



Updated Novel Coronavirus Factsheets

Through the Association of Independent Schools ACT, we are currently receiving regular updates from the Australian Government on the management of the Novel Coronavirus.

In line with this national health advice, additional precautionary measures will be implemented here in the ACT for travellers who have returned from mainland China.

What is the health advice?

Parents and carers should ensure that any student returning from mainland China (not including Hong Kong, Macau and Taiwan), or who have transited through mainland China, from 1 February 2020 is isolated at home and should not attend school until 14 days after they were last in mainland China.

This recommendation does not apply retrospectively. It applies only to students who were in mainland China from 1 February 2020.

For those who returned prior to 1 February, the existing advice remains consistent that anyone, including parents and carers of students, are isolated at home and students should not attend school for 14 days following exposure to any confirmed novel coronavirus case or after leaving Hubei Province.

This same advice applies to any impacted staff.

Being isolated at home means that that students need to stay at home for the full period, unless they need medical attention. They cannot go into public areas, and should not use public transportation, ride share or taxis. Visitors to the home should be discouraged.

The ACT Chief Health Officer advises that the ACT Health Directorate continues to work closely with the Australian Government and other health authorities across the country to monitor and respond to the evolving global situation. And as the situation evolves advice will be updated, as necessary.

You can view the latest advice and stay up to date through the ACT Health [website](#), where this information on the virus and its symptoms along with a series of fact sheets can be found.

We wish to acknowledge that this is a challenging situation for many, and especially the Chinese Australian community, who are valued members of our school communities.