2020 Sunshine Coast Health Symposium postponed

Sunshine Coast Hospital and Health Service (SCHHS) has taken further steps to prepare the Sunshine Coast for potential impacts of COVID-19.

SCHHS Chief Executive Adjunct Professor Naomi Dwyer said her team was very focused on planning for the impact of COVID-19.

As a result, we have decided to postpone our inaugural Health Care Symposium which was scheduled for 18-20 March 2020. Given the number of our clinicians who were either presenting or participating in the Symposium, we’ve made the decision, with our Sunshine Coast Health Institute (SCHI) partners to defer until later in the year.

“This is because we are focussed on planning for any impact of COVID19, not because we are explicitly concerned about the spread of the virus at the conference.

“Our top priority right now is to ensure we are well prepared to keep our community safe, and our team are doing a great job in that regard,” Adj Prof Dwyer said.

It also means that we will be able to celebrate the amazing health research and practice that is happening across the region, with our SCHI partners (Griffith University, University of the Sunshine Coast and TAFE Queensland) later in the year.

Queensland Health is urging anyone who has been overseas in the past 14 days and is feeling unwell to see a doctor immediately.

If you have been overseas in the last 14 days and feel unwell please call 13HEALTH, your GP or local hospital to arrange an assessment.

Calling ahead to the GP surgery or hospital is recommended to let them know your symptoms and travel history, this also helps them prepare for your arrival.

Even if you are feeling well, but have been in, or transited through, mainland China or Iran, you need to self-quarantine for 14 days from the date you departed mainland China or Iran.

Anyone with concerns can call 13 HEALTH or find up-to-date reliable information on the Queensland Health website at www.health.qld.gov.au/coronavirus.

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