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Dear families,

RE: Coronavirus (COVID-19) update

The Uniting Church in Australia, Queensland Synod is following all health advice and guidelines issued by the Australian Government and Queensland Health with regards to novel coronavirus (COVID-19).

At this stage, there have been no identified cases of coronavirus at any Uniting Church in Australia, Queensland Synod site and our services are operating as business as usual. However, we acknowledge that this situation continues to escalate on a daily basis, so preparedness is critical.

Attending our child care services

If your child meets any of the criteria below, please do not have them attend child care:

• have travelled internationally within the last 14 days,
• believe you may have been in contact with a case of coronavirus,
• are suffering from flu-like symptoms or feeling unwell.

If you are at all concerned about the welfare of your child, we encourage you to seek medical advice.

What can I do to prevent the spread of illness?

It is very important that we all work together to reduce the risk of spread of any infection. We request that you practice this good hand hygiene with your children:

• regularly wash your hands with soap and water and before and after eating as well as after attending the toilet,
• avoid touching your face and mouth
• avoid contact with people who are feeling unwell by keeping family members, including children, at home, and
• cough and sneeze into your elbow.

Thank you for your support and cooperation on this matter, as always, the safety and wellbeing of the children, other families and staff is our main priority.

Should you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact your child care center or the Synod office workplace health and safety team.

Every blessing,

Rev Heather den Houting
General Secretary
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