

Response and Recovery Pandemic Plan 2020



The COVID-19 outbreak is an unprecedented event in history. The World Health Organisation (WHO) has declared COVID-19 as a Pandemic. A State of Emergency has been declared by Victoria.

To protect the health of residents and staff, the Northern Grampians Shire Council has activated its Response and Recovery Pandemic Plan 2020. Proactive and preventative measures are effective in containing the spread of the coronavirus (COVID-19) and reduce the risk to the health of the community.

Northern Grampians Shire Council has a key role to play in all emergency management situations affecting the situation. Northern Grampians Shire Council will focus on a proactive approach to reducing the spread and therefore impact on the community.

Evidence demonstrates that social distancing and good hygiene are two practices that are successful in reducing the spread and impact of the virus.

Social Distancing

Prime Minister Scott Morrison announced today additional social distancing measures, with the following rules currently applicable:

- Indoor gatherings must have less than 100 people
- Indoor spaces must allow a minimum of 4 square meters per person within the enclosed space.
- People should maintain 1.5 metres separation at all times
- Avoid handshakes and physical contact with people outside your family
- Outdoor gatherings of 500 or more people are banned.

Good Hygiene

Key practices for good hygiene for all community members include:

- Wash your hands thoroughly with soap and water for at least 20 seconds to prevent passing on germs. Dry your hands.
- Always cough or sneeze into your arm or a tissue and put the tissue in the bin straight away. Wash your hands with soap and water for at least 20 seconds afterwards

Public Amenities

Northern Grampians Shire Council maintains many public amenity facilities across the Shire.

All public amenities will be fit with soap dispensers. Due to the limited access to soap and sanitiser supplies, this will be completed as soon as possible, and soap will be refilled in accordance with supply lines.



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