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**From:** Jeremy Farrar <[redacted] I&S>  
**Sent:** 21/01/2020 08:27:31  
**To:** WOOLHOUSE Mark <[redacted] I&S>  
**Subject:** Re: novel coronavirus

It will

It probably already has

So many asymptomatic, very mild infectious individuals who can transmit – sort of worst hybrid of flu+SARS!

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**From:** WOOLHOUSE Mark <[redacted] I&S>  
**Date:** Tuesday, 21 January 2020 at 09:25  
**To:** Jeremy Farrar <[redacted] I&S>  
**Subject:** RE: novel coronavirus

Thanks. Just to be clear. You DON'T think it will go global? Or that it will? My money's on the latter but of course I hope to be wrong. mw

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**From:** Jeremy Farrar <[redacted] I&S>  
**Sent:** 21 January 2020 08:18  
**To:** WOOLHOUSE Mark <Mark.Woolhouse@[redacted] I&S>  
**Subject:** Re: novel coronavirus

Long story as you would imagine!

I would disagree on one point – I think inevitable there will be cases beyond Asia in the coming days and weeks – suspected cases (or which there will of course be many) in Australia and France today. At this time of year – probably will prove negative but given what we know, seems inevitable to me. Will forward the updates I have shared within Wellcome – don't judge the science too harshly, some a lay audience, all personal views !

In confidence – of course! Email if any questions

**JF INTERNAL AT WELLCOME**

Yes of course – suspected cases in Australia and France this morning, as one would expect and at this time of year with so many other respiratory infections there will be lots of suspected cases, many or most will prove not to be true cases but I think inevitable there will be cases beyond Asia in the coming days and weeks.

Let me know if you will forward or easier for me to

Best wishes Jeremy

On 20 Jan 2020, at 20:54, Mike Ferguson <[M.Ferguson](#) <[redacted] I&S>> wrote:

thank you for the update