

DISEASE CONTROL MECHANISMS

This document outlines the preparedness and response to the level of risk for Covid -19 currently existing in the community within which CGH operate. This document should be read in conjunction with HRPRO019 FIRST RESPONSE TO NOVEL CORONAVIRUS.



CRITICAL POINTS

- Early detection to enable diagnosis;
- Isolation of suspected cases;
- Appropriate contact tracing.
- Stop the spread

EARLY DETECTION IS CRUCIAL - IDENTIFY SYMPTOMS AND EXPOSURE HISTORY

Be alert for anyone presenting with the following symptoms:

- Fever (or history of fever);
- Flu like symptoms such as coughing, sore throat and headaches;
- Difficulty breathing
- International travel to anywhere within 14 days of symptom onset.

IF YOU SUSPECT A WORKER MAY HAVE CORONAVIRUS

The patient should be isolated and managed in contact and droplet precautions:

- Place a single-use surgical mask on the patient and isolate the patient in a singleroom with door closed. Any person entering the room should use appropriate droplet and contact precautions, - disposable fluid resistant gown, gloves, surgical mask, and eye protection plus personal protective equipment
- Immediately notify your state/territory public health unit/communicable disease branch if you encounter a suspected case or call Public Health Information Line on **1800 004 599**.

If following discussion with Department of Health, it is decided that the patient does require hospitalisation:

- Arrange transfer to the appropriate public hospital emergency department - **you must call ahead**.
- Inform them of the travel history and suspected diagnosis before the patient arrives.

STOP THE SPREAD

All employees will abide by the following:

- Practicing social distancing
 - Leave 2 meters of space between yourself and another person
 - Only one person per vehicle
 - Avoid close contact with people who are unwell or have travelled in the last 14 days.
- Maintaining appropriate hygiene
 - Wash hands with soap and water regularly or use hand sanitiser
 - Cover your mouth and nose with a tissue or your sleeve (not your hands) when you cough or sneeze.
 - Clean and disinfect frequently touched objects and surfaces, including desks, electronic equipment, glasses, cups, plates and cutlery
 - Do not touch your eyes, nose or mouth if your hands are not clean
- When travelling no stopping or diverting from point A to point B.
- Use appropriate PPE at all times

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