Email to students – 24 January 2020

Information about the Wuhan coronavirus infection

Dear students,

This email is to provide you with information about the Wuhan coronavirus infection that you may have heard about in the media. We are currently monitoring the situation and are in contact with Public Health England (PHE).

The Department of Health and Social Care and PHE have been carefully monitoring the coronavirus situation in Wuhan and consider the current risk to the UK to be low.

If you have recently travelled to China

PHE has provided the following advice:

If you have developed a fever, cough or breathlessness within 14 days of returning from travel to China:

- You should seek medical attention in the usual way via NHS 111 or your GP
- Before you visit any doctor or hospital you must telephone before you visit and let them know that you have had recent travel to China as they may need to make special arrangements to assess you
- If you attend A&E or any other hospital department, you must tell the staff as soon as you arrive that you have had recent travel to China

If you are well and have recently returned from China you do not need to take any action.

Precautionary measures

PHE advises: “Everyone with coughs or colds should always cover their mouth and nose with a disposable tissue when coughing or sneezing, throw used tissues away and then wash your hands with soap and water to help prevent the spread of infection.”

More information on good hand hygiene is available via duo.

If you have concerns

If you are concerned about yourself or a fellow student, please contact your College.

Find out more

More information on the Wuhan coronavirus is available on the PHE website.

If you are currently in China or preparing to travel to China, please read the PHE advice for travel to China.

Best wishes,

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