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COLES LAVERTON DC CLEARED TO CONTINUE OPERATIONS

The Victorian Department of Health and Human Services has confirmed Coles' Laverton distribution centre in Victoria is clear to continue operations after a single team member tested positive for COVID-19.

The team member is self-isolating and a small number of team members identified through contact tracing as having had close contact with him have also been instructed to self-isolate and be tested for COVID.

The Department of Health confirmed that due to its size, regular cleaning measures and physical distancing, the risk of transmission is very low.

Coles' standard cleaning procedures comply with government hygiene and safety guidelines. As an added precaution, Coles has conducted additional deep cleans of the facility.

The safety of our team members and customers is our number one priority and Coles has high standards in place for hygiene at all stores, distribution and support centres.

Distribution centre team members do not manually handle individual grocery products, which are packaged in larger crates and cartons during distribution.

All Coles distribution centres including the Laverton site have thermal imaging cameras and hand-held contactless thermometers to check the temperature of all team members and transport providers prior to entering the facility.

Sanitiser stations are located at all entrances and exits and throughout the facility, and visible guidelines are in place to help team members maintain social distancing.

High-traffic areas are regularly sanitised and machinery operated by team members is sanitised between uses, while shift times have been adjusted to minimise the number of team members utilising break room facilities at the same time.

Click [here](#) for more information on the measures Coles is taking to help stop the spread of COVID-19. If you would like more information on COVID-19 you can call the National Coronavirus Health Information Line on [1800 020 080](tel:1800020080)

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