



# Wuhan Coronavirus Update 9 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**

Fatalities from the outbreak of coronavirus have surpassed that of the 2002/2003 Severe Acute Respiratory Syndrome (SARS) epidemic. Social media users in China are expressing their anger at the death of Li Wenliang, a 34-year-old doctor who died after contracting the virus while working in Wuhan. Wenliang attempted to raise the alarm but was accused of spreading rumours by police. In social media posts, many Chinese citizens have accused the government of having suppressed early reports of the outbreak. Researchers in the country have linked the outbreak of the virus to the pangolin, an animal popular in traditional Chinese medicine.

In the US, the Chicago couple diagnosed with the virus last month have been discharged from hospital. Evidence now suggests that, in China, the virus is spreading easily from patients to doctors. China’s National Health Commission issued a statement saying supplies of medical clothing, used to protect medical workers from infection, are insufficient.

Singapore’s Prime Minister has urged people to keep calm as shoppers continue to panic buy food and basic supplies. Police in Hungary say they have unearthed dozens of fake news websites and social media pages claiming people in the country have been infected and died as a result of the virus. Countries including Brazil, the Philippines and the United Kingdom continue to evacuate nationals from China. Authorities in France have closed two schools following the discovery of five new cases, all of whom are British citizens.

**Current Statistics (numbers vary between sources)**

Current Total Infected (increase)	37,525 (+2,608)	Suspected Cases	28,942	Total confirmed Deaths	813 (+89)
Current Total Infected Outside China	361 (+34)	Deaths outside of China	2 (+0)	Total Confirmed Recoveries	2,701

**Current confirmed case numbers outside of mainland China**  
 Other (61), Singapore (40), Thailand (32), Hong Kong (26), Japan (26), South Korea (25), Taiwan (18), Malaysia (16), Australia (15), Germany (14), Vietnam (14), United States (12), France (11), Macau (10), Canada (7), United Arab Emirates (7), 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)**

<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

**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, Italy

**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.