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Dear Families,

Re: Coronavirus Outbreak

As you are no doubt aware, the Australian Department of Health is closely monitoring an outbreak of the respiratory illness caused by a novel Coronavirus first identified in Wuhan, Hubei Province, China. The Department has well established procedures to ensure people with illnesses travelling into the country are detected.

There has been a small number of cases of confirmed Coronavirus in NSW and one case in Victoria. No cases have been reported to date in the ACT. All cases had travelled to Wuhan, China or had contact with a confirmed case in China. In accordance with national public health guidelines for schools, exclusions from our Centres should only apply for those who are a:

- confirmed case of Novel Coronavirus - exclude until medically cleared
- close contact of a confirmed case of Novel Coronavirus - exclude for 14 days since last contact with the confirmed case.

Children or team members who have recently returned from overseas and are well, and are not close contacts of a confirmed case, are able attend our Centres as normal. Close contact is defined as living in the same household, 15 minutes face-to-face contact with a person with confirmed coronavirus in any setting, or sharing a closed space with a person with confirmed coronavirus for more than 2 hours. The Department of Health has processes in place to identify any close contacts of cases confirmed in Australia. Advice about not attending child care centres would be provided to these close contacts by the Department of Health.

However, further to this advice, we are requesting that if you have recently visited the Hubei Province of China during the holidays, that you refrain from sending your children to one of our Centres until they have been back in Australia for at least 14 days. During this time, you should be on alert for symptoms related to a fever or respiratory symptoms. These include a cough, shortness of breath, rapid breathing, a sore throat, or a runny nose. Please visit your local GP if these symptoms are present and ensure you request a medical certificate of clearance noting that the examination has cleared the student in respect of Coronavirus.

If you have not visited the Hubei Province of China during the holidays, you should feel confident to send your child to our Centres unless they have any of the above symptoms, in which case, as with other viruses, you should seek medical advice and keep your child at home until the symptoms have cleared.

Kids Club Early Childhood Learning Centres will continue to monitor the situation closely and take advice received from health authorities to ensure we are responding to the situation appropriately. Should any relevant health authority issue new guidelines or information, we will provide any necessary updates. Further information and updates are available via the [Australian Department of Health](#).

Yours sincerely,

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