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Dear families,

This is an update in relation to the COVID-19 (previously referred to as the Coronavirus). This advice adds requirements for children, families or staff who have been in Iran.

While only a small number of COVID-19 cases have been confirmed in Australia, we continue to seek advice from relevant authorities and to monitor international developments.

With numbers of confirmed COVID-19 cases increasing overseas and community concerns about the possible development of an international pandemic, the Australian Government has issued a travel ban on foreigners coming to Australia from Iran. Only Australian citizens and permanent residents coming from Iran will be allowed entry to Australia, and they are required to self-isolate for a period of 14 days after departing Iran consistent with the restrictions for those returning from China. Additionally, Australians have been advised not to travel to Iran.

We are following current advice from the NSW Government for children, families and affected staff:

- At this stage, any child, family member or staff member who has been in, or transited through, mainland China (not just Hubei province) or Iran is excluded from this service, for 14 days from the date they left mainland China or Iran (as the COVID-19 incubation period can be as long as two weeks).
- Any confirmed case of COVID-19 will be excluded from this service until they are medically cleared to return.
- Close contact of a confirmed case of COVID-19 will be excluded for 14 days since last contact with the confirmed case.

For more information, visit [NSW Health](#).

The importance of handwashing

Maintaining good hygiene standards is an important way to reduce the risk of acquiring and spreading respiratory infections. We ask parents and carers to join us in promoting good hygiene including handwashing with soap as [handwashing](#) is the single most effective way to reduce the spread of germs that cause respiratory disease.

Kind Regards

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