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### **ORGANISATIONAL DIRECTION – COVID-19**

Central Desert is committed to keeping our people, their families and the communities we work with safe. During March 2020 we stopped any travel outside of Perth into communities, stopped all face to face meetings and closed our office to external visitors, which was based on information provided on the Commonwealth and State Government websites at that time. Central Desert employees all worked from home over the following few months, continuing to achieve outcomes for the community during that time.

In early June 2020, the State Government moved to Phase 3 of their COVID-19 roadmap. Based on Government guidelines we commenced working back in the office with careful procedures in place to keep our people safe. During this time we remained closed to external visitors and did not travel into the regions or communities.

The State Government recently moved to Phase 4 of their COVID-19 roadmap, Central Desert is now open to meeting people face to face in our offices but only by appointment and ensuring we comply with the relevant physical distancing recommendations still in place by the State Government.

Central Desert will only travel into communities by the agreement and approval of the relevant community. If a meeting is approved by the community and Central Desert call the meeting, we will comply with all legal requirements of the State Government, this includes taking a list of names at the meeting and ensuring the required physical distancing is available.

Below is some information we have provided to our people from the Commonwealth Department of Health:

#### **If someone in your household is sick, you should:**

- care for the sick person in a single room, if possible
- keep the number of carers to a minimum
- keep the door to the sick person's room closed. If possible, keep a window open
- wear a surgical mask when you are in the same room as the sick person. The sick person should also wear a mask
- protect other vulnerable family members by keeping them away from the sick person. At-risk people include those over 65 years or people with a chronic illness. If possible, find them somewhere else to live while the family member is sick.

**Good practice to reduce risk and Government Advice:**

1. The Department of Health advises that the best preventative measures are to practice good hygiene to protect against infections. Good hygiene includes:
  - washing your hands often with soap and water
  - using a tissue and cover your mouth when you cough or sneeze
  - avoiding close contact with others, such as touching, shaking hands or hugging.

Read more about [protective measures against coronavirus](#) on the World Health Organisation website.

**Coronavirus Information**

Keep up to date with information about the Coronavirus by visiting Department of Health website: <https://www.health.gov.au/news/health-alerts/novel-coronavirus-2019-ncov-health-alert>

Coronavirus Health Information Line: Call this line if you are seeking information on novel coronavirus. The line operates 24 hours a day, seven days a week 1800 020 080.



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