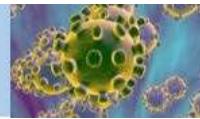


ACWA Coronavirus #2



UPDATE 23 March 2020

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Of particular note is the Prime Ministers appeal to people not to congregate in groups. Car wash operators should consider if this happens at their site.

For example, do staff arrive early and have a coffee together, do they meet in a lunchroom or take breaks together? How can these situations be avoided?

For further information, added to the list of businesses already closed down, the following additional business categories have been ordered to close:

- All galleries, libraries and community centres
- Amusement parks, play centres and amusement arcades
- Beauty, nail and tattoo shops as well as non-health related massage shops
- Yoga like wellness centres
- Pools and sporting activities

Several business categories have been allowed to remain open but with increased restrictions. These include

- Hairdressers -social distancing conditions
- Food courts in shopping centres – now takeaway only
- Outdoor physical training (boot camps) – limited to classes of 10
- Weddings – reduced to the attendance of five people only
- Funerals- no more than 10 people may attend
- Outdoor food markets will be addressed State by State

For full details, the Australian Health Protection Principal Committee (AHPPC) coronavirus (COVID-19) update statement on 25 March 2020 can be found [here](https://www.health.gov.au/news/update-from-the-prime-minister-on-social-distancing-and-other-measures-to-combat-coronavirus-covid-19)

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Note, the Australian Government has once again warned that further restrictions may become necessary. ACWA will continue to monitor the situation and keep members informed as best we can.

Please stay safe by looking after yourselves, your staff and customers.

** The world is coming to terms with the nature of the COVID-19 virus. Our suggestions are based on current knowledge, the advice of specialists and procedures being put in place by members of the ACWA family.*