

Novel coronavirus quarantine - Q&A's

<p>How long are Australians to be quarantined at Manigurr-ma accommodation village in Howard Springs?</p>	<p>Can people leave the facility during the quarantine period?</p>
<p>Residents will remain at the facility for a 14-day period. The quarantine is a precautionary measure.</p>	<p>The selected site will be a declared isolation zone under the Notifiable Diseases Act – that means any movement in or out is strictly controlled and enforceable by law. The facility includes accommodations, designated internal isolation zones (if required), commercial kitchen and recreation facilities.</p> <p>The evacuees will be confined within the accommodation complex; they will not be mixing in the community and there is no risk to the public. The virus is spread only through close contact. That means any neighbouring facilities will not be affected.</p>
<p>When will they arrive? How are they arriving?</p>	<p>Are they sick?</p>
<p>The plane will arrive on Saturday 8 February into RAAF base Darwin side of airport and be met by Australian Border force, AUSMAT and ADF.</p> <p>The AUSMAT team on the flight from Wuhan will have screened the passengers and give forward notice of anyone who is unwell. The Christmas Island experience was that the passengers were all well and no admission to hospital has been required.</p>	<p>The evacuees were screened before leaving China, they travel with a medical AUSMAT team who will be accommodated in the complex to provide an immediate medical response should it be required. The evacuees are screened throughout the 14-day period of their quarantine.</p> <p>It is very important to note that the evacuees who will be quarantined are Australian citizens and permanent residents who are NOT SICK. None are symptomatic – showing no symptoms.</p>
<p>How is Coronavirus spread?</p>	<p>What about workers cleaning or feeding the evacuees then returning to the community?</p>
<p>The novel coronavirus is similar to a common cold or influenza – it is spread through poor hygiene, coughing and sneezing.</p> <p>The virus is spread only through close contact – not through mosquito bites and not through the air.</p>	<p>Any services provided to the evacuees is delivered in line with health and safety guidelines to protect the health of staff involved.</p> <p>The food, laundry, recreational facilities and daily operations at the village will all be managed by the Australian Government personnel.</p>

More information? For the latest national updates please visit health.gov.au or you can also contact the National Coronavirus Health Information Line on 1800 020 080.