

Media Alert

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ASX confirms normal market operations after a positive case of COVID-19, and asks employees to work from home

ASX reports that one of our employees has tested positive to COVID-19. The advice was received on Saturday 14 March.

In line with ASX policy and the recommendations of health authorities, the employee self-isolated as soon as symptoms were displayed and will remain at home for a period of 14 days.

The employee has mild symptoms, is in good spirits and is not required to be hospitalised.

Following health guidelines, approximately 20 ASX employees that had close contact with the employee, as defined by NSW Health, are also self-isolating and working from home for a fortnight.

The employee was based at ASX's Bridge Street office in Sydney and had no recent close contact with third parties, including ASX customers or partners.

A deep clean was conducted over the weekend at our Bridge Street premises. This is incremental to the additional hygiene measures that have been in place for some time.

As a further precautionary measure to minimise the risk of the virus spreading, ASX has enacted the next phase of its business continuity plan (BCP). We've asked our employees across our various sites – Bridge Street, the Australian Liquidity Centre (ALC), secondary data centre, and interstate and overseas offices – to work remotely until further notice.

The only exceptions are a core group of employees, identified as part of our BCP, who will remain on ASX sites to manage ongoing market functions, mainly in technology, operations and surveillance areas. ASX is executing arrangements for which we have prepared.

Our employees have the capacity to work remotely, which is a normal and regular part of ASX's BCP and testing activity. Many already work flexibly and/or remotely from our various sites.

ASX has operated its technology and operations from multiple sites since 2013 to ensure uninterrupted service and optimal resiliency in the event of a crisis. This latest development will not disrupt ASX's normal operations.

The health and safety of ASX employees is our top priority. We are taking a range of actions to manage the impact of COVID-19 on our people and on the markets we operate. These are outlined here: [ASX action on COVID-19](#).

We will continue to be informed by the advice of health authorities and the Government, and take a cautious approach to ensure the wellbeing of our people and ongoing confidence of our stakeholders.