

NOVEL CORONAVIRUS INFORMATION

Auslife Disability Care has been following the situation with regard to the outbreak of Novel Coronavirus. While we are very aware of the possible impact on participants and families the serious and quick changing nature of this situation would indicate that a cautious approach is warranted.

We ask that any participant or family whose circumstances are as follows notify your service Manager immediately:

- travelled to Wuhan or the Hubei Province in China
- come into contact with a confirmed case of Coronavirus

Close contact is defined as living in the same household, 15 minutes face-to-face contact with a person with confirmed coronavirus in any setting, or sharing a closed space with a person with confirmed coronavirus for more than 2 hours. NSW Health has processes in place to identify any close contacts of cases confirmed in New South Wales. Advice about not attending services would be provided to these close contacts. There are currently four (4) confirmed cases of Coronavirus in NSW. All cases had travelled to Wuhan, China and had contact with a confirmed case in China.

Management will discuss with the participant and their family a course of action if these circumstances relate to themselves or their family, which will align with current recommendations for timeframes of precautionary exclusion from relevant authorities. At the conclusion of this precautionary exclusion period, those affected will need to consult a GP for clearance to recommence services.

Participants and their families who have recently returned from other overseas travel are able to return to services as normal and are encouraged to monitor their health and act promptly should any of the Novel Coronavirus symptoms become apparent. The recognised symptoms include: fever, cold, flu, sore throat, respiratory complications (shortness of breath).

The following links provide helpful information for participants and families:

<https://www.health.nsw.gov.au/Infectious/alerts/Pages/coronavirus.aspx>

<https://www.health.nsw.gov.au/Infectious/alerts/Pages/coronavirus-faqs.aspx>

