



# Wuhan Coronavirus Update 6 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 of the virus and government warnings. Be aware that business operations in China have been significantly disrupted, with many companies closed.

**Latest Updates**

Another 350 American evacuees from Wuhan have been placed under quarantine at two Californian military bases, bringing the total number to 400. Around 200 Canadian nationals are also set to be evacuated. Meanwhile, 10 new cases of the virus were confirmed among passengers of the Diamond Princess cruise ship, quarantined in Yokohama Port. Elsewhere, authorities at Egypt’s Damietta Port have also quarantined the crew of a ship from Shanghai.

Global travel restrictions have increased, Taiwan has banned all international cruise liners from docking on the island. Additionally, from 7 February onwards, all travellers from Hong Kong and Macau will be subject to a 14-day home/hotel quarantine after landing in Taiwan. Those affected must remain indoors and wear a mask throughout the 14-day period. Similarly, Brunei authorities have announced that foreign visitors from China’s Hubei Province will be denied entry to the country. Furthermore, anyone who has visited China within two weeks of their arrival will be quarantined for 14 days.

Virgin Australia has announced that it will permanently cancel all its flights from Australia to Hong Kong. The airline stated that the routes were commercially unviable due to lack of demand caused by the Hong Kong protests and coronavirus outbreak. Flights from Melbourne will cease on 11 February, whilst the Hong Kong-Sydney service will terminate on 2 March. Meanwhile, the Philippine National Games and National Sports Summit have been postponed.

In China, the experimental antiviral drug Remdesivir is moving closer to being approved for treatment as stage-three clinical tests began in Wuhan, where construction of a second temporary hospital has been completed. The city of Nanchang in Jiangxi Province has been placed on lockdown. Movement in and out of the city and between districts will be strictly controlled with checkpoints and mandatory temperature readings. People have been instructed to stay indoors, refrain from congregating in groups and to designate only one family member to venture out to buy supplies. Police have started to use drones to help enforce edicts on the wearing of masks in public. Foreign pilots from China Southern, Hainan, Xiamen and other Chinese airlines have been put on indefinite unpaid leave.

<b>Current Statistics (numbers vary between sources)</b>					
Current Total Infected (increase)	28,336 (+3,739)	Suspected Cases	24,702 (+5,328)	Total confirmed Deaths	565 (+73)
Current Total Infected Outside China	257 (+44)	Deaths outside of China	2 (+1)	Total Confirmed Recoveries	1,252 (+360)
<b>Current confirmed case numbers outside of mainland China</b>	Japan (45), Singapore (28), Thailand (25), South Korea (23), Hong Kong (21), Australia (14), Germany (12), United States (12), Malaysia (12), Taiwan (11), Macau (10), Vietnam (10), France (6), United Arab Emirates (5), Canada (5), India (3), Italy (2), Russia (2), Philippines (2), United Kingdom (2), Nepal (1), Cambodia (1), Sri Lanka (1), Sweden (1), Finland (1), Spain (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				
<b>Notable countries with flight cancellations to China</b>	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				
<b>Countries denying entry</b>	<b>To those who have recently been to China:</b> US, Australia, Singapore, Vietnam, Taiwan, Indonesia, Philippines. <b>To those travelling directly from China:</b> New Zealand, Israel, Bangladesh, India, Vietnam. <b>To those who have visited Hubei Province:</b> Japan, South Korea, Brunei. <b>Border closure:</b> 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.