

# NOVEL CORONAVIRUS – COVID-19



## NOTICE TO EVENT ORGANISERS

The Adelaide Convention Centre management team is constantly monitoring, evaluating and following general advice from the World Health Organisation (WHO), Australian Department of Health, Business Events Australia and Tourism Australia, which receives direct advice from Professor Brendan Murphy, the Chief Medical Officer for the Australian Government and principal medical adviser to the Minister and Health.

### What is Coronavirus (COVID-19)?

Coronaviruses are a large family of viruses that can make humans and animals sick. They cause illnesses that can range from the common cold to more severe diseases. Some coronaviruses can cause illness similar to the common cold and others can cause more serious diseases, including Severe Acute Respiratory Syndrome (SARS) and Middle East respiratory syndrome (MERS).

The virus originating in Hubei Province, China, is called 'novel' because it is new.

### Coronavirus symptoms

The virus can cause a range of symptoms, from mild illness to pneumonia. It can take up to 14 days for symptoms to show after a person has been infected.

- People may experience:
  - Fever;
  - Flu-like symptoms such as coughing, sore throat and headaches;
  - Difficulty breathing in some cases.

### Before attending an event

We ask that meeting organisers distribute information to their potential and registered delegates about travel advice and symptoms, so that informed decisions are made before they travel, in addition to information on self-isolation if already in transit having passed through mainland China, Iran and South Korea, additional screening measures on entry if arriving from Italy, and/or been in close contact with a proven case of coronavirus.

### Event attendees based in mainland China, Iran, South Korea or Italy

The Australian Government has applied the following travel restrictions to people entering Australia having left mainland China or Iran, on or after 1 February 2020 or South Korea on or after 5 March 2020:

- Foreign nationals (excluding permanent residents of Australia) who are in mainland China, Iran or South Korea, will not be allowed to enter Australia until 14 days after they have left or transited through these countries.
- Travellers from Italy will face enhanced health screening and temperature testing arrangements on arrival into Australia.
- Australian citizens, permanent residents and their immediate family of Australian citizens and permanent residents including spouses, minor dependants and legal guardians will still be able to enter Australia. However they will be required to self-isolate for 14 days from the day they left these countries.

### **Event attendees who have travelled to mainland China, Iran or South Korea or been in close contact with a confirmed case of novel coronavirus**

- If they have left or transited through mainland China or Iran on or after 1 February 2020, they must isolate themselves until 14 days after leaving these countries.
- If they have left or transited through South Korea on or after 5 March 2020, they must isolate themselves until 14 days after leaving.
- If they have been in close contact with a confirmed case of novel coronavirus, they must isolate themselves for 14 days after their last contact with the confirmed case.
- If they have returned from Italy they do not need to isolate themselves but cannot attend work for 14 days if they work as a healthcare worker or as a residential aged care worker.

### **Basic protective measures against Coronavirus**

- Wash hands often with soap and water before and after eating and after going to the toilet.
- Avoid contact with others (including handshakes, touching, kissing, hugging, and other intimate contact).
- Avoid touching eyes, nose and mouth
- Practice respiratory hygiene - cover your mouth and nose with your bent elbow or tissue when you cough or sneeze. Dispose of the used tissue immediately.
- If healthy, a mask only needs to be worn if taking care of a person with suspected novel coronavirus (COVID-19) infection, and they are coughing or sneezing. Masks are effective only when used in combination with frequent hand-cleaning with alcohol-based hand rub or soap and water. If wearing a mask, then it must be worn correctly and disposed of properly.

### **Preventative measures at the Adelaide Convention Centre**

- Hand sanitiser stands are located throughout the Centre and on request a limited number of stands can be moved to a specified area within an event space.
- Whilst our cleaning standards are high, strengthened services are in place.
- We are monitoring the situation closely and will continue to follow health guidelines as advised by relevant authorities

### **Relevant links and contact for further information**

*World Health Organisation Resources:*

<https://www.who.int/publications-detail/key-planning-recommendations-for-mass-gatherings-in-the-context-of-the-current-covid-19-outbreak>

*For International Updates:*

<https://www.who.int/emergencies/diseases/novel-coronavirus-2019/advice-for-public>

*For National Updates:*

<https://www.health.gov.au/news/health-alerts/novel-coronavirus-2019-ncov-health-alert>

<https://www.health.gov.au/resources/collections/novel-coronavirus-2019-ncov-resources>

<https://www.australia.com/en/travel-alerts/coronavirus.html>

*Information Line:*

Coronavirus Health Information Line (Department of Health) - 1800 020 080

If you have any questions in relation to an event you are organising, please contact your event planning manager.