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Dear Families,

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Today the Catholic Education Commission of Victoria Ltd (CECV) and the Department of Health and Human Services have provided the following **updated** advice to schools and local communities:

All children who have travelled to Hubei Province of China, are advised to stay at home and avoid public settings, including attendance at schools and early learning centres, until 14 days after last being in Hubei province, China. This applies to any and all students even if they do not show any symptoms of the virus.

Children who are well and have travelled to other provinces in China, or any other areas where there have been reported cases, are NOT recommended to be excluded from schools unless the following applies:

- The person is a confirmed case of novel coronavirus
- The person is a close contact with a confirmed case of novel coronavirus in the past 14 days

If you think your child is showing any relevant symptoms of the novel corona virus, please call the Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS) to discuss further actions on 1300 651 160

If your family has travelled to Wuhan, China or any other areas where there have been reported cases of Coronavirus, please contact the school immediately.

Staff at St Bernadette's have been briefed to inform students of the importance of practising good hand and respiratory hygiene; washing hands, covering their mouths and nose when coughing or sneezing, and the disposal of tissues into a bin.

You can also access further information and updates from the following websites:

- For Victorian updates to the current incident, go to: <https://www.dhhs.vic.gov.au/novelcoronavirus>
- For national updates: <https://www.health.gov.au/news/latest-information-about-novel-coronavirus>
- For international updates: <https://www.who.int/westernpacific/emergencies/novel-coronavirus>
- WHO resources <https://www.who.int/health-topics/coronavirus>

We will continue to monitor this situation through advice from the Department of Health and Human Services and Catholic Education and inform you if there are any changes to be made.

We look forward to a happy and healthy start to the 2020 school year.

Kind regards,

Mrs Joanne Webster
Principal