHS); Maria Bubnic (DHHS)  
**Cc:** [REDACTED] (DHHS); Annaliese Van Diemen (DHHS)  
**Subject:** Fwd: Smoking policy - Operation Soteria

Dear Maria, [REDACTED] and Braedon

Could you work quickly together to provide an assessment and written proposal for smoking cessation options for people detained in their rooms please.

I'm sorry to make this request by email however there are some emergency issues happening here - I'll engage as soon as I can.

Can you provide a proposal that can have a chance to keep a person in their room, and only as a last resort allowing a person to leave for a monitored break.

Your urgent help Maria and [REDACTED] is appreciated. I can present the proposal to the Deputy Chief Health Officer at midday.

Finn

Dr Finn Romanes  
Public Health Physician  
Department of Health and Human Services

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**From:** Maria Bubnic (DHHS) [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, March 31, 2020 7:35 am  
**To:** Finn Romanes (DHHS)  
**Cc:** [REDACTED] (DHHS); [REDACTED] (DHHS)  
**Subject:** RE: Smoking policy - Operation Soteria

Morning, yes, it is [REDACTED] who I have ccd here.

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**Sent:** Monday, 30 March 2020 11:03 PM  
**To:** Maria Bubnic (DHHS) [REDACTED]  
**Subject:** FW: Smoking policy - Operation Soteria

Hi Maria

Are you able to get the lead for tobacco control to give me a call on [REDACTED] so we can discuss a policy for smokers who are detained under quarantine?

Finn

Dr Finn Romanes  
Deputy Public Health Commander - Planning  
Novel Coronavirus Public Health Emergency

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**From:** Braedan Hogan (DHHS) <REDACTED>

**Sent:** Monday, 30 March 2020 9:26 PM

**To:** Finn Romanes (DHHS) <REDACTED>; Merrin Bamert (DHHS)

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**Cc:** COVID Directions <[COVIDdirections@dhhs.vic.gov.au](mailto:COVIDdirections@dhhs.vic.gov.au)>; StateEmergencyManagementCentre  
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Thanks – do we have a health prevention person that can develop this?

We don't have anyone

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**From:** Finn Romanes (DHHS) <REDACTED>

**Sent:** Monday, 30 March 2020 5:53 PM

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There is in principle support in here for allowing a person – if monitored in some way – to have a smoking break on a balcony or outdoors if that is the lesser harm option.

Can you put a proposal up with parameters / strict parameters and I will ask Annaliese to endorse as a policy?

Finn

Dr Finn Romanes  
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