

### AHPPC – Friday 14 February 2019 teleconference – COVID 19

Members were updated on CDNA meeting:

- Draft Australian Health Sector Emergency Response Plan for COVID-2019:
  - The COVID-19 Plan was well received by members; the group had a few minor edits and comments which were sent to the Department.
  - The operational plan is yet to be developed.
  - CDNA endorsed the plan, noting that ‘in principle’ endorsement was given by AHPPC yesterday.

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- CDNA agreed a narrative for increasing testing.
  - Members discussed the case definition, and the best mechanisms for including countries at risk beyond mainland China.
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  - This will be incorporated into the SoNG as either a ‘Person Under Investigation’ category or as a footnote to the suspect case definition – to be subsequently decided. It will be regularly reviewed.
  - AHPPC endorsed this text:

Based on the volume of travel between these countries, Australia and China, and/or the current epidemiology of COVID-2019, it is recommended that clinicians should consider testing people with a clinically compatible illness who travelled to the following countries in the 14 days before onset of symptoms:

    - Thailand
    - Japan
    - Hong Kong, China
    - Singapore
    - Indonesia

- Repatriation – Christmas Island returnees:
  - Members were updated on the preparation that the Department is currently undertaking for Christmas Island returnees. Main group to return home on Monday 17<sup>th</sup> and smaller group will return on Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> February.
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  - Members wanted specific jurisdictional fact sheets and contact numbers included in the final package that is being handed out to returnees by ABF.
  - ACTION: Members to send contributions to the ABF package for returnees to the NIR Health Ops mailbox. Health to coordinate to ABF for possible inclusion.
  - Members want specific numbers on how many evacuees are entering each state/territory.
  - ACTION: Secretariat to supply numbers for each jurisdiction.
  
- Draft Australian Health Sector Emergency Response Plan for Novel Coronavirus (COVID-19 PLAN):
  - NIR updated and incorporated comments from AHPPC and CDNA members.
  - Added 'Emergency' to title
  - Clarified isolation / cases - quarantine / contacts
  - Removed flu figure
  - Updated strategic objective to include characterisation
  - Changed Governance Figure from Aged Care Peak Bodies to Clinical Care Peak Bodies
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  - Members to review over the weekend.
  - ACTION: Committee to consider the COVID-10 Plan for endorsement at Monday's teleconference (17 Feb 2020).
  
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- NZ sought input from jurisdictions on processes currently being undertaken in relation to self-isolation advice, including mental health, public health and online shopping assistance. Members to email Secretariat to outline process undertaken.
- ACT sought data on persons who are in-home isolation and will contact NIR at Health Ops to request the data from Health and the Australian Border Force.
- Next meeting is Saturday 15 February 2020.

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