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CORONAVIRUS UPDATE #2

As the current situation is evolving quickly, we would like to update our staff and community about the latest information regarding the coronavirus.

There are no confirmed cases of 2019-nCoV in New Zealand to date but the likelihood of importing a case is high. The risk of an ongoing outbreak in New Zealand remains low, but the Ministry of Health is monitoring the situation closely. They continue to encourage precaution, with a focus on good hygiene. Their advice is to be alert, not alarmed.

Travel advisory update

Entry to New Zealand is now denied to anyone who has left or transited through mainland China with the exception of NZ citizens (including Tokelau, Niue and the Cook Islands), permanent residents and their immediate family.

The Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Trade (MFAT) now recommend that New Zealanders do not travel to any part of mainland China.

Updated self-isolation requirement

As of 2 February, all travellers arriving in New Zealand out of mainland China, or any travellers who have had exposure to a confirmed case of novel coronavirus will be expected to self-isolate for a period of 14 days from the time they leave mainland China or were exposed to novel coronavirus.

People who departed from mainland China before midnight 2 February are not required to self-isolate unless they have been in Wuhan City or Hubei Province in the last 14 days.

What this means for Hutt City Kindergarten communities

- Any child or adult returning from mainland China **must not** attend kindergarten for 14 days from their date of arrival.
- Parents/caregivers must advise their Head Teacher if their child is staying home for this reason.
- Head Teachers are required to keep a record of any child/ren who are reported to be in self-isolation, along with the date they return to kindergarten.

Further information can be found on the Ministry of Health website: <https://www.health.govt.nz>

If you have any further questions regarding this, please contact the Association office on 920 9800.

Ngā mihi

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