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17.03.20 COVID-19 Update

As of Tuesday 17 March 2020, there are no known cases of ANSTO employees or contractors diagnosed with COVID-19.

In response to the current world health situation, ANSTO has implemented the following strategies:

Executive Standing Committee – Are meeting each weekday so that modifications to the ANSTO operations can occur rapidly and in response to the COVID-19 situation.

Nuclear Precinct – In order to protect ANSTO’s role in supplying nuclear medicines for all Australians, there is now a suspension of all non-essential cross-campus movements which involves non-critical staff accessing B80, B23, B54, and B88. The OPAL Reactor Team are creating two separate operational teams, in case one team has to isolate due to the COVID-19.

User services for research and industry - Access to the research infrastructure across our three campuses at Lucas Heights, Clayton and Camperdown remains open to registered users within Australia, who have not recently travelled overseas or had contact with an infected person. International users will need to comply with all Australian Government guidelines before gaining access to run experiments. International users who are currently unable to travel to Australia will be invited to re-apply for access in the next round of proposals. International users who are already in Australia have been advised to self-isolate for before coming to ANSTO.

Staff forum – Proceeding on Thursday 26 March with the plans in-place for this to be delivered as a webinar / online











Tours and public events - All public and school group tours at all three campuses are now on hold until further notice. Schools and visitors who have booked a tour are being contacted by the ANSTO Discovery Centre. The Easter school holiday workshops will not proceed, we plan to resume our school holiday workshop program later in the year.

Radiation Training events has relocated from B55 to B72 this week and future courses are continuing as usual for the time being.

nandin Innovation Centre, KU Childcare, the ANSTO Café and Social Club will continue to operate as usual.

Minerals, Synroc, Silicon operations continue as usual for the time being.

17.03.20 Symptoms of coronavirus, cold and flu

Symptoms	Coronavirus <small>Symptoms range from mild to severe</small>	Cold <small>Gradual onset of symptoms</small>	Flu <small>Abrupt onset of symptoms</small>
 Fever	Common	Rare	Common
 Fatigue	Sometimes	Sometimes	Common
 Cough	Common* (usually dry)	Mild	Common* (usually dry)
 Sneezing	No	Common	No
 Aches and pains	Sometimes	Common	Common
 Runny or stuffy nose	Rare	Common	Sometimes
 Sore throat	Sometimes	Common	Sometimes
 Diarrhea	Rare	No	Sometimes for children
 Headaches	Sometimes	Rare	Common
 Shortness of breath	Sometimes	No	No

Sources: World Health Organization, Centers for Disease Control and Prevention