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Guest Alert – Coronavirus

COVID-19 is a new strain of coronavirus that has not been previously identified in humans. It was first identified in Wuhan, Hubei Province, China in late December 2019 where it has caused a large and ongoing outbreak.

There is much more to learn about how COVID-19 is spread, its severity, and other features associated with the virus; epidemiological and clinical investigations are ongoing.

How is the virus spread?

Human coronaviruses are spread from someone with confirmed coronavirus through contaminated droplets spread by coughing or sneezing, or by contact with contaminated hands, surfaces or objects.

The time between when a person is exposed to the virus and when symptoms first appear is typically 5 to 6 days, although may range from 2 to 14 days. For this reason, people who might have been in contact with a confirmed case are being asked to self-isolate for 14 days.

What are the symptoms?

Patients may have fever, cough, runny nose, shortness of breath and other symptoms. In more severe cases, infection can cause pneumonia with severe acute respiratory distress.

If you are experiencing a fever, cough, and difficulty breathing, please stay in your cabin/site inform park management and seek medical attention immediately.

How can you prevent the spread of the virus?

Practicing good hand hygiene and sneeze hygiene are the best defences:

- Clean your hands often with soap and water for 20 seconds, or an alcohol-based hand rub.
- Cover your nose and mouth when coughing and sneezing with tissue or a flexed elbow
- Avoid close contact with anyone with cold or flu-like symptoms.

In addition if required self-isolate and seek medical advice in accordance with guidelines from relevant authorities.

To seek further information, please contact your preferred medical professional or the Federal Government Dept of Health website – [health.gov.au/news/health-alert](https://www.health.gov.au/news/health-alert) or the National Coronavirus Health Hotline on 1800 020 080.