

ST ANTHONY'S SCHOOL, WANNEROO

Coronavirus COVID-19 Update as at Monday March 9, 2020

Dear Parents and Carers

Below is the latest information on the Coronavirus that is applicable to our school. We will continue to send updates, however, please continue to monitor the Health Department Links at the bottom of this letter for the most up to date information.

PERSONAL INTERNATIONAL TRAVEL ADVICE

While the advice regarding travel restrictions and self-isolation requirements for students and staff continues to evolve, the following outline is intended to provide some clarity and certainty – particularly as parents, families and staff consider their plans for the upcoming school holidays.

Advice regarding countries identified as “Higher Risk” or “Moderate Risk”

Students, families or staff who have travelled to or transited through China, Iran or South Korea **MUST** isolate for 14 days before attending school.

Students, families or staff who have travelled to or transited through other countries (excluding China, Iran, Republic of Korea) can attend school. If students, families or staff display symptoms, they should not attend school and seek medical advice.

All returned passengers who have travelled in or transited through “higher risk” countries or a country considered to pose a “moderate risk” of transmission in the last 14 days should self-monitor for symptoms and **immediately isolate** themselves if they become unwell.

Higher Risk	Moderate Risk
Can attend school, but self-monitor	Can attend school, but self-monitor
<ul style="list-style-type: none">Italy	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Cambodia
Must isolate for 14 days prior to attending	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Hong Kong
<ul style="list-style-type: none">Mainland China	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Indonesia (including Bali)
<ul style="list-style-type: none">Iran	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Japan
<ul style="list-style-type: none">Republic of Korea	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Singapore
	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Thailand

The most up to date list can be accessed at:

<https://www1.health.gov.au/internet/main/publishing.nsf/Content/ohp-covid-19-countries.htm>

Travel planning

To assist St Anthony's School's to plan and be prepared, particularly as the April school holidays approach, families and staff are asked to inform the school office of any upcoming international travel plans. This includes plans to transit through countries identified as moderate to high risk. This can be done by emailing the front office at

admin@stanthonyswann.wa.edu.au

Please also be aware and consider the potential for changes to travel restrictions and self-quarantine requirements should the Federal Government deem this necessary to mitigate the risk of transmission.

Presently, there are no restrictions on community members travelling to Bali and Southeast Asia. China, Iran and South Korea are the only nations where travel is not possible. If students, families or staff return from Bali or another Southeast Asian location, they must monitor their health and should any symptoms of the COVID-19 virus develop, immediately self-isolate and seek medical advice. If they are symptomatic they should not attend school.

Advice for community members:

- Community members who are considering personal international travel are asked to refer to the Department of Health and Smart Traveller websites to ensure they are aware of current travel restrictions and advice prior to embarking on their travels. These sites should also be checked regularly prior to their return to Australia as the information changes regularly.

- The Australian Government continues to monitor international public health information and may amend travel restrictions, health screening and self-quarantine requirements. Community members who undertake personal international travel are asked to consider their preparedness to self-quarantine for 14 days following their arrival in Australia should this be required.

What does isolate in your home / self-quarantine mean?

People who need to isolate must stay at home and not attend public places, in particular work, school, childcare or university. Only people they usually live in the household with should be in the home.

Do not see visitors. Where possible, ask others such as friends or family, who are not required to be isolated, to get food or other necessities. If the person in isolation must leave the home or residence, such as to seek medical care, they are instructed to wear a surgical mask if they have one.

What if a student, family or staff member becomes sick while in isolation?

Symptoms include (but are not limited to) fever, cough, sore throat, fatigue and shortness of breath.

If a student/family/staff member develops mild symptoms, they must:

- Isolate themselves from others at home and use a separate bathroom if available;
- Put on a surgical mask and if they don't have one, practise good sneeze/cough hygiene;
- Practise good hand hygiene; and
- Call a doctor or hospital and tell them the recent travel or close contact history.

If they have serious symptoms such as difficulty breathing:

- Call 000, ask for an ambulance and notify the officers of the recent travel or close contact history.
- If unwell, students, families and staff should be excluded from attending the school or early childcare centre until they are assessed by their primary care provider. The primary care provider will liaise with the local public health authority to determine when it is safe for them to return to usual activities.

How can we help prevent the spread of coronavirus?

Practising good sneeze/cough hygiene is the best defence against most viruses. You should:

- wash your hands frequently with soap and water, before and after eating, and after going to the toilet
- cover your cough and sneeze, dispose of tissues, and use alcohol-based hand sanitiser
- and if unwell, avoid contact with others (stay more than 1.5 metres from people).

More information

While coronavirus is of concern, it is important to remember that most people displaying symptoms such as fever, cough, sore throat or tiredness are likely suffering with a cold or other respiratory illness – not coronavirus.

For the latest advice, information and resources, go to www.health.gov.au

Call the National Coronavirus Health Information Line on 1800 020 080. It operates 24 hours a day, seven days a week. If you require translating or interpreting services, call 131 450.

The phone number of your state or territory public health agency is available at www.health.gov.au/state-territory-contacts

For further health advice please visit the Department of Health [website](#).
For further information on travel restrictions please visit the Department of Home Affairs [website](#).

If you have concerns about your health, please speak to your doctor.

Yours sincerely

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