



# Wuhan Coronavirus Update 11 February

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**Executive Summary**

Solace Global advises against all travel to China at this time due to the ongoing travel restrictions, cancelled flights, confirmed cases of the virus and government warnings. Be aware that business operations in China continue to face significant disruption, despite the reported return to work.

**Latest Updates**

On 11 February, authorities in Hong Kong evacuated around 100 residents from the Cheung Hong housing complex in Tsing Yi. Officials are investigating the building’s drainage pipes amid worries the virus may have been spread through the system. Carrie Lam, Hong Kong’s Chief Executive, has appealed for people in Hong Kong to stay indoors as much as possible to limit the further spread of the disease.

In Thailand, authorities have prevented the *MS Westerdam*, a cruise ship operated by Holland America, from docking in Bangkok after it had already been prevented from docking in Japan and the Philippines. Elsewhere, in the UK, officials in Brighton are working to trace roughly a dozen patients of two healthcare workers following the closure of a doctor’s practice. Reports in Saudi Arabia indicated that since January 2020 there have been 15 cases of Middle East respiratory syndrome (MERS) in the country.

The LPGA Thailand and Golf’s Women’s World Championship in Singapore, due to take place 20-23 February and 27 February-1 March respectively, have been cancelled. Mercedes F1 team principal, Toto Wolff, has stated that it looks as if the Chinese Grand Prix, scheduled to take place 19 April, will go ahead. No official statement has been made by the Formula 1 governing body or the FIA at this time.

The government of St Lucia has imposed new restrictions on travellers from China. Non-nationals are now barred from entering the country if they have been to China within the last 14 days whilst Saint Lucian nationals who have visited China in the last 14 days will be placed in quarantine. In addition, South Korea has “strongly advised” its citizens not to travel to Japan, Taiwan, Malaysia, Vietnam, Thailand and Singapore. The director of the London School of Hygiene & Tropical Medicine, said the outbreak is likely to become a pandemic, adding he was becoming “increasingly alarmed” about the rate of infection.

<b>Current Statistics (numbers vary between sources)</b>					
Current Total Infected (increase)	43,138 (+3,115)	Suspected Cases	21,675 (+4,008)	Total confirmed Deaths	1,018 (+108)
Current Total Infected Outside China	464 (+84)	Deaths outside of China	2	Total Confirmed Recoveries	4,052 (+907)
<b>Current confirmed case numbers outside of mainland China</b>	Singapore (45), Hong Kong (42) Thailand (32), South Korea (28), Japan (26 + 135 on Diamond Princess), Malaysia (18), Taiwan (18), Australia (15), Vietnam (15), Germany (14), United States (13), France (11), Macau (10), UK (8), United Arab Emirates (8), United Arab Emirates (7), Canada (7), India (3), Italy (3), Philippines (3), Russia (2), Spain (2), Nepal (1), Cambodia (1), Sri Lanka (1), Sweden (1), Finland (1), Belgium (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>Quarantined cities/regions</b>	Majority of Hubei Province, Wenzhou, Nanchang			
	<b>Limited restrictions on public transport services (i.e. long-distance bus services, ride-hailing services, inter-city travel)</b>	Majority of Chinese cities, additional health screenings at all public transport hubs			
<b>Countries advising against all travel to China</b>	United States, Japan, Australia, New Zealand, South Korea				
<b>Countries advising against non-essential travel to China</b>	United Kingdom (the UK is advising citizens to leave China if they can), Taiwan, South Korea, France, Israel, India, Netherlands, Italy				
<b>Notable countries with flight cancellations to China</b>	Majority of international airlines have cancelled all flights to China, Chinese airlines continue to operate limited schedules at this time.				
<b>Countries denying entry</b>	<b>To those who have recently been to China:</b> US, Australia, Singapore, Vietnam, Taiwan, Indonesia, Philippines (including HK and Macau), Kazakhstan, Kuwait (including HK), Malaysia, N Korea. <b>To those travelling directly from China:</b> New Zealand, Israel, Bangladesh, India, Vietnam, Commonwealth of Northern Mariana Islands, Iraq, Samoa, Jamaica. <b>To those who have visited Hubei Province:</b> Japan, South Korea, Brunei. <b>Border closure:</b> Afghanistan, Bhutan, India, Kazakhstan, Mongolia, Russia (partially), North Korea, Nepal Tajikistan, Vietnam.				

**Solace Global Advice**

- Solace Global advises against all travel to China due to travel restrictions currently in place and the current outbreak. There is limited flight availability and further travel restrictions, both within China and to and from home countries, may be implemented with little or no notice.
- Solace Global advises against non-essential travel to Hong Kong and Macau.
- Continue to monitor the situation closely, the situation remains fluid and new travel restrictions and further outbreaks may occur with no warning.
- Do not travel if ill, as you may be subject to additional screening, delays and even quarantine, 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.
- Ensure all food and eggs are thoroughly cooked.