

## 7 February 2020 AHPPC outcomes

### Members noted:

- The CMO is accompanying Minister Hunt to Darwin to provide reassurance to the NT Government and local community that the arrangement to repatriate Australians from Wuhan to the Howard Springs Accommodation Facility does not pose risks to the health of the Howard Springs community.
  - The Facility will house the repatriated Australians with medical support from AUSMAT personnel. It is currently being outfitted and will be ready for occupation by 0745 Saturday 2020.
  - The third plane is estimated to arrive in Darwin at approximately 0745 Saturday 8 February 2020.
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- Changes to where testing should be done has implications on the policy work that has been done around masks.
  - The CMO advised that that Primary Health Care Networks has only been provided with surgical masks for distribution to GP practices from the National Medical Stockpile.
  - s47B It is up to the GP if they wish to treat patients otherwise to refer to the clinics for testing.
  - NSW has stood up 'fever clinics' in numerous hospitals using clear public messaging for patients to go to the ED if feeling unwell. GPs should refer them to the clinic immediately for testing. GPs to refer to NSW pathology providers for PPE.
  - VIC – Referring people to ED for testing rather than going to GPs.
  - SA – currently not operating any fever clinics, s47B
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- NSW will provide a copy of the plan for standing up a fever clinic, also information on streamlining the benefits of fever clinics.
  - Prof McVernon advised that , Dr Katie Glass who is undertaking research on fever clinics, NSW and QLD to provide information and data by contacting their respective SHEOCs.
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  - ABF should be able to provide that notification information.
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- Please send the secretariat agenda items for the Face to Face meeting scheduled for 13 February 2020.
  - Next meeting is Saturday 8 February 2020 at 1400 AEDT.