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To Principals
From Steve Genesin
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Re **Fruit Fly Outbreak and schools**

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Dear Principals,

The Department of Primary Industries and Regions (PIRSA) has recently advised that much of metropolitan Adelaide and some areas of the Riverland are in fruit fly outbreak or suspension areas.

To help South Australia fight fruit fly becoming an established pest, PIRSA is introducing the attached movement restrictions, effective immediately until at least Thursday 15 April 2021.

It is families' responsibilities to follow these restrictions, and schools are not required to monitor students and/or their lunchboxes. If parents have any queries as to which fruit or fruiting vegetable are affected, please advise them to visit www.pir.sa.gov.au/fruitfly.

Please find attached useful information from PIRSA to communicate to students and families at your school.

For more information, please visit www.pir.sa.gov.au/fruitfly.

Yours sincerely

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Restrictions to school and work lunch boxes in fruit fly affected areas

Much of metropolitan Adelaide and some areas of the Riverland are currently in fruit fly outbreak or suspension areas.

To help South Australia fight fruit fly becoming an established pest, the following movement restrictions apply until at least Thursday 15 April 2021.

Where are the outbreak and suspension areas?

[Check if you are in a metropolitan Adelaide fruit fly outbreak or suspension area](http://pir.sa.gov.au/fruitfly)
pir.sa.gov.au/fruitfly

[Check if you are in a Riverland fruit fly outbreak or suspension area](http://pir.sa.gov.au/fruitfly-riverland)
pir.sa.gov.au/fruitfly-riverland

If your school or workplace is in an outbreak or suspension area

Fruit and fruiting vegetables that can be infected by fruit fly (visit www.pir.sa.gov.au/fruitfly-produce) must not be packed into lunch boxes or otherwise moved around while restrictions are in place.

If you live in an outbreak or suspension area

Fruit and fruiting vegetables that can be infected by fruit fly (visit www.pir.sa.gov.au/fruitfly-produce) must not be packed into lunch boxes or otherwise moved around while restrictions are in place.

You must keep your fresh home-grown fruit or fruiting vegetables on your property. You can eat, cook or preserve your own home-grown produce.

Shop-bought fruit and fruiting vegetables that can be infected by fruit fly must be kept secure when taken home – this means in a sealed bag or container – and it must then be consumed at home.

If you are not in an outbreak or suspension area

Restrictions do not apply.

How does this affect my school and workplace?

If your school or workplace is in an affected area, fruit and fruiting vegetables that can be infected by fruit fly must not be included in lunch boxes or otherwise moved around while restrictions are in place.

What fruit and fruiting vegetables can be infected by fruit fly?

You can view the complete list of what you must not pack into lunch boxes at www.pir.sa.gov.au/fruitfly-produce

What fruit or fruiting vegetables can I pack in lunchboxes as an alternative?

Fresh alternatives include pineapple, melons (watermelon, rockmelon, and honeydew), cucumber, carrots, lettuce, broccoli, celery, mushrooms, and asparagus.

Other options include cooked fruit, processed fruit (such as fruit straps), fruit puree, canned fruit or frozen fruit.

How long will these restrictions be in place?

These restrictions will remain until at least **Thursday 15 April 2021**. The less fresh fruit is moved around, the lower the risk of potentially spreading fruit fly.

Are home-grown and purchased fruit still safe to eat?

Yes, home-grown and purchased fruit continue to be safe to eat. Buying South Australian fruit will support our growers.

Thank you for being a fruit fly fighter!

For more information or if you have any questions, please visit www.pir.sa.gov.au/fruitfly