

## **App Communication:**

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### **Coronavirus Update – Queensland Department of Health Advice**

On Saturday 15 February 2020, the Queensland Government updated advice regarding the management of the novel Coronavirus (also now referred to as COVID-19).

The change to this advice for schools is in relation to the following:

- The removal of specific advice for Childcare, school and TAFE students, teachers, and workers, to not attend school, childcare or TAFE for 14 days after leaving Hong Kong. Queensland Health has advised that Hong Kong is no longer a concern as Hong Kong has strengthened their border controls with Mainland China and has not seen the large numbers of cases now being seen in many provinces in Mainland China.

For clarity and ease of interpretation, the updated **Self-quarantine advice (from 15 February 2020)** is as follows:

#### **If you have been to or transited through Mainland China in the last 14 days and are feeling unwell, see a doctor immediately.**

The advice below is for anyone who has travelled to or transited through Mainland China in the past 14 days, or for anyone who has been in close contact with a confirmed case of coronavirus and is feeling well.

#### **If you have been in, or transited through, mainland China**

- You need to self-quarantine for 14 days from the date you departed mainland China.
- If you begin to feel unwell and develop a fever or shortness of breath, a cough or a respiratory illness during your period of self-quarantine you should seek immediate medical attention. Call ahead to your GP or emergency department and mention your travel history before you arrive.
- If you experience any other symptom during your period of self-quarantine you should also seek immediate medical attention and mention your travel history before you arrive.

#### **If you have been in close contact with someone who is confirmed to have COVID-19**

- You need to self-quarantine for 14 days from the last date of contact with the confirmed case.
- If you begin to feel unwell and develop a fever or shortness of breath, a cough or a respiratory illness during your period of self-quarantine you should seek immediate medical attention. Call ahead to your GP or emergency department and mention you've been in contact with someone with novel coronavirus before you arrive.
- If you experience any other symptom during your period of self-quarantine you should also seek immediate medical attention and mention you have been in contact with a confirmed case before you arrive.

More information about self-quarantine and what happens at the end of quarantine is available [here](#).

Thank you for your understanding and support with this important public health issue and should you have any questions, please contact Sarah Wilson our First Aid Officer at the College.  
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