

COVID-19 Coronavirus: Information for  
*Digital Utilities 2020 Attendees*

As we prepare for another successful *Digital Utilities* conference, we understand that you might have questions about the 2020 event as it relates to COVID-19.

***We confirm that Digital Utilities 2020 will proceed as planned. At this stage, the risk of transmission in Australia is low and Australians should therefore be alert but not alarmed.***

In following the advice from the Australian Department of Health and the World Health Organisation, we have implemented measures to help to mitigate the spread of COVID-19 and will continue to add other actions regularly.

Protecting the health and safety of our speakers, delegates, sponsors and exhibitors is our number one priority, so we will continue to monitor the situation daily and respond appropriately.

In conjunction with Sofitel Wentworth Sydney, we will have additional precautionary measures in place such as:

- Additional hand sanitiser dispensers will be located around the Digital Utilities conference and exhibition
- Enhanced cleaning and sanitisation across all public areas within the hotel

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**Attendance Guidelines – Recommendations to help prevent the spread of respiratory diseases like COVID-19:**

The following guidelines are set out in accordance with the WHO and the Australian Government:

- Do not attend *Digital Utilities 2020* if you are feeling unwell
- If you have a fever, cough and difficulty breathing seek medical care early and share previous travel history with your healthcare provider
- If you have recently visited mainland China, Iran, Italy or South Korea or have come into contact with anyone that has been to these countries, you should self-isolate for 14 days and **not attend *Digital Utilities 2020***
- Frequently clean hands by using alcohol-based hand rub or soap and water for at least 20 seconds

- When coughing and sneezing, cover your mouth and nose with flexed elbow or tissue – throw the tissue away immediately and wash hands.\
- Avoid close contact with anyone who has a fever and cough or is sick
- Avoid touching your eyes, nose, and mouth with unwashed hands
- Clean and disinfect frequently touched objects and surfaces
- In line with official advice, we are not recommending that face masks be worn at *Digital Utilities 2020*
- Experts advise against handshakes and hugs

**People who wish to participate in our event and who are not impacted by travel restrictions are free to do so. Our policies reflect the travel restrictions and guidelines of the Australian government.** We are continuing to plan the very best event possible for you and look forward to seeing you at *Digital Utilities 2020*.

We urge our sponsors, exhibitors and delegates to refer to the guidelines and protocols as suggested by *The Australian Department of Health and the World Health Organisation*.

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### **What are the first signs of infection of coronavirus?**

Symptoms may include fever, cough, sore throat, nausea/vomiting, and difficulty breathing. Difficulty breathing is a sign of possible pneumonia and requires immediate medical attention. It can take up to 14 days for symptoms to show after a person has been infected.

### **What happens if detection occurs?**

In the case of a potential symptomatic individual, Emergency 000 would be notified first before proceeding to a hospital or centre for disease control.

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### **For further information:**

Latest media release from health minister, Greg Hunt  
<https://www.health.gov.au/ministers/the-hon-greg-hunt-mp/media/update-on-covid-19-in-australia-community-transmission>

Australian Government

<https://www.health.gov.au/health-topics/novel-coronavirus-2019-ncov>

World Health Organisation

<https://www.who.int/emergencies/diseases/novel-coronavirus-2019>