Coronavirus update

To: All staff and students

Dear colleague,

You may have seen the news coverage of the recent Coronavirus outbreak in Wuhan, China, which has also been detected in Thailand, Japan, South Korea and the USA.

The University has been closely monitoring the situation and liaising with government and NHS agencies to get their latest advice. It is important to stress that, based on the latest advice, the risk to people in the UK is low.

However, anyone who has recently travelled to Wuhan or elsewhere in China and becomes unwell within 14 days of that visit, particularly with respiratory symptoms, should seek medical attention. In the UK, they should call their GP or NHS 111 and report their recent travel details.

Any staff planning travel to China should complete a travel risk assessment and have this authorised by their Head of School / Unit in line with normal practice.

Please note that the Foreign and Commonwealth Office (FCO) currently advise against all but essential travel to Wuhan city, Hubei Province. More information is available on the FCO website and you should continue to check this advice, which may change at any time. There is also specific health advice for travellers to and from Wuhan online.

Please also visit the University Health and Safety website which gives the latest information and which we will keep updated as we find out more:

Health and Safety webpage on the Coronavirus

If you have any questions or specific concerns please contact: Health.Safety@ed.ac.uk.

Best wishes,
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