



COVID-19 Outbreak Update

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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. Business operations in China continue to face significant disruption and further travel restrictions in both China and Asia are possible.

Latest Updates

The National Health Commission of China, in its February 14 official report, deducted 108 previously reported deaths and 1,043 previously reported cases from the total in Hubei Province due to "repeated statistics." Japan has confirmed its first coronavirus death on Thursday to be a woman in her 80s living in Kanagawa prefecture, near Tokyo, adding to two previous fatalities outside of mainland China (one in Hong Kong and one in the Philippines). The daily increase had gone down from yesterday's spike; however, the number of new confirmed cases is still at a higher rate than before the change in detection method.

Health authorities in Japan have reported more confirmed cases aboard the *Diamond Princess*, Yokohama, bringing the total to at least 223 cases amongst the passengers and crew, as well as one quarantine officer. Royal Caribbean has announced it is cancelling 18 cruises across South East Asia. St Vincent and the Grenadines has introduced new measures that require any traveller who has visited China in the past 14 days to undergo a 14-day quarantine upon arrival in the country. The government has also advised against all non-essential travel to China. German airline Lufthansa has announced that it will suspend all flights to mainland China until 28 March.

China National Biotec Group announced has announced that virus-neutralising antibodies have been detected in the plasma of patients who have recovered from COVID-19, with experiments proving they can effectively kill the virus. The company claimed it had successfully prepared the plasma for clinical treatment after strict biological safety testing, virus inactivation and antiviral activity testing. The plasma has already been used to treat 11 patients in critical condition with promising results, the company said.

Current Statistics (numbers vary between sources)					
Current Total Infected (new cases)	64,447 (+5,106)	Suspected Cases	10,109 (+2,450)	Total confirmed Deaths	1,383 (+14)
Current Total Infected Outside China	589 (+68)	Deaths outside of China	3 (+1)	Total Confirmed Recoveries	6,982(+915)
Current confirmed case numbers outside of mainland China	Singapore (58), Hong Kong (53), Thailand (33), Japan (29 + 223 on Diamond Princess), South Korea (28), Malaysia (19), Taiwan (18), Germany (16), Vietnam (16), Australia (15), USA (15), France (11), Macau (10), UK (9), United Arab Emirates (8), Canada (7), India (5), Italy (3), Philippines (3), Russia (2), Spain (2), Nepal (1), Cambodia (1), Sri Lanka (1), Sweden (1), Finland (1), Belgium (1)				
Travel Restrictions (these restrictions remain fluid and are subject to change at short notice, keep up to date with potential restrictions if travelling)					
China	Quarantined cities/regions	Majority of Hubei Province, Wenzhou, Nanchang			
	Limited restrictions on public transport services (i.e. long-distance bus services, ride-hailing services, inter-city travel)	Majority of Chinese cities, additional health screenings at all public transport hubs			
Countries advising against all travel to China	Australia, Japan, New Zealand, South Korea, United States				
Countries advising against non-essential travel to China	France, India, Israel, Italy, Netherlands, South Korea (the SK government is also asking citizens to refrain from trips to countries in Southeast Asia), Taiwan, United Kingdom (the UK is advising citizens to leave China if they can), St Vincent and the Grenadines				
Notable countries with flight cancellations to China	Majority of international airlines have cancelled all flights to China, Chinese airlines continue to operate limited schedules at this time.				
Countries denying entry	To those who have recently been to China: Australia, Indonesia, Kazakhstan, Kuwait (including HK), Madagascar, Malaysia, N Korea, Philippines (including HK and Macau), Singapore, Taiwan, US, Vietnam. To those travelling directly from China: Bangladesh, Commonwealth of Northern Mariana Islands, India, Iraq, Israel, Jamaica. New Zealand, Samoa, Vietnam. To those who have visited Hubei Province: Brunei, Japan (also includes those arriving from Zhejiang), South Korea. Border closure: Afghanistan, Bhutan, India, Kazakhstan, Mongolia, Nepal, North Korea, Russia, 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.
- Monitor yourself for symptoms, should you suspect that you have contracted the virus, self-quarantine and immediately call your relevant embassy and/or the local authorities.

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.
- Always maintain a good hygiene level, use hand sanitizer and wash hands regularly, and wear a surgical mask whilst in public places.
- Travellers and residents should be prepared for further travel restrictions to be put into effect with little or no advanced notice.