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A special message for parents and carers:

Dear Parents and Caregivers

Updated advice on novel coronavirus

I am writing to update you on novel coronavirus, also referred to as COVID-19.

As you would be aware, last month the Australian Government announced new measures that specifically address travel restrictions from mainland China.

Over the weekend, the Government announced updated restrictions which now include travel from Iran. This is consistent with the travel restrictions in place for Australians returning from mainland China.

Children or staff cannot attend their early childhood service if they have:

- left, or transited through mainland China in the last 14 days (they must isolate themselves for 14 days from leaving mainland China)
- left, or transited through Iran on or after 1 March (they must isolate themselves until 14 days after leaving Iran)
- been in close contact with a confirmed case of coronavirus in the last 14 days (they must isolate themselves for 14 days after the date of last contact with the confirmed case).

These are important preventative measures that have been put in place in the interests of public health.

I do not expect these travel restrictions will significantly impact upon the day-to-day operation of our service and I want to reassure you that we will continue to work to ensure any disruption is minimised.

Anyone who has completed the self-quarantine period of 14 days and shows no symptoms of illness is eligible to return to their early childhood service.

If your children are unwell or show symptoms of illness, they should see their doctor.

As always, the health and wellbeing of your children, and our staff, remains our number one priority.

We continue to take advice from Queensland Health and the Queensland Department of Education (the Early Childhood Regulatory Authority) in relation to this matter and the latest information is available at [novel coronavirus \(COVID-19\)](#) on the Queensland Health website.

Again, thank you for your understanding and attention to this important matter.

Yours sincerely

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