**Corona Virus (Covid 19)**

The NHS in Staffordshire and Stoke-on-Trent, and Public Health England (PHE) are well prepared for outbreaks of new infectious diseases.The NHS has put in place measures to ensure the safety of all patients and NHS staff while also ensuring services are available to the public as normal.

The risk to the general public is moderate.

 If you have travelled from elsewhere in China, Thailand, Japan, Republic of Korea, Hong Kong, Taiwan, Singapore, Malaysia or Macau to the UK in the last 14 days and develop symptoms of cough, fever or shortness of breath, you should immediately self-isolate, even if symptoms are minor and call NHS 111.

 People returning from Northern Italy (NOT including, Pisa, Florence and Rimini), Vietnam, Cambodia, Laos, Myanmar since February 19 who develop symptoms of cough, fever or shortness of breath, should self-isolate immediately and call 111 even if you have no symptoms.

People returning from Iran, specific lockdown areas in Northern Italy, and special care zones in South Korea since February 19, or Hubei province in the past 14 days, should self-isolate immediately and call 111 even if you have no symptoms.

Coronavirus presents with flu-like symptoms including a fever, a cough, or difficulty breathing. The current evidence is that most cases appear to be mild.

Do not go to a GP surgery or hospital. Call 111, stay indoors and avoid close contact with other people.

 Further information is available on **gov.uk/coronavirus.**

Everyone is being reminded to follow Public Health England advice to:

• Always carry tissues with you and use them to catch your cough or sneeze. Then bin the tissue, and wash your hands, or use a sanitiser gel.

• Wash your hands often with soap and water, especially after using public transport. Use a sanitiser gel if soap and water are not available.

• Avoid touching your eyes, nose and mouth with unwashed hands. • Avoid close contact with people who are unwell. You can find the latest information and advice from Public Health England at **www.gov.uk/coronavirus**