



SUSTAINABLY DEVELOPING THE OUTBACK

PUBLIC NOTICE

Coronavirus (COVID-19)

Diamantina Shire Council is closely monitoring advice and statements from the Australian Government and the Queensland Government regarding Coronavirus (COVID-19). Guidelines from these authorities will be used by Council as the basis for its decision making affecting Council operations and the community generally. Where required Council will engage with key stakeholders on any potential impacts where and when they are known, given each day presents new challenges.

With many events planned for this year, Council will leave it to the organisers of individual events to determine if their event will go ahead. Council is more than happy to be a sounding board to assist clubs in working through the issues they will need to consider in holding the event.

Diamantina residents are resilient but do not let our isolation lull us into complacency. We all need to follow the rules and guidelines around self-isolation, hygiene and self-distancing that have been issued. The direct impacts of COVID-19 are expected to last at least 6 months. How we respond to it will ultimately determine to what extent our at risk residents are impacted.

A national campaign has been launched to inform all Australians about the coronavirus (COVID-19). The campaign aims to reduce the risk to individuals and families by enabling them to make informed decisions and to take up health recommendations.

The attached material provides more information and tips to help you be prepared.

Please go to the Queensland Government website for more information:

<https://www.qld.gov.au/health/conditions/health-alerts/coronavirus-covid-19>

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CLEAN HANDS SAVE LIVES

12 steps to successful everyday handwashing



Wet hands with water.



Apply enough soap to cover all hand surfaces.



Lather thoroughly.



Rub hands palm to palm.



Rub hands palm to palm with fingers interlaced.



Rub back of hand using the palm of the other with fingers interlaced.



In a circular motion rub the tips of fingers in the palm of the opposite hand.



Clean thumb by holding it in the other hand and rotating.



Rub wrist with the opposite hand.



Interlock fingers and rub back of fingers on opposite palms.



Rinse hands with water.



Dry hands with clean paper towel and use paper towel to turn off tap.

Duration of hand-wash



Researchers think that if everyone washed their hands properly, about 1 million lives would be saved every year.¹

When performed correctly, hand hygiene results in a reduction of microorganisms on hands. Poor hand hygiene contributes to the spread of pathogens, which can cause health issues such as gastrointestinal and respiratory infections.



Please note: These guidelines are for social handwashing only, such as after toilet use and before touching food. This poster is not intended for use in clinical settings.

1. Curtis, V 2003, 'Effect of washing hands with soap on diarrhoea risk in the community: a systematic review' *Lancet Infect Dis*, Retrieved 19 March 2019, www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/pubmed/12726975

*Based on the 'How to HandWash Poster' © World Health Organization 2009.



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the spread
of
GERMS

1



WASH
your
HANDS



2

COVER
your
COUGH



3

STAY HOME
if you're sick



If you're concerned, **visit your GP**
or **call 13HEALTH (13 43 25 84).**



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STEPS

for household
cleaning



Use a clean cloth,
detergent and water
to clean the surface

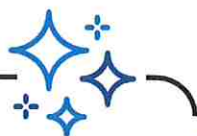


Then rinse with
clean water and
another clean cloth



Allow to dry

You can also reduce
the **germs** in your
home **by regularly:**



Cleaning everywhere



Disinfecting surfaces



Washing linen and towels

For more information, visit
www.health.qld.gov.au/coronavirus



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