

NOVEL CORONAVIRUS

Australia is closely monitoring an outbreak of respiratory illness caused by a novel (new) coronavirus first identified in Wuhan, Hubei Province, China. The virus has also been reported in other parts of mainland China, and there have been small numbers of cases reported in several other countries including Australia.

There are currently no confirmed cases in South Australia.

In line with national advice, SA Health now recommends:

- People who have been in contact with any confirmed novel coronavirus cases must be isolated in their home for 14 days following exposure
- Returned travellers who have been in Hubei Province of China must be isolated in their home for 14 days after leaving Hubei Province, other than for seeking individual medical care.

All returned travellers from mainland China should monitor themselves for 14 days from their departure from mainland China for symptoms of coronavirus. Symptoms of novel coronavirus include fever, cough, sore throat, fatigue, and shortness of breath.

People who have travelled to China and have these symptoms should see a doctor or attend a hospital and call ahead so they can prepare.

Given the lower number of cases in China reported outside of Hubei province, self-isolation is not recommended for travellers from other parts of China or other countries at this stage. The development of cases outside of Hubei province are being closely monitored and this advice will be updated if necessary.

It is not necessary to cancel any public events or gatherings in South Australia.

Departments and public sector employees are encouraged to share this information with the relevant people.

For more information and the latest advice please visit the Australian Government Department of Health website: www.health.gov.au/health-topics/novel-coronavirus-2019-ncov.

This message has been authorised by Dr Chris McGowan, Chief Executive, Department for Health and Wellbeing.

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