

Site Skills Training (Australia) response to COVID-19 health alert

The following is an update to Site Skills Training's (SST) previously issued statement in response to the continually changing nature of the virus and official health advice.

SST has been following the advice of relevant Public Health Agencies throughout the development of the COVID-19 health alert. SST is not an International College and therefore has very limited exposure to students visiting from other countries. Also, our employees do not travel internationally on business and therefore we believe that our training facilities are at a very low risk of infection.

As further information has become available, in particular relating to higher risk activities or locations of infection, SST can provide the following information for its employees and students.

- Students who have arrived/returned from overseas or from a declared COVID-19 hotspot (as applicable in relevant state/territory) must not attend a course at SST until they have completed 14 days of quarantine, or as otherwise directed by the state/territory authorities
- Students who have had close contact with a person with a case of COVID-19 should contact the SST facility concerned to re-book for a later course after 14 days of self-quarantine
- Students who have any flu-like symptoms should not attend a course and should seek medical attention
- SST employees who fall into any of the above categories should not attend work and should follow the same procedures
- Students and SST employees should continue to exercise good hygiene practices, including:
 - Cleaning hands with soap and water or alcohol-based hand rubs
 - Covering nose and mouth with a tissue or flexed elbow when coughing or sneezing
 - Disposing of tissues in the bin immediately and then cleaning/sanitising hands
 - Avoiding contact with anyone who has flu-like symptoms

SST has also taken the following steps to mitigate the risks of infection, including:

- The above advice is provided to all students prior to enrolment
- Trainers are designated to specific classrooms
- 1.5 metres social distancing is maintained in classrooms and class sizes are limited accordingly
- Training equipment, PPE and classroom furniture is sanitised before and after use
- SST trainers' travel between SST locations is minimised

SST will continue to monitor the situation and public health advice and will update this guidance should it become necessary.

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