Important updates about the coronavirus and your workplace learning

Hi (Student Name),

Charles Sturt University is currently actively monitoring all developments regarding the coronavirus (2019-nCoV) and its potential spread.

Your health and wellbeing is our priority. We will continue to follow advice from the Australian Health Authorities and contact you directly if your study is impacted.

Stay informed on updates through our coronavirus alerts page.

How does this impact on your workplace learning placement?

Prior to commencing your workplace learning placement, you may be required to answer health related questions or about any recent travel and potential contact with known cases. Please be mindful that placement for some courses /subjects (such as social work and human services) almost always involves some level of contact with vulnerable people in the community, including those seeking health services, those with disabilities, chronic illness or frail aged persons. Given this additional questions may be asked of you in the registration or application process. It is important that you answer these questions truthfully as they will help ensure the health of yourself and others.

If you feel unwell or are needing to isolate yourself for 14 days, you should not attend your workplace learning placement. Please advise the workplace learning team immediately as well as your placement site.

Contact the workplace learning team for further advice about attending your placement if you have:
- Been in close contact with someone diagnosed with the coronavirus
- Recently travelled to mainland China or Iran and have developed symptoms
- Recently travelled to mainland China or Iran and have not developed symptoms.

If your workplace learning has been disrupted, your workplace learning team can help you to arrange to finish your workplace learning requirements and provide support.

If you are impacted and need extra time to complete your workplace learning, you can apply for special consideration.

How to look after yours and others health

The best way to look after your health is to ensure you’re practicing good personal hygiene. Make sure to familiarise yourself with the World Health Organisations clean hands protect against infection instructions.

If you are feeling unwell or concerned about your health, contact your local health professionals immediately.

Symptoms include fever, cough and difficulty breathing. You can call the Healthdirect helpline on 1800 022 222 for advice or attend your closest emergency department, making sure to phone them beforehand.
We advise avoiding all travel to the Hubei Province in China and other areas where outbreaks have been recorded.

It is essential that you follow the latest recommendations from the Australian Government Chief Medical Officer:

- If you have travelled to Hubei Province within the past 14 days, you must isolate yourself for 14 days after leaving the Province.
- If you have left or transited through mainland China on or after 1 February, you must isolate yourself for 14 days after leaving mainland China.
- If you have left, or transited through Iran on or after 1 March you must isolate yourself for 14 days from the date of leaving Iran.
- If you have been in close contact with a confirmed case of coronavirus, you must isolate yourself for 14 days after your last contact with the confirmed case.

Kind Regards,

Manager Workplace Learning