

Safety Alert

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Coronavirus – ARTC internal communication #2 UPDATE

This alert has been issued to communicate to workers ARTC's position on Novel coronavirus.

The World Health Organisation is continuing to monitor the spread of the Coronavirus (COVID 19). The Australian Government Department of Health as at 06:30 on 2nd March 2020, reported 29 confirmed cases of COVID 19 in Australia.

The Australian Government is taking robust measures to control the potential for spread of the infection within Australia and has activated the Health Sector Emergency Response Plan for Novel Coronavirus.

If you have travelled from China or Iran, or any areas that have confirmed cases of the Coronavirus please advise your leader prior to returning to the workplace.

Anyone who develops a fever, cough, sore throat or shortness of breath within 14 days of travel to any places where there have been confirmed cases of Coronavirus or contact with a person with confirmed coronavirus, please immediately isolate yourself from other people, contact your GP or local emergency department or call the Australian Government Public Health Information Hotline 1800 004 599. Please do not come into the workplace and discuss with your leader.

If you have concerns, more information is available at [the Australian Government Department of Health - Coronavirus information page](#)

REDUCING THE POTENTIAL FOR SPREADING INFECTION

The Australian Government Department of Health advise that surgical masks in the community are only helpful in preventing people who have coronavirus disease from spreading it to others. If you are well, you do not need to wear a surgical mask as there is little evidence supporting the widespread use of surgical masks in healthy people to prevent transmission in public.

Current information states that the best method stop the spread is to practice good personal hygiene practices.

- Wash your hands frequently with soap and water
- Cover your nose and mouth when sneezing or coughing (use a paper tissue or cough into your flexed elbow)
- Keep 1m distance from persons showing flu like symptoms
- Refrain from touching mouth and nose



For your action

1. Place Safety Alert on display and make copies of this alert available to people who report to you (without regular email access) and ensure that the contents of the safety alert are discussed/explained to your staff.
2. If engaging contractors, ensure they are made aware of current ARTC Safety Alerts.
3. Ensure a method of sign-off is obtained (eg via tool-box/safety meetings/morning briefings etc) to verify that the Safety Alert has been distributed and discussed.
4. If you have any safety concerns with this Safety Alert please speak directly to your supervisor.

Further information

- All Safety Alerts issued can be [found here](#).
- For further information contact:
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