

AHPPC - Sunday 9 February 2019 teleconference - Novel Coronavirus

Members noted:

- Second Australian Government retrieval flight:
 - Qantas flight from Wuhan successfully arrived in Darwin this morning.
 - No passengers are showing signs of being unwell; following biosecurity checks, passengers will be transferred by bus to the Howard Springs facility.
 - A small number of Pacific Island nationals were also aboard the flight.
- Christmas Island update:
 - One person **s47F** tested for nCoV - awaiting results 24-48 hrs – UPDATE: results were returned negative for nCoV.
 - **s47C**
 - May need to stay on past Tuesday to manage any cases that may emerge.
 - ***ACTION: Rhonda to liaise with the AUSMAT Team Lead in relation to Dr Young continuing her stay.***
- Overall there is a significant growth of nCoV in Hubei province; smaller elsewhere in mainland China.
- **s47F**
- Internationally - 300 exported cases with Singapore reporting some severe cases.
- **s47B**

THIS WEEK (and for Thursday's AHPPC F2F)

- CMO to report to Government a review of the enhanced border measures.
- Revising AHMPPI to be an **nCoV Plan**
- CMO developing a document looking at scenarios, measures, plausible future outcomes.
 - Same situation continues - Hubei continues significant transmission
 - Some countries have broadened case definitions
 - **s47C**
 - Large outbreaks in other Chinese provinces; Australia still low case numbers
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- Case definition
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 - Other countries may be considered should their case numbers progress to outbreak – e.g. Singapore

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- Measures - most useful intervention is the separation and distancing of groups of people, particularly cases, within country - public health messaging required to support.
- PPE supply: procurement of masks, gowns and gloves - remaining sources in AUS; s47C
- Pathology implications of outbreak in Australia
- First Few Hundred protocol
 - AUS contribution to international data
 - National approach to publication of case data (ethics, consents)
- *ACTION: include items on the F2F agenda for 13 February 2020 meeting.*

Other business

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Economic impact

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Vaccines and anti-viral development and testing

- Multiple streams of activity across Australia
- Two anti-virals may have some efficacy against nCoV
- *ACTION: include on the F2F agenda for 13 February 2020 meeting.*

Next meeting: Monday 10 February 2019