

The Scottish Government issues Coronavirus update

Two patients test negative.

Results for two of the patients in Scotland being tested for Wuhan Novel Coronavirus have come back negative.

There are currently no confirmed cases in the UK, and the risk to the public remains low, but The Scottish Government says it will continue to work with the World Health Organisation and international community as they monitor the situation closely.

Health Protection Scotland advises that travellers returning from Wuhan who become unwell with sore throat, cough or breathing difficulty with or without fever, within 14 days of their return, to call their GP or NHS 24 to see if further assessment is needed.

Respiratory and flu-like illness are more common at this time of year as such there will be cases presenting with symptoms who are highly unlikely to have Wuhan novel coronavirus.

As the situation continues to develop they say they will make further updates should there be any confirmed cases of Novel Coronavirus, rather than provide a running update on cases being considered on a precautionary basis.

Scotland's Chief Medical Officer Catherine Calderwood said: "Scotland is well prepared for these types of outbreaks – we have a proven track record of dealing with challenging health issues and the UK was one of the first countries in the world to develop a test for the new virus.

"I am being kept fully informed about the precautionary steps being taken, including timely updates on the patients who are

currently being tested.”

For the general public who are planning to travel abroad, guidance can be found on the [Fit for Travel website](#).