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Just in case you want to read – quite interested and very topical.

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NR it was agreed earlier today that it would be useful to provide the Minister for Health and Social Services with a daily update on this evolving public health incident (we propose to send future update at around 3pm each day following the latest sit rep from the UK Government). Please find enclosed the first update:

UK CMOs risk assessment for UK

The risk to the UK is currently assessed as **low**.

Testing/assessment of people in UK

A number of people across the UK, including Wales, have already been assessed and to date there have been **no imported cases of the novel coronavirus to Wales or the wider UK**.

As of 28th January a total of **97** UK tests have concluded, of which all were confirmed negative. There are **33** people currently being tested in the UK. The Department of Health and Social Care publishes [UK figures](#), on behalf of all UK Chief Medical Officers.

Advice for people who have returned to Wales from Wuhan (TO NOTE THIS ADVICE RECENTLY CHANGED TO INCLUDE TRAVELLERS FROM WUHAN WITH NO SYMPTOMS AND IS LIKELY TO CHANGE AGAIN FOLLOWING THE IMPENDING OUTCOME OF A REVIEW OF THE CASE DEFINITION)

If you have returned from Wuhan in the last 14 days:

- stay indoors and avoid contact with other people as you would with other flu viruses,
- contact NHS Direct Wales or 111 Wales if available in your area, to inform them of your recent travel to the city.

Please follow this advice even if you do not have symptoms of the virus.

If you develop a fever, difficulty breathing or a cough, you should continue to follow the same advice. Please do not leave your home until you been given advice by a clinician.

Overseas students in Wales

A suite of posters and leaflets on the novel coronavirus have been sent to universities and colleges of higher education in Wales. Updated information is due to be circulated later this week.

Travel advice

The Foreign and Commonwealth Office (FCO) is currently registering British nationals in the Hubei province in anticipation of a flight departing from Wuhan and arriving at a UK airport (arrival airport and date/time yet to be specified). Preliminary information indicates that between 100 and 200 UK nationals will return on this direct flight - the number of Welsh nationals is currently unknown but data will be shared with Wales as soon as it is available. UK guidance re. onward support for repatriated individuals is being developed.

The only airport in the UK which receives direct flights from Wuhan is London Heathrow (three flights per week) and China grounded these flights last week. Other direct flights from other parts of China

land at London Heathrow, London Gatwick and Manchester. There is a health protection team at Heathrow meeting all direct flights from China as part of enhanced monitoring measures. No passengers have presented with relevant symptoms. Teams will also be in place in Gatwick and Manchester from 29 January.

As of this week, every international airport in the UK (and key seaports) will be displaying relevant posters.

The FCO advise against all travel to Hubei Province due to the ongoing novel coronavirus outbreak. Further information including contact numbers for assistance is available on the [FCO website](#).

Guidance for NHS Wales

Specific guidance on the identification, isolation and testing for this virus has been communicated to all frontline NHS staff in Wales. The Chief Medical Officer will be providing NHS Wales with regular updates and further advice.

UK response and co-ordination with other UK Nations

We are treating this as an enhanced public health incident and we are working very closely with the other UK Nations.

Chief Medical Officers and public health agencies across the 4 Nations are co-ordinating actions so that Wales and the UK are ready to respond to further developments in this public health incident.

Coronaviruses

Coronaviruses are a large family of viruses with some causing less-severe disease, such as the common cold, and others more severe disease such as Middle East Respiratory Syndrome (MERS) and Severe Acute Respiratory Syndrome (SARS). Although the epidemiology of the new coronavirus is still being assessed data to date suggests that approximately 25% of confirmed cases result in severe illness and that the mortality rate is less than that for MERS and SARS.

Confirmed international cases (as at 9.00AM on 28/01/20 – data provided by UK Government)

Country	Confirmed cases	Overnight change	Fatalities	Overnight change
Mainland China	4,515	+1,771	106	+26
Australia	4	+1	0	0
Canada	1	+1	0	0
France	3	0	0	0
Germany	1	+1	0	0
Hong Kong	8	0	0	0
Japan	4	0	0	0
Macao	6	0	0	0
Malaysia	4	0	0	0
Nepal	1	0	0	0

Singapore/ Republic of Singapore	5	+1	0	0
South Korea/ Republic of Korea	6	+3	0	0
Sri Lanka	1	+1	0	0
Taiwan	5	+1	0	0
Thailand	14	+6	0	0
USA	5	0	0	0
Vietnam/ Viet Nam	2	0	0	0
Total	4,587	+1,787	106	+26

Thanks

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