

**Statement for parents from the Director of Public Health at Hertfordshire
County Council**

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As you will be aware, there has been a lot of information in the news about returning trips to Italy over half term in light of the recent measures put in place by the Italian Authorities on Coronavirus.

We would like to assure you that there is no cause for concern, none of the school trips run by Hertfordshire schools were within the towns which the Italian Authorities have put on quarantine measures and Hertfordshire residents remain at low risk.

If people have returned from these areas and develop flu like symptoms, they should stay at home, avoid contact with other people and call NHS111.

Taking basic hygiene precautions remains the best way to reduce the chances of spreading any virus: sneeze or cough into a tissue, bin it, wash your hands frequently and don't touch your face unless you've just washed your hands. Using a normal detergent to clean the surfaces people touch regularly like door handles and lift buttons is also sensible.

Please visit www.nhs.uk/coronavirus for the most up to date advice.