



Wuhan Coronavirus Update 8 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 remaining closed.

Latest Updates

Reported deaths from the outbreak of coronavirus in China have risen after falling for two days. Updated reports indicate that, two foreign nationals, a Japanese and an American, have died in Wuhan as a result of the virus. These are the first cases of foreign nationals dying in China due to the outbreak. The country has begun trialling an anti-viral agent intended to treat the virus.

In Hong Kong, people entering the region from mainland China, will now have to undergo 14 days compulsory quarantine. Those breaching the new rules face a fine and a prison sentence. Cruise line operators worldwide have begun refusing passengers with Chinese, Hong Kong, and Macao passports. On Friday, a coronavirus screening led Royal Caribbean to delay a cruise ship scheduled to leave New Jersey (US). In addition to this, the United Kingdom’s Department of Health and Social Care, has updated its advice asking travellers returning to the UK from China, Thailand, Japan, South Korea, Hong Kong, Taiwan, Singapore, Malaysia, and Macau to remain in self-isolation for 14 days if they begin to show symptoms of the virus.

The upgrading of the coronavirus alert level in Singapore has led to people panic-buying food, water and essential household goods. Moreover, the global demand for masks, gloves and other protective equipment has skyrocketed, leading to a supply shortage and sharp increase in price. Dozens of large trade fairs, industry conferences, and major international sporting events have been cancelled or postponed, both in China and overseas.

Current Statistics (numbers vary between sources)					
Current Total Infected (increase)	34,917 (+3,413)	Suspected Cases	27,657	Total confirmed Deaths	724
Current Total Infected Outside China	327 (+63)	Deaths outside of China	2 (+0)	Total Confirmed Recoveries	2,152
Current confirmed case numbers outside of mainland China	Other (61), Singapore (33), Hong Kong (26), Japan (25), Thailand (25), South Korea (24), Taiwan (17), Australia (15), Malaysia (15), Germany (13), Vietnam (13), United States (12), Macau (10), Canada (7), United Arab Emirates (7), France (6), India (3), UK (3), Italy (3), Philippines (3), Russia (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, 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	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 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: US, Australia, Singapore, Vietnam, Taiwan, Indonesia, Philippines (including HK and Macau), Kazakhstan, Kuwait (including HK), Malaysia, N Korea. To those travelling directly from China: New Zealand, Israel, Bangladesh, India, Vietnam, Commonwealth of Northern Mariana Islands, Iraq, Samoa, Jamaica. To those who have visited Hubei Province: Japan, South Korea, Brunei. Border closure: 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.