

COVID-19 CIRCULAR



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COVID-19 INTERIM OPERATIONAL PROCEDURES REVOKED

During the COVID-19 pandemic the State Government issued a variety of public health and safety directions to ensure the continuation of essential services in the community.

With COVID-19 cases across Western Australia on the decline, many of the directions impacting the Department of Fire and Emergency Services (DFES) have been rescinded.

Subsequently, the DFES Interim Operational Procedures (IOP) activated during the pandemic response will be revoked on Friday 23 September 2022.

They are –

- IOP 1 – Shift Changeovers
- IOP 2 – Operational Response Precautions
- IOP 3 – Enhanced Station, Vehicle and Equipment Cleaning and Disinfection Plan
- IOP 4 – Response to DBA and Private Alarms
- IOP 5 – Maintaining State Duty and Pre-Formed Team Duty Rosters
- IOP 6 – Bushfire Mitigation
- IOP 8 – Station/BGU Continuity
- IOP 9 – Cleaning and Disinfection of Operational Vehicles and Equipment.

In May, the following IOPs were revoked -

- IOP 7 - Monitoring of Community COVID-19 Safety Plans
- IOP 10 – DFES Critical Worker Furloughing

Two new documents have been developed –

- [Standard Operational Procedure \(SOP\) 3.2.13 – Operational Response Precautions – Communicable Diseases](#)
- [Standard Administrative Procedure \(SAP\) 7.1.A – Station/BGU Cleaning and Disinfection.](#)

These procedures capture practises from IOPs that are to be followed from Wednesday 7 September 2022 to minimise the threat of communicable disease. All operational personnel are to review these new procedures and implement them.

All DFES staff and personnel are commended for their efforts during the COVID-19 pandemic. By following the protocols DFES has ensured emergency services have been maintained during the pandemic.

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