



# Robyn Preston MP

## Member for Hawkesbury

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## MEDIA RELEASE

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### **CORONAVIRUS CASES CONFIRMED IN NSW**

NSW Health is urging people who have recently returned from Wuhan or have been in contact with a confirmed case of novel coronavirus infection to ensure they are aware of the symptoms and seek immediate health assessment if symptoms develop within 14 days.

NSW Chief Health Officer, Dr Kerry Chant, said confirmed novel coronavirus cases demonstrate the importance of returning travellers knowing the symptoms of the infection.

“Anyone with these symptoms should practise simple hygiene by covering their coughs and sneezes with a tissue or their elbow and washing their hands thoroughly.”

Dr Chant said it is important people take action to keep their family and friends safe, so don't be afraid to speak to your doctor if you have any symptoms.

Member for Hawkesbury, Robyn Preston MP, said people should be calm but remain vigilant for symptoms of coronavirus.

“There is no cause for alarm but people should advise anyone who is from Wuhan or has been in contact with anyone from Wuhan to be alert to symptoms similar to the flu.

“I urge anyone with symptoms to come forward and contact their doctor GP or local hospital Emergency Department.”

All patients confirmed with the virus are currently in isolation in NSW hospitals and Public Health Units are following up contacts of these patients in accordance with National Guidelines.

As part of the ongoing international response, NSW Health will continue to work closely with Commonwealth Government agencies to monitor travellers returning from Wuhan, China.

Health workers in NSW public hospitals and community-based GPs have been issued advice to help them identify any cases and apply careful infection control measures to prevent the spread of the novel coronavirus.

For more information visit:

[www.health.nsw.gov.au/Infectious/diseases/Pages/coronavirus.aspx](http://www.health.nsw.gov.au/Infectious/diseases/Pages/coronavirus.aspx)

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