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Novel Coronavirus 2019-nCoV

Updated advice for travellers returning from an affected area

Further to the update from Public Health Services yesterday, the situation regarding the management of the novel coronavirus has changed overnight. The definition of an affected area has been amended to include a number of other countries.

As a result, Public Health Services have published the following update for people who have returned from an affected area in the last 14 days and are feeling unwell:

The following countries are included in our definition of an affected area:

Mainland China, Hong Kong, Japan, Macau, Malaysia, Republic of South Korea, Singapore, Taiwan, or Thailand

If you have returned from an affected area in the last 14 days and have a fever, cough or shortness of breath seek immediate medical advice and attention by contacting your GP or the Emergency Department at the Princess Elizabeth Hospital, the Infection Prevention and Control Team or Public Health Services (all available through the Princess Elizabeth Hospital switchboard - 01481 725241).

Please phone ahead, if possible, before attending the Emergency Department or any healthcare provider, such as your GP. If you are very unwell and need an ambulance phone 999 and tell them your symptoms and travel history

The advice regarding self-isolation for those returning from Mainland China in the last 14 days who have no symptoms remains the same.

Public Health Services strongly advise that you self-isolate for a period of 14 days. If you develop any symptoms such as a fever, cough or shortness of breath you should phone your GP or the Emergency Department at the Princess Elizabeth Hospital, the Infection Prevention and Control Team or Public Health Services (all available through the Princess Elizabeth Hospital switchboard - 01481 725241).

Further information can be found at www.gov.gg/coronavirus

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