

# Novel Coronavirus (COVID-19)

Advice to visitors (updated 23 March 2020)

We are receiving regular advice from the Tasmanian and Australian Government Departments of Health about COVID-19. The Australian Government has advised that there is no cause for alarm and the risk to the public is currently low.

Consistent with national advice, Libraries Tasmania recommends the following for our visitors and staff:

- Those who have been in contact with any confirmed case of COVID-19 should not attend the library and remain isolated in their homes for 14 days following exposure.
- From 21 March 2020, anyone returning from overseas or interstate, apart from people classified as essential travellers, must self-quarantine for 14 days.
- Anyone who thinks they may have been in close contact with a confirmed case of COVID-19 is required to self-isolate for 14 days.

Social distancing is one way to help slow the spread of viruses such as COVID-19. Social distancing includes staying at home when you are unwell, avoiding large public gatherings if they're not essential, keeping a distance of 1.5 metres between you and other people whenever possible and minimising physical contact. There's no need to change your daily routine, but taking these social distancing precautions can help protect the people in our community who are most at risk.

If you are unsure whether this information applies to you, or you have other questions, please call the Tasmanian Public Health Hotline on 1800 671 738 or, for specific advice, visit [www.health.gov.au](http://www.health.gov.au)

## How can I help slow the spread of the illness?

**Wash your hands often and well**, with soap and running water or alcohol-based hand rub, and show your child how to wash their hands well.