

#### CORONAVIRUS - COMMUNICATING EFFECTIVELY IN UNCHARTERED WATERS

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#### **KEY ISSUES**







# The only thing that can be expected is the unexpected





## You cannot control what happens to you, but you can control what you do about it



- Never speculate or use unverified claims or info
- Not the time to try to market or sell

- Deal in facts, not fiction
- Broad base of verified knowledge
- Reinforce the values that define leading organisations





Replying to @60Mins

Won't be shopping at your store. Arrogant, delusional and profiteering from a worldwide crisis.



**Bethany Williams** @BethanyinCBR

It must be so lovely to have so much money that COVID-19 just doesn't affect you. Look at this revolting man - he has made his fortune from Aussies buying his stuff, and is now positively GLOATING over how well his business is going. amp.news.com.au/finance/busine...



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Replying to @tyrelle123 @mjrowland68

Harvey is notorious for being judgemental & cruel towards the poor. He has no social conscience. So logically he's despised by a lot of people #boycottharveynorman

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## Step 1: determine who needs to know what





# Step 2: refine your messaging

#### **EPIC** values

- ✓ Empathy
- ✓ Patience
- ✓ Integrity
- ✓ Courage







## Step 4: live your values



Using your expertise or brand capital to help during a crisis is not about generating great publicity or gaining commercial advantage or profit. It is about doing the right thing for society and showing a company's true values and citizenship





"It is a learning experience for everybody. We are in something that societies don't prepare for. This is not even a once a generation type of event. This is an event that is unprecedented. Therefore... particularly the speed at which we need to move is unusual. We appeal right across our society for tolerance in working together. We are going to have to care for each other during this period and a critical part of this is just tolerance. Our job is now, all of us, to ensure the generosity of spirit is there to get us through this period."

- Minister of Trade and Industry, Ebrahim Patel, 24 March 2020



### **STAY HEALTHY!**

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