

COVID-19 (Coronavirus):

Sanitisation Programme at Westfield, Q&A

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Locomotive Cabin Sanitisation

When did we start sanitising locomotive cabins?

We engaged ASG Pure, an existing supplier for KiwiRail, to carry out the sanitisation of locomotive cabins. They have been sanitising cabs as of Wednesday 25 March 2020 with a 24/7 presence on site.

Who are ASG Pure and what is their experience?

Dave, Sani and the team has 20+ years of experience in the industry. ASG Pure, among other services, specialise in asbestos, methamphetamine, mould and biohazard decontamination, and remediation.

Their primary role is to keep KiwiRail personnel safe from but not limited covid-19 and any other virus. They disinfect and sanitise using safe plant-based products designed to kill viruses and bacteria, including, but not limited to locomotives, workshop areas, lunchrooms, toilets, offices, toolboxes and tools, storeroom etc. to keep all persons onsite and entering cabs safe from Covid-19.

How often are locomotive cabins sanitised?

Every locomotive that is serviced by Westfield Servicing will have its cabin(s) sanitised. This is simple for mainline running assets which are scheduled in for servicing as per the coupling plan.

The sanitisation programme will continue until further advised.

What about Shunt Locomotives which aren't serviced as frequently?

A local agreement has been reached between RSAS and Operations whereby locomotives that are made available to Servicing will be sanitised; either on-demand, or at a scheduled time. The following times have been prearranged: DH locomotives are expected to be presented by Operations to Servicing around 05:30 and DC locomotives are expected to be presented by Operations to Servicing around 21:30.

If any locomotive's required to be sanitised outside of the aforementioned time slots, the Operations Team Leader on duty may contact Westfield Servicing on **0800 900 103** or **027 702 9248** and arrange a mutually suitable time.

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Sanitising Product

What product is used to sanitise locomotive cabins?

The product used is Benefect Decon-30. The product has no synthetic chemicals, no label warnings or precautionary statements, requires no PPE, the evacuation of building occupants, or rinsing/wiping required, even on food contact surfaces.

Decon-30 is perfectly safe and it can be used on all surfaces, clothes, glass etc. The sanitising team spray themselves with it to decontaminate after each shift.

Will Decon-30 leave a residue and mark?

No, this product does not leave a residue takes about 5mins to dry, and smell settles in about 10-20mins. The product is better to be left to dry.

Do I need to wipe down the area after Decon-30 is sprayed?

No, Product does not leave a residue and is best left to dry or evaporate so it can keep on working to protect. Once completely dry, wiping can be carried out if desired.

Why does decon-30 smell?

The smell is so people know that the area has been disinfected and sanitised.

How long will it take for smell to go away?

This depends on how it was applied and the size of the area. For locomotive cabs (we use a vaporizer to apply the product), it takes 20-30mins with the aircon unit is turned off. With the aircon unit on and windows open, the smell dissipates in about 5-10mins.

Does the product have any solvents or bleach in it?

No, it's a plant-based product.

