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Novel Coronavirus:

You will be aware of the evolving situation regarding the novel coronavirus (2019-nCoV). As of 30th January 2020 it has been reported that around 7816 people worldwide have been identified with respiratory infections caused by 2019-nCoV. Most reported cases are at the mild end of the spectrum.

The severity of the infections ranges from mild symptoms of upper respiratory tract infection (with or without fever) to fulminant pneumonia requiring hospitalisation and advanced respiratory support, and the disease has sadly proved fatal in 170 cases in China. The annual Chinese New Year celebrations have just occurred; this typically involves the mass movement of people both within and outside China and has likely amplified transmission.

As of 9am on 31st January 2020, the UK had 192 confirmed test results. Of these, two cases tested positive.

We are now recommending that all travellers who develop relevant symptoms, however mild, within 14 days of returning from mainland China, should self-isolate at home immediately and call NHS 111. We are already recommending that travellers from Wuhan and Hubei Province should self-isolate for 14 days, even if they do not have symptoms, due to the increased risk from that area.

If you are returning from abroad and have any flu like symptoms, please DO NOT come to the surgery. Advice will be given over the telephone.



CQC overall rating

Good

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