



## What precautions should port staff take?

PHE recommend that the general precautions to prevent cold and flu are taken to prevent this novel coronavirus.

- wash your hands often with soap and water for at least 20 seconds. Use an alcohol-based hand sanitiser that contains at least 60% alcohol if soap and water are not available
- avoid touching your eyes, nose, and mouth with unwashed hands
- avoid close contact with people who are sick
- if you have symptoms of colds or flu, stay at home, do not attend work or school
- cover your cough or sneeze with a tissue, then throw the tissue in the bin
- clean and disinfect frequently touched objects and surfaces

## What happens if a traveller becomes unwell at a port?

- where possible you should ask if they had recently returned from China or other specified areas in the last 14 days
- if they have been to China, where possible, staff should remove themselves to greater than 2 metres and call for medical assistance informing the medical staff that they have been to China in the last 14 days
- if they have not been to China in the last 14 days, then normal practice should continue