



## AAA Shearing Guidelines – COVID19 Operational Protocols

### Staff

- Make sure staff comply with COVID-19 health advice
  - ✓ Wash hands often with soap and water for 20 seconds, or use alcohol-based hand sanitiser.
  - ✓ Cough or sneeze into your (flexed) elbow.
  - ✓ Cough away from other people.
  - ✓ Offer or allow staff to wear face masks and gloves.
  - ✓ Stay more than 1.5 metres away from people.
  - ✓ Avoid shaking hands, hugging or kissing.
  - ✓ Avoid touching your face and mouth.
- Make staff aware that if they are sick, they shouldn't come to work. Instead they must
  - ✓ Isolate as soon as possible
  - ✓ Notify relevant people including contractor or farm owner
  - ✓ Follow Department of Health procedures  
<https://www.health.gov.au/resources/collections/novel-coronavirus-2019-ncov-resources>
- Talk to staff daily, over communicate.
- Don't share cups, water bottles or eating utensils

### Physical Distancing

- Monitor and control the number of workers in all relevant areas –as per current State regulations.
- As much as possible, ensure workers use their own equipment
- Where practical provide workers with their own room.
- Avoid non-essential gatherings, consider holding pre-shearing talks outdoors.
- Consider how you can decrease the number of high touch surfaces. For example
  - ✓ which doors can be left open
  - ✓ reduce the number of people handling equipment or sharing items such as shearing stands, skirting tables, brooms, wool paddles etc.
- Wool handlers to wait until shearer and handler are in the catch pen before they collect fleece.
- If travelling, travel in separate vehicles

### Hygiene and Cleaning

- Provide access to hand washing stations, with soap, paper towels and running water if possible.
- Have hand sanitizer available.
- Clean frequently touched areas or surfaces several times per day with detergent, disinfectant solution or wipes. This includes shared tools.
- Dispose of used personal items such as tissues, disposable masks, gloves, and other contaminated items.
- Encourage the use of own towels
- Staff to wear gloves when cleaning surfaces and wash hands thoroughly before and after.
- Where possible avoid shared equipment

### Record Keeping

- Keep record of names and mobile number or email address of all workers for 28 days.