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COVID-19 SAFE OPERATIONS GUIDELINES AND COVID-19 SAFETY ADVISOR

Key Message

The [COVID-19 Safe Operations Guidelines](#) has been developed to provide advice on safety measures and risk mitigation strategies available to manage an incident and coordinate deployments during a COVID-19 outbreak.

What is happening?

While the current risk of COVID-19 remains low in Western Australia, DFES and our partner agencies have undertaken planning to keep our people safe and ensure continuity of operations, in the event of an outbreak of COVID-19.

The COVID-19 Safe Operations Guidelines contain risk-based strategies and checklists designed to support normal operations. The COVID-19 Safe Operations Guidelines will be available from Doctrine, the IM Toolbox and the DFES COVID-19 page.

Covid-19 Safety Advisor

DFES has established an on-call COVID-19 Safety Advisor to provide additional advice and guidance in the management of COVID-19 in various operational scenarios. The COVID-19 Safety Advisor will be available to assist at either a single incident, across multiple regions, or the state, depending on the current extent of any outbreak in Western Australia.

The on-call COVID-19 Safety Advisor may be deployed to complex incidents to promote the application of COVID-19 safety management guidelines and protocols.

If deployed, the COVID-19 Safety Advisor will report to the Incident Controller and will be dedicated to achieving the best possible compliance with infection prevention and control protocols to minimise the risk of exposure and transmission of the virus for all incident personnel. The COVID-19 Safety Advisor will perform a dedicated function and will be an additional resource to the IMT Safety Advisor.

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Target Audience: All operational personnel.				
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