



# Wuhan Coronavirus Update 30 January

**Executive Summary**

All travel to Hubei Province is advised against, clients should also reconsider non-essential travel to China due to the growing number of travel restrictions, confirmed cases and government warnings. Be aware that many businesses in China remain closed and restrictions on domestic public transport are in effect.

**Latest Updates**

The death toll from the coronavirus outbreak has risen to 170, with 38 more deaths being announced on Thursday. With a confirmed case of the virus now in Tibet, the virus has spread to every province in China, including Hong Kong and Macau. India has also reported its first case. Voluntary evacuations of hundreds of foreign nationals from Wuhan are underway to help people who want to leave the closed-off city and return to their countries, which are in the process of finalising containment and quarantine procedures.

The planned evacuation of UK and South Korean citizens has been delayed due to a lack of clearance from the Chinese authorities, with it now set to depart Friday, 31 January. The US and Japan have, however, been able to begin evacuating their citizens already. Australia, along with NZ will quarantine its evacuees on Christmas Island, 2,000km (1,200 miles) west of Australia in a detention centre that has been used to house asylum seekers. Singapore plans to set up a quarantine facility on Pulau Ubin, an island north-east of the city-state's mainland. French citizens are also set to be evacuated.

In South Korea, protests occurred on roads outside designated quarantine facilities. The country's president, Moon Jae-in, has urged his citizens not to give in to fear as the government finalised preparations to evacuate nationals from Wuhan. Many of the protesters were angry that those returning were being quarantined so close to their homes, insisting that minister's house them in their own homes instead.

A cruise vessel with 6,000 people onboard has been delayed near Italy after a woman from Macau came down with a fever onboard. Russia has joined Kazakhstan in closing its land border with China as well as ceasing to issue electronic visas. In addition to land borders, a multitude of airlines have now cancelled flights globally. The latest media reports indicate that there is no evidence of coronavirus on the vessel after the ill passenger tested negative.

In China, domestic football matches and the World Athletics Indoor Championships have been suspended. The Beijing Metro has also started temperature monitoring on the entire underground system. Ikea has also temporarily closed its stores in China. Additionally, Chinese media have warned of harsh punishment for officials who mishandled the crisis.

<b>Current Statistics (numbers vary between sources)</b>					
Current Total Infected	8,149	Suspected Cases	12,167	Total confirmed Deaths	171
Current Total Infected Outside China	87	Deaths outside of China	0	Total Confirmed Recoveries	135
<b>Current confirmed case numbers outside of mainland China</b>	Thailand (14), Japan (11), Singapore (10), Hong Kong (10), Malaysia (7), Australia (7), France (5), United States (5), Korea (4), Germany (4), Canada (3), Vietnam (2), Nepal (1), Cambodia (1), Sri Lanka (1), United Arab Emirates (1), Finland (1), India (1)				
<b>Travel Restrictions (these restrictions remain fluid and are subject to change at short notice, keep up to date with potential restrictions if travelling)</b>					
<b>China</b>	<b>Complete "quarantine" (no movements in and out of the city &amp; airport shutdown)</b>		Wuhan		
	<b>Restrictions on movement and public transport</b>		Hubei Province, Hong Kong SAR		
	<b>Limited restrictions on public transport services (i.e. long-distance bus services, ride-hailing services, inter-city travel)</b>		Beijing, Tianjin city, Xi'an, Hebei Province and Shanghai		
<b>Countries advising against non-essential travel to China</b>	United States, United Kingdom, New Zealand, Taiwan, South Korea, France, Australia, Israel, India				
<b>Notable countries with flight cancellations to China</b>	UK, US, Hong Kong, France, India, Australia, Japan, Spain, Malaysia, Germany, Finland, Egypt, South Korea, Indonesia, The Netherlands, Canada				
<b>Border closures</b>	Kazakhstan, Russia, North Korea				

**Solace Global Advice**

- Solace Global advises against all travel to Hubei Province due to travel restrictions currently in place and the current outbreak.
- Solace Global advises against non-essential travel to wider China, Hong Kong and Macau. Travel restrictions, both within the country and to and from home countries may be implemented with little or no notice.
- Continue to monitor the situation closely, further travel restrictions, both in China and internationally, may be announced at any time.
- Do not travel if ill, as you may be subject to additional screening and delays, regardless of destination or country of origin.

If currently in or travelling to China:

- Strictly monitor all updates via both local and international media, Chinese and other government authorities and Solace Secure. Additionally, make use of Solace Traveller Tracking on the Solace Secure App; check-in when you land, daily and following any location changes.
- Always maintain a good hygiene level and wear a surgical mask whilst in public places, wash hands regularly, and avoid those who are obviously sick.
- Travellers and residents should be prepared for travel restrictions to be put into effect with little or no advance notice, with restrictions on certain areas.
- Ensure all food and eggs are thoroughly cooked.