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Dear BISI community member,

During the week we have been on half term holiday, you cannot fail to have noticed that the coronavirus outbreak has continued to spread and there has been much in the news about outbreaks in South Korea, Iran and Italy.

I am sure that many of our community travelled during the holidays and I urge everyone in the community to take responsibility and exercise extreme caution at this time. If you, or any members of your immediate family, have travelled to any of the infected areas or if you have had visitors from those areas please think very carefully before sending your children to school. If there is any possibility that you may have come into contact with this virus, it is incumbent upon you to ensure that you and your family are not contagious. The World Health Organisation website <https://who.int> (<https://who.int/>) gives the following information on the incubation period of the disease:

The incubation period is the time between infection and the onset of clinical symptoms of disease. Current estimates of the incubation period range from 1-12.5 days with median estimates of 5-6 days. These estimates will be refined as more data become available. Based on information from other coronavirus diseases, such as MERS and SARS, the incubation period of 2019-nCoV could be up to 14 days. WHO recommends that the follow-up of contacts of confirmed cases is 14 days.

The website also has a substantial question and answer page dedicated to the current outbreak which is likely to be the best source of accurate information about the disease. Please do not take your advice from social media.



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Yours faithfully

The Board of Governors and Senior Leadership Team

