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CORONAVIRUS COVID-19 UPDATE NO. 3

A global outbreak of Coronavirus (COVID-19) is being closely monitored and I want to reassure you that the health and safety of all DFES staff and volunteers is of the highest priority.

The WA Department of Health is working with the Commonwealth and other State and Territory Governments to monitor the outbreak and advise on suitable actions. DFES is working collaboratively with the WA Department of Health to respond to the evolving situation.

DFES formed a Preparedness Working Group on 20 February to initiate the plans for our response to COVID-19. This is to ensure we are taking the necessary measures to respond to any local outbreaks and to maintain the delivery of our core services to the WA community.

The latest information and resources are accessible to staff on the [DFES intranet](#) and volunteers on the [Volunteer Hub](#) to keep you informed. These dedicated pages will be updated regularly as new information comes to hand.

Although the risk is low, it is important you maintain good hygiene practices to prevent the spread of COVID-19.

Simple hygiene measures include:

- Wash your hands regularly with soap and water or alcohol-based hand gel
- If coughing or sneezing, cover your mouth with a tissue or your elbow
- Keep your work area clean
- If you are unwell, inform your manager and refrain from coming to work or attending your BGU until the symptoms have passed.

Thank you for your cooperation in maintaining a healthy workplace.

For further information, please visit the DFES Intranet and Volunteer Hub or speak with your manager.

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