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The Australasian College for Infection Prevention and Control Novel Coronavirus 2019 (2019-nCoV) Statement

The Australasian College for Infection Prevention and Control (ACIPC) recognises the extraordinary efforts of many members and colleagues in the infection prevention field in dealing with the challenges of the novel coronavirus (2019-nCoV).

ACIPC support a coordinated and considered response, and recommends members follow direction from the Australian Government Department of Health and jurisdictional health departments.

ACIPC is well represented at the Government level in developing strategies for this outbreak, ensuring the infection prevention and control information provided is appropriate. These recommendations are constantly under review and subject to change as new information about the virus is revealed.

To ensure updated and appropriate guidelines are followed, we encourage all members to seek guidance from the following resources

[Australian Government ACT NSW NT QLD SA TAS VIC WA Smart Traveller](#)

[NZ Ministry of Health](#)

[WHO](#)

Furthermore, ACIPC strongly reject misinformation being spread among the public which can lead to false assumptions about members of our culture-diverse population and cause unnecessary distress. Members are urged to call out and shut down all racism and xenophobia.

In unison with the recent statement from colleagues of the Australasian Society for Infectious Diseases (ASID), ACIPC once again call for the establishment of a [national centre of disease control](#) to coordinate and centralise responses in these times.

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