



Wuhan Coronavirus Update 5 February

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Executive Summary

Solace Global advises against all travel to China at this time due to the growing number of travel restrictions, cancelled flights, confirmed cases and government warnings. Be aware that a high number of businesses in China remain closed and restrictions on domestic public transport are in effect.

Latest Updates

A cruise ship, the Diamond Princess, with around 3700 passengers and crew onboard, has been placed under quarantine in Japan for at least two weeks after 10 people tested positive for coronavirus. Those infected have been taken ashore in Yokohama, where the vessel is currently moored, and are receiving medical treatment. Additionally, in Hong Kong, passengers and crew onboard another cruise ship, the World Dream, have been placed under quarantine after 30 crew members displayed symptoms of the virus.

There have been unconfirmed reports of an experimental antiviral medication that may help fight the coronavirus; however, it is too early to draw definitive conclusions regarding any form of treatments. The US government has begun its second airlift of US Citizens out of Wuhan. The State Department has confirmed that several large jets will be used to move Americans to an unnamed US military base, where they will be placed under quarantine for several weeks. Additionally, 80 Russians have been evacuated from Wuhan to Roshchino Airport in Tyumen. The UK is also preparing a final evacuation flight on 9 February, while Uzbekistan has evacuated 84 people from the Chinese city of Wuhan and will place them in quarantine upon arrival in Tashkent.

In South Korea, Hyundai has halted car production due to a lack of parts arriving from mainland China. Though production will continue at Hyundai’s facilities in other areas of the world, the closure underlines the growing economic impact of the outbreak beyond China. Numerous events have also been cancelled across China and Asia, including the Formula E race and the LPGA Tour event, both on Hainan Island.

In China, travel restrictions due to the outbreak are resulting in tens of thousands of workers being stranded in their hometowns and the subsequent labour shortages are now threatening to hamper Apple’s iPhone production. In Hong Kong, travellers from mainland China will be required to undergo compulsory quarantine for 14 days. Cathay Pacific, who are based in Hong Kong, have asked staff to take unpaid leave for three weeks due to drop in demand, the airline is set to cut 90 percent of flights to mainland China and 30 percent overall capacity. Other airlines are also limiting the number of flights to and from China.

Current Statistics (numbers vary between sources)				
Current Total Infected (increase)	24,597 (+4,095)	Suspected Cases	23,260 (+3,971)	Total confirmed Deaths 492 (+67)
Current Total Infected Outside China	213 (+21)	Deaths outside of China	1	Total Confirmed Recoveries 912 (+282)
Current confirmed case numbers outside of mainland China	Thailand (25), Singapore (24), Japan (33), Hong Kong (17), South Korea (18), Australia (13), Germany (12), Taiwan (11), United States (11), Malaysia (10), Macau (10), Vietnam (10), France (6), United Arab Emirates (5), Canada (4), India (3), Italy (2), Russia (2), Philippines (3), United Kingdom (2), Nepal (1), Cambodia (1), Sri Lanka (1), Sweden (1), Finland (1), Spain (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		
	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	United States, Japan, Australia, New Zealand, South Korea			
Countries advising against non-essential travel to China	United Kingdom (the UK is advising citizens to leave China if they can), Taiwan, South Korea, France, Israel, India, Netherlands			
Notable countries with flight cancellations to China	Majority of international airlines have cancelled flights to China, Chinese airlines continue to operate limited schedules at this time. All flights have been suspended between China and Egypt, Finland, Indonesia, UK, Italy			
Countries denying entry	To those who have recently been to China: US, Australia, Singapore, Vietnam, Taiwan, Indonesia, Philippines. To those travelling directly from China: New Zealand, Israel, Bangladesh, India, Vietnam. To those who have visited Hubei Province: Japan, South Korea. Border closure: Mongolia, Russia (partially), North Korea.			

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.