



Coronavirus (COVID-19)

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Background

Infection rates of the coronavirus (COVID-19) are increasing within and outside of Australia. To date, there has been three confirmed cases in Western Australia.

The main mode of disease transmission is from contact with symptomatic patients, through coughing or sneezing.

Symptoms can range from mild flu-like illness to pneumonia, but typically include fever, tiredness and dry cough. Transmission by people without symptoms is possible, but rare.

Identifying and controlling risks to health

The FPC is committed to providing and maintaining, as far as is reasonably practicable, a work environment that is safe. Identifying and controlling the risk of coronavirus in the workplace is critical.

The following measures are recommended for Contractors and Customers:

- Monitoring and broadcasting expert information.
- Educating and keeping employees up to date on current advice.
- Providing adequate facilities and products to allow employees to maintain good hygiene e.g. hand sanitiser.
- Requesting that staff with symptoms take personal leave and seek medical advice and clearance to be at work.
- Requesting staff self-isolate at home for 14 days if:
 - in the last 14 days they have been in any of the countries listed by the [Department of Health and Human Services](#) identified as higher risk for coronavirus.
 - they have been in contact with confirmed cases of novel coronavirus.



SAFETY ALERT

It is recommended that individuals:

- Practice good hygiene by regularly cleaning their hands with soap and water (minimum 20 seconds) or an alcohol-based hand rub. If hands are visibly dirty wash them with soap and water.
- Cover their nose and mouth when coughing and sneezing, and dispose of used tissues immediately.
- Avoid close contact such as shaking hands.
- Visit a health care professional if unwell and seek medical clearance to return to work.
- Sanitise communal areas and work stations, in particular before and after meetings and communal gatherings.

Further information

For further information on coronavirus, please see these websites:

- <https://www.health.gov.au/>
- <https://www.who.int/>