

Message to all staff, Monday 3 February 2020

Some useful advice re Coronavirus

You'll all be aware that steps are being taken to minimise the impact of the novel coronavirus in New Zealand. There are currently no confirmed cases. Ministry of Health advice is that the likelihood of importing a case is high, but the risk of an ongoing outbreak in New Zealand remains low.

I'm attaching some general workforce advice to address employment related issues such as business continuity, health and safety, service delivery and employee leave expectations – should any public servants need to apply self-quarantine measures.

As the lead agency in this work, the Ministry of Health has developed excellent [website](#) information and resources it updates daily. I encourage you all to make sure your staff are aware that this information is available, easily accessible and updated daily.

You may also be interested in displaying in workplaces the Ministry's [Protect yourself against coronavirus](#) poster with public health messages about simple measures we can all take. The poster, which I'm attaching, is on the Ministry's main coronavirus webpage.

I will come back to you if the situation changes substantially.

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