



COVID-19 UPDATE

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HEALTH AND SAFETY IN MINES

Mine operators must take all reasonable steps to manage the exposure of workers to COVID-19 and ensure access to treatment, in line with federal and state government advice and requirements.

We consider the below to be minimum and essential steps for mine operators.

POLICIES AND PLANS:

- Site-specific risk management plan in place.
- COVID-19 co-ordinator on site.
- Protocols for identifying and reporting potentially infected and infected coal mineworkers.
- All medical staff on site supplied with appropriate tools and support.
- Appropriate quarantined area on site.
- Appropriate leave for affected workers to ensure self-identification.
- Employee Assistance Program is available to employees.

HYGIENE:

- Hygiene controls provided at all work locations, such as soap, hand sanitizer and disinfectant wipes.
- Additional signage around hygiene controls.

INFORMATION:

- Workers provided with information about COVID-19, how it is spread, how to prevent contracting it and risk factors.

CLEANING:

- Cleaners to be trained and apply infectious disease processes.
- Increase the frequency of cleaning for areas of high touch points.
- Machinery and transport cleaned and sanitized after every use.

SOCIAL DISTANCING:

- Develop and implement system to for social distancing that caters for:
 - Handovers
 - Prestart meetings
 - Crib breaks
 - Travel to and from work, e.g. bus services and carpooling.
 - Maximum number of people permitted in rooms.

ISOLATION:

- Register for those undergoing testing, self-isolating and in quarantine.
- Systems in place to transfer the person home.
- Systems in place to transfer the person from the mine site to isolation accommodation or hospital.

CAMPS: FOOD AND ACCOMMODATION

- Prevent cross-contamination from food preparation through:
 - Increased sanitation of food preparation areas.
 - Self-service discontinued and cribs/lunches pre-packaged for pick up.
 - Supply hygiene systems at the entrance exit to dining facilities.
 - Limited numbers in dining facilities.
- Have an appropriate area for quarantine.
- Where sick or isolated people can't be transferred home:
 - Adequate medical systems to cater for the treatment of COVID-19 and any other medical issue that may be required.

- Allow for adequate exercise, communication and mental stimulation.
- Regular and adequate cleaning and sanitization of the room.

SUPPLIERS:

- Engage with all suppliers to inform them of the requirements of the mine for the control and prevention of COVID-19.

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