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Dear Dr Flood

**Re: Change to notifiable conditions under the *South Australian Public Health Act 2011***

Thank you for seeking comments from the Australian Medical Association in South Australia about a proposed change to regulations related to notifiable conditions under the *South Australian Public Health Act*.

As always, the AMA wishes to ensure that any changes do not reduce the effectiveness or safety of existing practices in contributing to best-practice patient care and pathways. We endorse the proposed changes, as we support any measures that eliminate unnecessary duplication of effort in South Australia's already under-resourced health system, as long as cases of influenza or chlamydia are reported and notifications do occur.

At the same time, we strongly recommend that surveillance of the system must occur with at least the same rigour as exists today. The quality, sensitivity, representativeness and timeliness of data, and the capacity to analyse and report it, must continue to occur so the system is best able to predict and respond to disease and its impacts on patient outcomes.

As such, we strongly recommend that the CDCB introduce evaluation tools so that impacts of the changes on the effectiveness, attributes and efficiency of the influenza/chlamydia surveillance system can be measured. In addition, we ask that your branch develop and disseminate clear communication materials to inform our members and other health practitioners of these changes and the reasoning behind them, to streamline their implementation and maximise their benefit.

Please contact me if the AMA can help further.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Chris Moy'.

**Dr Chris Moy**

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