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CORONAVIRUS (COVID-19) UPDATE FROM DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

Visits to Aged Care Facilities

Based on advice from NSW Ministry of Health, schools should not visit aged care facilities until further notice.

Travel Restrictions

Effective 5 March 2020, the federal government has issued updated advice on travel restrictions on foreign nationals (excluding permanent residents of Australia) coming to Australia from the Republic of Korea (South Korea). Current advice from the NSW government is:

- Any student or staff member who has left, or transited through:
 - China (mainland) since 1 February 2020
 - Iran since 1 March 2020
 - Republic of Korea (South Korea) since 5 March 2020

is excluded from child care services, school or work for 14 days from the date they left mainland China, Iran or the Republic of Korea (South Korea).

- Any confirmed case of COVID-19 will be excluded until they are medically cleared to return.
- Close contacts of a confirmed case of COVID-19 will be excluded for 14 days since last contact with the confirmed case.
- Students and staff who have returned to Australia and have shown no symptoms during the 14 day self-isolation period are able to return to child care services, school or work.

The Department of Education continues to monitor the situation and is working closely with NSW Health and other government agencies to ensure schools and their communities are kept up to date.

