

FARM BIOSECURITY



Irrigated Cropping Council
Promoting irrigated agriculture

COVID 19 GUIDELINES

COVID-19 is a “person-to-person” disease. All efforts must be directed at protecting the health of your family, staff and others supporting the operation of farms and the food production supply chain. Ensuring the continued operation of farms and allied operations is a priority. We all need to work together at this time to stop the spread of COVID 19. These guidelines have been prepared to help the industry prepare for and manage the impacts of the CoVID-19 pandemic.

ON FARM

- Limit farm entrance to essential personnel or people performing essential activities.
- Require confirmation from any essential visitors (including contractors) that they haven't been overseas in the past 14 days.
- Know who is on your farm at all times (minimise where possible).
- People (including staff) who are sick or have signs of illness (e.g. fever, coughing, sneezing, runny nose, tiredness, shortness of breath) should not enter your farm.
- Encourage hand washing with soap for 20 seconds. Hand sanitizer is recommended if washing with soap is not available.
- Avoid close physical contact such as shaking hands or hugging.
- Clean and disinfect commonly touched surfaces regularly.
- Do not share used materials (e.g. tools, towels, kitchen utensils, pens).
- Clean and disinfect common spaces frequently.

YOUR STAFF

- Brief all staff and contractors on the risks, preventative measures and other information relevant to CoVID-19.
- Encourage staff to minimise personal contact with other people.
- Encourage hand washing with soap for 20 seconds. Hand sanitizer is recommended if washing with soap is not available.
- Avoid close physical contact such as shaking hands or hugging.
- Consider staff rostering/job allocation to accommodate different schedules/jobs to avoid likelihood of infection by distancing people.
- Plan break times so that a maximum of 2 workers are in the same room at the same time while they maintain distance from each other.
- Limit number of meetings that require face-to-face interactions and consider alternatives such as phone, text or email.

BE PREPARED

- Ensure you have the resources (diesel, seed, fertiliser, chemical etc.) needed for sowing. For deliveries on farm think about how to minimise personal interaction with the driver.

For further information on CoVID-19, visit www.health.gov.au/covid19-resources or call the National Coronavirus Health Information Line on 1800 020 080.
www.irrigatedcroppingcouncil.com.au