

What is Coronavirus?

Coronaviruses are a group of viruses that can affect humans and animals. In humans, coronaviruses can cause mild illness, such as the common cold and gastrointestinal infections, as well as more severe illness, such as that caused by SARS (Severe Acute Respiratory Syndrome) and MERS (Middle East Respiratory Syndrome).

There is emerging information that some people may be infectious for a short period before they develop symptoms. While this is believed to be uncommon, this is the reason that the Australian Government is taking precautionary steps in asking some returned travellers and contacts of cases to self-quarantine at home for 14 days.

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