



Wuhan Coronavirus Update 10 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 continue to face significant disruption.

Latest Updates

The virus has now surpassed 40,000 confirmed cases, with the total now standing at 40,573. Of this at least 40,195 are reported in China and the death toll now stands at 910, of those fatalities 909 have occurred in China (including one in Hong Kong). On the 9 February, Chinese authorities announced 97 people had died as a result of the virus in China, the highest number of fatalities in one day. The World Health Organization has dispatched a team of experts to Beijing to assist in the investigation of the virus. The total number of fatalities has now surpassed both SARS and MERS.

Internationally, the UK has stated that the number of confirmed cases in the country has doubled to eight, with the UK designating the virus a “serious and imminent threat” to public health. Also in the UK, the final evacuation flight landed at RAF Brize Norton in Oxfordshire with 200 travellers from the UK and other European countries. In Europe, Germany (14) and France (11) have both recorded more cases than the UK. Meanwhile, Spanish authorities announced that a British national living in Majorca has contracted the virus and was confirmed as having been in contact with an individual in France who contracted the virus.

In Hong Kong, authorities have allowed passengers and crew to disembark from the *World Dream* cruise ship after crew members were tested negative for the virus. There were 3,600 people on board the ship which was held in port for four days. In Japan, *The Diamond Princess* cruise ship remains isolated in the port of Yokohama. The ship has remained in port for seven days after it was confirmed an infected passenger disembarked in Hong Kong. There are 135 confirmed cases now onboard the vessel.

Chinese businesses are reopening, albeit slowly, with many people reluctant to return to large cities and managers adapting to the large numbers of new health regulations. The return to business comes as inflation reached an eight-year high, the increase in inflation presents a problem for the Chinese central bank, who have already pumped 175 billion into the country’s economy, as they will now have less monetary freedom.

Current Statistics (numbers vary between sources)					
Current Total Infected (increase)	40,536 (+3,085)	Suspected Cases	23,589 (+4,008)	Total confirmed Deaths	908 (+89)
Current Total Infected Outside China	474 (+98)	Deaths outside of China	2	Total Confirmed Recoveries	3,470 (+819)
Current confirmed case numbers outside of mainland China	Other (135), Singapore (43), Hong Kong (36) Thailand (32), South Korea (27), Japan (26), Malaysia (18), Taiwan (18), Australia (15), Germany (14), Vietnam (14), United States (12), France (11), Macau (10), UK (8), Canada (7), United Arab Emirates (7), India (3), 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	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.