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## Important: An Update on Merit Partners Response to COVID-19

In light of the recent developments around the Coronavirus (or COVID-19) and the uncertainty we are all facing day to day, we felt it important to email you to assure you that we have implemented measures to protect the health of our people, clients and the community and that we expect no major interruptions to the services that we provide to you.

### **Our cloud systems mean you can always contact us if you need us**

While we don't know if we'll be working from our office or working from our homes in coming weeks the majority of our team are able to work remotely and have access to all the technology systems and tools they use daily to assist their clients.

Please keep emailing or phoning your Accountants and advisors at Merit Partners when you need us, and we will be here to help you!

### **Good advice is needed now more than ever**

If you have any general queries, requests for bookings for meetings or requests for documents, please feel free to contact our client service officer on [client.services@meritpartners.com.au](mailto:client.services@meritpartners.com.au) or call 08 89821444.

### **Business and Tax**

The Australian Government has just released their \$17.6 billion economic stimulus package in response to the Coronavirus. It is designed to help employers to keep their workforce levels. There are key tax benefits that business owners need to access over the next few months. Our expert Accountants are here to help business owners receive the maximum benefits they can.

For any questions you may have about accounting, tax or business matters, please feel free to contact your manager, or any of the Directors via the office line 08 89821444.

### **Important – get your enduring power of attorney (EPOA) and will updated now**

If you have to self-quarantine or are admitted to hospital, if you don't have an EPOA then no-one else can make important business or financial decisions on your behalf.

We strongly recommend that you have an up to date EPOA and Will, and that your family know where these are stored.

### **Next steps**

Our team at Merit Partners are here to help you. Please reply to this email or phone us on 08 821444 if you need any assistance!

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