



## Coronavirus Update – 3 February 2020

Dear Families,

Further to our communications last week, we wanted to update you on how Oac is continuing to monitor and manage government advice and our recommended procedures with regards to the current Coronavirus situation.

We have a dedicated support team meeting at least daily to review any developments or advice from authorities. As we work through this situation, our guiding principles remain:

- The health and wellbeing of the children in our care, their families and our team members is our highest priority
- We are monitoring all advice from government bodies and taking what we consider to be appropriate precautionary and reactionary measures
- As this situation is currently unfolding, our approach may evolve as further advice comes to hand

In line with the Federal and State governments updated position as of Monday 3 February 2020, requirements for children, families, team members and visitors to all Oac campuses are as follows:

- Any person or child who has travelled to China and/or Hong Kong, or has had direct contact with an infected person, must not return to campus for 14 days from the date of arrival back in Australia
- Any person or child showing signs or symptoms of any serious illness or infectious disease (including but not limited to fever, cough, sore throat, diarrhoea, vomiting, and other flu like symptoms) should not enter the campus until symptoms resolve
- Any person in close contact\* of a confirmed case of Novel Coronavirus must not return to campus for 14 days since last contact with the confirmed case
- Any confirmed case of Novel Coronavirus will be excluded from care until they are medically cleared to return
- For any children who present with flu-like symptoms whilst in Oac's care, families will be contacted to pick up their child immediately
- If you have concerns regarding your or your child's health, please seek medical advice
- As recommended by public health experts, please maintain high hygiene practices:
  - Frequently clean hands using alcohol-based hand rub or soap and water
  - When coughing and sneezing, cover mouth and nose with elbow or tissue – throw tissue away immediately and wash hands
  - Avoid close contact with anyone who has a fever and/or cough

*\*Close contact is defined as living in the same household, 15 minutes face-to-face contact with a person with confirmed coronavirus in any setting or sharing a closed space with a person with confirmed coronavirus for more than 2 hours.*



Children and staff who returned to Australia more than 14 days ago and have shown no symptoms are able to return to campus.

The Federal government has provided updated information about the situation, in both English and Mandarin, available via the link below:

<https://www.health.gov.au/resources/publications/novel-coronavirus-2019-ncov-information-for-parents-jia-chang-xu-zhi>

If you have any questions or would like to discuss this matter further, please speak to your Campus Director, or contact the Oac Family Support Team on 138 622 (option 1) or [familysupport@oac.edu.au](mailto:familysupport@oac.edu.au)

We appreciate your support as we continue to work through this situation.

Kind Regards,

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