



WoAG Travel Advice 2020/06

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Novel Coronavirus (COVID-19) – Updated for International Travel

Dear Entity Travel Managers

Earlier today, the Australian Government issued advice stating that Australians must not travel internationally. Smartraveller notes that this is the highest possible level of advice (level 4 of 4).

If your entity has officials overseas at this time, it is strongly recommended that they return to Australia as soon as possible by commercial means. It is important to note that:

- As more countries close their borders or introduce travel restrictions, overseas travel is becoming increasingly difficult;
- Officials may not be able to return to Australia when planned; and
- Return to Australia as soon as possible. Commercial options are becoming less available as airlines continue to cancel scheduled international services.

On arrival in Australia, all persons are required to self-isolate for 14 days. This applies to all travellers, including Australian citizens.

Please refer to the Smartraveller site via the link below for more information on this announcement.

The National Cabinet agreed that domestic air travel is low risk. The issue of where people are travelling to and sensitive locations where travel should be restricted, will be developed with advice of the states and territories and will next be discussed by the National Cabinet on 20 March 2020.

Resources and Helpful Links

[Smartraveller](#);

[International SOS](#) (for COMCOVER member entities);

[Department of Health](#);

[Australian Health Protection Principal Committee](#);

[Department of Home Affairs](#); and

National Coronavirus Health Information Line - 1800 020 080