

# COVID-19 Management Plan Northern Territory

#### Correct as at 26 June 2020

### Introduction

This plan covers all AACo stations in the Northern Territory and Queensland stations that are near the border with the Northern Territory. It will be regularly reviewed as Government restrictions evolve and change.

The following key measures should be followed at all times, to reduce the likelihood of contracting or spreading COVID-19:

# Health and Hygiene

- a) Wash your hands regularly, at minimum before eating or touching your face.
- b) Wash your hands after being in public or touching items recently touched by others.
- c) Maintain 1.5m minimum separation distance from anyone else (excl. family).
- d) Do not have personal contact (shake hands etc) with people outside your household.
- e) Be open about how you are feeling. If you feel unwell, or sick, let your supervisor know immediately. We will arrange for work tasks that provide a greater level of separation.
- f) If you start to display symptoms of Coronavirus, then we will arrange for you to seek medical advice.

### Cleanliness of Facilities and communal areas

- a) Don't share equipment (cups, cutlery, motorbike helmets, welding masks etc) that someone else has used unless it has been thoroughly disinfected.
- b) If people have to change over a vehicle, thoroughly wipe it down with disinfectant.
- c) Cleaning of common facilities (kitchens, toilets) must be thorough and regular.

### Contractors & Visitors, including Freight

The main contractors that apply to our business are still able to attend site. This includes providers such as livestock carriers, earthmoving (roads, land development), consultants (agronomists, nutritionists, vets), and suppliers (fuel, agvet chem, etc). If there is contractor work that is not necessary, it should be delayed to a later date.



For contractors coming to site, you need to put some additional planning in place. They need to have the contractor and on station biosecurity forms completed, and separate facilities should be made available for them to use. They cannot stay in the same facilities as AACo staff and need to maintain hygiene and separation at all times.

Visitors must only be by prior approval from the Station Manager, with consent from the Regional Manager or COO.

# Interstate Visitors / AACo Staff

Any interstate visitors / AACo staff who plan to visit an AACo station, must complete the COVID-19 biosecurity checklist prior to arrival onsite.

Anyone who currently resides in known / declared COVID-19 hotspots must not travel to AACo stations or offices without undergoing 14 days quarantine prior to arriving onsite. Additionally all state and territory based guidelines, including quarantine rules must be followed.

# **Record Keeping**

To assist in ensuring that we know where people have travelled to and from, details of all people visiting stations is to be recorded. Details such as:

- Name and contact details
- Location arrived from
- Time spent on station
- Quarantine periods

This will assist in any contact tracing that may need to occur.

#### **Quarantine Requirements**

As an agribusiness, AACo is exempt from quarantine restrictions associated with border crossings. AACo has also been previously been declared exempt per advice provided by Deputy Chief Health Officer A/Professor Dianne Stephens on 25 March 2020. However, updated guidelines around exempt status should be followed at all times. COVID-19 management plans should also be reassessed every three months.

The following conditions also still apply:

- All new AACo employees may be required to quarantine on station in separate quarters for a minimum of 14 days, or offsite if no accommodation is available on station.
- Any new employee, or an employee that travels to/from a declared COVID-19 hotspot must undertake 14 days quarantine prior to arriving onsite.

# **Indigenous Communities**



Restrictions around travel to and from remote and Indigenous communities have been lifted, however care must still be taken when associating with community members.

Some communities visit stations to purchase fuel and essential supplies or for medical assistance. The following conditions should apply in these circumstances:

- Physical distancing must be maintained at all times and service to the community will be one person at a time.
- Contractors and visitors from interstate should not mix with people from Indigenous communities until border restrictions between Queensland and the Northern Territory are lifted. Updated state and territory based guidelines should be followed after border restrictions are lifted.
- Regional managers should meet regularly with community elders to ensure conditions are being adhered to and remain appropriate.

# **Travel Off-Site**

The Federal Government has recommended against domestic and international travel. If you choose to travel, you may be required to self-isolate on return. Depending on the circumstances, this may not qualify for paid leave.

For travel outside of the service area of your property, please contact your Regional Manager for authorisation prior to leaving.

This applies for all travel to service towns for personal or business purposes. Your Regional Manager must be notified prior to visiting, and a control plan will be in place upon return. Please exercise a high level of personal hygiene. Avoid personal contact (e.g. handshakes etc) and maintain as much space as possible from other people.

Wash your hands as soon as possible after any interaction or contact with shops, parts, people.

Some properties also have children and partners spending time off property at school, work, facilities, functions etc. It is very important that they also maintain increased levels of hygiene. It is for this reason that you as employees, maintain separation with other employees when you are together.

# High Risk Consequences

Coronavirus is a serious risk to everyone, and that is why we have to maintain discipline and adherence to the above control measure. We also must be very mindful of the people we spend time with. Those with higher risk of dire consequence from a Coronavirus infection include those with any or multiple of the following, over 70yrs of age, cancer, respiratory disease, diabetes, auto immune disease.

The above is a guideline and does not cover all matters relating to Coronavirus. If you have any questions or would like any other information, please feel free to refer to the Station Manager, your Regional Manager, or AACo Safety.



#### Appendix 1

The above management plan applies to all operations and staff in the Northern Territory, along with Queensland stations that are situated close to the border with the Northern Territory. These include:

- La Belle Station
- Pell Station
- Livingstone Beef
- Delamere Station
- Montejinni Station
- Camfield Station
- Eva Downs Station
- Anthony Lagoon Station
- Brunette Downs Station
- Avon Downs Station
- Austral Downs Station
- Headingly Station
- Canobie Station
- Wondoola Station
- Dalgonally Station
- Carrum Station