



At this stage, the Australian Government has advised schools will not be closed and students should attend school as normal.

### Who is most at risk?

Based on current information, those most at risk of serious infection are:

- people with compromised immune systems (such as people who have cancer)
- elderly people
- Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples (as they have higher rates of chronic illness)
- people with chronic medical conditions
- people in group residential settings

### How to protect yourself and others?

Basic prevention action includes thorough hand washing with soap and water, or alcohol-based hand gel, covering your nose and mouth when coughing or sneezing with a tissue or flexed elbow, and avoiding contact with anyone with cold or flu-like symptoms.

To help prevent the spread of COVID-19, the Australian Government is also placing limits on organised gatherings and visits to vulnerable groups.

Detailed prevention information is on the Department of Health website: [www.health.gov.au/news/health-alerts/novel-coronavirus-2019-ncov-health-alert/what-you-need-to-know-about-coronavirus-covid-19#protect-yourself-and-others](http://www.health.gov.au/news/health-alerts/novel-coronavirus-2019-ncov-health-alert/what-you-need-to-know-about-coronavirus-covid-19#protect-yourself-and-others)

For further information on the Australian Government response to COVID-19 visit: [www.health.gov.au/news/health-alerts/novel-coronavirus-2019-ncov-health-alert/government-response-to-the-covid-19-outbreak](http://www.health.gov.au/news/health-alerts/novel-coronavirus-2019-ncov-health-alert/government-response-to-the-covid-19-outbreak)

### Further information

The numbers to contact for further information are:

#### *For general information*

Coronavirus Health Information Line: **1800 020 080**

*If you have travelled overseas in the past 14 days or have been in contact with a confirmed case of COVID-19:*

Call HealthDirect **1800 022 222** for further information on testing, or call your GP.

Wollongong Hospital COVID-19 Assessment Clinic: **4222 5078**

If you have **serious and severe symptoms** such as difficulty breathing, **call 000** for urgent medical assistance.