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## **CORONAVIRUS (COVID 19) - 24<sup>TH</sup> Feb 2020**

### **Information about the virus**

A coronavirus is a type of virus. As a group, coronaviruses are common across the world. Typical symptoms of coronavirus include fever and a cough that may progress to a severe pneumonia causing shortness of breath and breathing difficulties.

Generally, coronavirus can cause more severe symptoms in people with weakened immune systems, older people, and those with long-term conditions like diabetes, cancer and chronic lung disease.

Novel coronavirus (COVID-19) is a new strain of coronavirus first identified in Wuhan City, China.

### **Returning travellers**

The UK Chief Medical Officers are advising anyone who has travelled to the UK from mainland China, Thailand, Japan, Republic of Korea, Hong Kong, Taiwan, Singapore, Malaysia or Macau in the last 14 days and is experiencing cough or fever or shortness of breath, to stay indoors and call NHS 111, even if symptoms are mild.

Enhanced monitoring of direct flights from these areas is underway. Passengers will be told how to report any symptoms they develop during the flight, at the time of arrival, or after leaving the airport.

These areas have been identified because of the volume of air travel from affected areas, understanding of other travel routes and number of reported cases. This list will be kept under review.

## A

If you have returned from these specific areas since February 19th, you should call NHS111 and stay indoors and avoid contact with other people even if you do not have symptoms:

- Iran
- Specific lockdown areas in Northern Italy as designated by the Government of Italy
- Special care zones in South Korea as designated by the Government of the Republic of South Korea
- Hubei province (returned in the past 14 days)

## B

If you have returned from these areas since February 19th and develop symptoms, however mild, you should stay indoors at home and avoid contact with other people immediately and call NHS111. You do not need to follow this advice if you have no symptoms.

- Northern Italy (defined by a line above, and not including, Pisa, Florence and Rimini),
- Vietnam
- Cambodia
- Laos
- Myanmar

### Advice for schools

If it is known staff members and/or pupils/family members have travelled to any of the above locations, then it is important that they and parents/guardians are made aware of the requirements regarding self-isolation - defined as a period of **14 days** after which the person must be symptom free.

If any school trips are planned to any of the above destinations in list A then the school should not proceed with the trip.

If any such trip is planned for areas in list B or beyond, then the Foreign Office advice should be consulted before making a decision on travel.

<https://www.gov.uk/foreign-travel-advice>

Further updates will be issued as required.

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