Coronavirus Staff Information

Currently there are no confirmed cases of the 2019 – Novel Coronavirus in South Africa

**Symptoms and Signs for Coronavirus (Case definition)**

Acute respiratory infection (sudden onset of at least one of the following: cough, sore throat, shortness of breath) requiring hospitalisation or not

**AND**

In the 14 days prior to onset of symptoms, met at least one of the following epidemiological criteria:

• Were in close contact with a confirmed or probable cases of 2019-nCoV infection;

**OR**

• Had a history of travel to areas with presumed ongoing community transmission of 2019-nCoV (see NICD website); i.e. China

**OR**

• Worked in or attended a health care facility where patients with 2019-nCoV infections were being treated.

**What to do if you believe you have the coronavirus infection**?

Remember other viral infections have similar symptoms so you must refer to the case definition above

* Do not go to a health facility or any public place if you think you may be infectious but immediately contact the following numbers:
	+ Blanche Claasen- Hoskins on 021 6505620 or Margie Tainton on 021 6503028 during working hours.
	+ Additional contact numbers:

Discovery Health- 0860998877

KAELO - 0861493587

Public Hotline – 0800 029 999

**Following standard infectious diseases precautions**:

* Stay in your room and notify a responsible person (line manager, supervisor, Head of Department). Contact a Health Professional using the contacts numbers above.
* Cover nose and mouth when coughing or sneezing or use a flexed elbow or tissue
* Wash hand frequently with warm soapy water for 20 seconds
* Don’t touch your face or eye
* Clean or disinfect frequently touched objects or surfaces e.g. communal use of lap tops / computers

Regular information is updated daily on the National Institute of Communicable Diseases website.

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