

## Update on the Coronavirus for the Identitywa Community

This special edition of our eNews has been published to ensure members of the Identitywa Community are aware of the steps we have taken over the past few weeks in response to the Australian Government Department of Health's advice on the Coronavirus.

Please know, we are committed to keeping the people we support, their families and our staff, informed about the Government's recommendations regarding the Coronavirus.

Identitywa is in contact with the department and following its advice on a daily basis. We are sharing this advice special editions of our eNews and to staff via email and our internal newsletter.

We have also posted information about the Coronavirus on our website with relevant links.

**Protect yourself and other from getting sick. Click [here](#) to watch the correct Hand Washing procedure.**



At this time, we have highly recommend to all the people living in our shared houses and to all employees that they reconsider/cancel any travel plans overseas and have requested that they advise us if they do travel overseas.

We request that families being supported in our community by our staff also inform us if they have travelled or plan to travel outside of Australia.

Currently, the government is requiring people returning from the following countries to self-quarantine for up to 14 days after returning to Australia.

- *China*
- *Northern Italy*
- *Iran*
- *Japan*
- *South Korea*
- *Mongolia*

Identitywa staff may be required provide a *Fit for Work* medical certificate before they can return to work.

Marina Re, Chief Executive Officer



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**Coronavirus (COVID-19) is a respiratory illness caused by a new virus.**

Symptoms range from a mild cough to pneumonia. Infection control guidelines include:

- regular hand washing
- use of hand sanitiser
- covering your mouth
- while coughing or sneezing (recommended to sneeze into elbow), followed by hand washing
- avoid contact with wild or farm animals.



Click on the box above to access the Federal Government's latest medical advice and official reports.