

From the acting Vice-Chancellor,
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Dear colleagues,

Over the weekend there have been some important developments in managing the outbreak of coronavirus that may affect you.

On Saturday 1 February, the Australian Prime Minister announced new restrictions and advice related to the novel coronavirus. The university will continue to follow the advice of health, immigration and education authorities, while managing the impact for students.

In accordance with the new restrictions, we ask that students and staff who have returned over the past 14 days from **mainland China** isolate themselves at home for 14 days.

The Health Department has outlined the following circumstances:

- Students and staff from Hubei Province who have arrived in the past 14 days will need to self-isolate for 14 days from the day that they departed Hubei Province.
- Students and staff from other provinces of **mainland China** who arrived on or after 1 February 2020 will need to self-isolate for 14 days from the day they departed mainland China.
- Students and staff from other provinces of mainland China who arrived before 1 February 2020 do not need to self-isolate.
- Students and staff from Hong Kong, Macau and Taiwan, unless they have been in Hubei Province in the past 14 days or in any part of mainland China on or after 1 February 2020, do not need to self-isolate.

Under all scenarios listed above, if anyone in these groups develops symptoms, they need to **call a doctor or health clinic**, advise them that they have recently returned from **mainland China** or been in contact with a confirmed case, and arrange an urgent assessment.

If a member of your household is in isolation, you do not need to do the same unless they or you have developed symptoms.

ACU is focused on safeguarding the health and safety of the university and broader communities, while trying to minimise disruption to study, exams and assessment on students.

Further updated information regarding coronavirus is available from the [Department of Health](#) and [Department of Education](#) and on a [fact sheet](#) on the [ACU website](#).

We will provide more detailed updates as further advice as information is available.

Sincerely,



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