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All staff email from the Vice Chancellor Professor David Lloyd

Colleagues,

You will have seen media reports about the unfolding situation with a new type of coronavirus (2019 nCov) and the impacts being felt around the world, particularly with restrictions on travel.

The University has been monitoring the situation closely and is in communication with Universities Australia, obtaining regular advice from SA Health and is also reaching out to our University counterparts in the State.

The health and safety of our staff and students is our paramount concern.

Therefore, I would like to advise that travel to China is to be deferred unless essential:

- For new travel bookings, effective immediately and until further notice, requests to travel into China are subject to an essential travel test and require the completion of the University's [High-Risk Travel Questionnaire](#), available to download from the [Travel Policies and Guidelines](#) web page.
- For existing travel bookings, the University's Travel Team will work with affected travellers to complete high-risk travel questionnaires, or to reschedule or cancel existing non-essential flights and accommodation.

Existing travel bookings which transit via China may continue (i.e. when the traveller does not enter the country); however, this remains under review and may change. Future travel plans are to avoid transiting through China.

I would also like to take this opportunity to remind all travelers that if any assistance is required while travelling, the University has partnered with International SOS to offer our staff and students medical, safety and security advice, referrals, emotional support, routine and emergency assistance when travelling or living abroad.

International SOS can be contacted by calling +61 2 9372 2468. More information about the University's emergency travel assistance can be found by clicking [here](#).

If you have any questions, please contact the Travel Team by telephone on 08 8302 6430 or e-mail at travelteam@unisa.edu.au.

The University medical clinics at City West and East campus are also available for access to staff and students who may wish to obtain further information about their personal circumstances and travel plans: <https://www.unisamedical.com.au/>.

The Australian Chief Medical Officer has also put out information on the virus and Australia's response: <https://www.health.gov.au/health-topics/novel-coronavirus>.

The University will be communicating with all students some of whom might have their studies affected by travel restrictions and also advising them about University health services.

We will also continue to provide further information as required in the coming weeks.