

EIS advice to local association secretaries and members regarding Coronavirus (COVID-19)

EIS local association secretaries and members have contacted the Employment Relations Department raising concerns about the potential risks to pupils, students, staff and parents or carers during the outbreak of Coronavirus (COVID-19). COVID-19 can cause respiratory illness of varying severity. Currently, there is no vaccine and no specific treatment for infection with the virus. The information below is designed to direct EIS members to the most current Scottish Government and NHS Scotland advice on COVID-19. [All NHS advice is subject to change and should therefore be checked regularly.](#)

Latest Advice for Educational Establishments

The Scottish Government has produced generic advice to assist schools and other educational establishments in providing information to pupils, students, staff and parents or carers regarding COVID-19. This includes advice to pupils, students and staff returning from school trips in specified countries/areas. [Please refer to the Health Protection Scotland Website.](#)

Latest Travel Advice

For the latest list of countries affected and for the latest travel advice, [please refer to this Website](#). Please note that [the Foreign and Commonwealth Office](#) is not advising against travel to any other country/territory as a result of coronavirus risks.

On returning home, [members should pay attention to their health on return](#), particularly over the first 14 days. If they develop symptoms (fever, a cough or problems breathing) or any other 'Flu like' or respiratory illness during this period, they should seek immediate medical attention and contact one of the following: NHS 24 (Scotland): Call 111 or their General Practitioner.

Latest Health Advice

Where pupils, students, staff and parents and carers have travelled to potentially affected areas, the current NHS Scotland advice on the Coronavirus should be followed. Students and staff should not be readmitted to school where this would conflict with the advice on, for example, self-isolation after return to the UK. Self-isolation involves staying indoors and avoiding contact with others where possible. It also means that members should remain at home and should not go to work, school or public areas or use public transport or taxis. Members who are undergoing self-isolation should advise their council immediately. They should be entitled to full pay during this absence as COVID-19 is a notifiable infectious disease. ([SNCT Handbook Section 6.34](#)).