



COVID-19 Outbreak Update 7 March

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Executive Summary

At this time, Solace Global advises against all travel to China; Daegu, Cheongdo and Gyeongsan in South Korea, and Iran due to ongoing travel restrictions, cancelled flights, government warnings and outbreak of COVID-19. Additionally, Solace Global advises against all non-essential travel to Hong Kong, Macau and the Emilia-Romagna, Lombardy or Veneto regions of Italy.

Latest Updates

At least 21 people onboard the *Grand Princess* cruise ship, currently stranded off of San Francisco, have tested positive for COVID-19. US Vice President Mike Pence has indicated that the vessel will be moved to a non-commercial port facility in the coming days where all of the 3500 people onboard will be tested. Elsewhere in Florida, officials reported two deaths, the first US fatalities outside the west coast.

The South by Southwest annual music and film festival, due to be held on March 13-22 in Austin, Texas, has been cancelled for the first time in its 34-year history. The cancellation marks the largest event cancellation in the United States due to the ongoing spread of COVID-19.

In Victoria, Australia, officials are working to trace at least 70 people who had been treated by a doctor that has tested positive for the virus. The doctor has been confirmed as the eleventh case in the state and continued to treat people despite displaying symptoms.

Global stock markets have continued their downward slide, while China's exports have fallen sharply as the epidemic has forced businesses to suspend operations, disrupting global supply chains. Furthermore, oil prices have also sunk as major producers gathered for a critical meeting to try to agree on production cuts to manage the falling demand for crude oil.

Current Statistics (Numbers vary between sources)

Current Total Infected (new cases)	102,257 (+2015)	Total Confirmed Recoveries	57,659 (+1,847)	Total confirmed Deaths	3,497 (+89)
Current confirmed case numbers	China (80,651), South Korea (6,767), Iran (4,747), Italy (4,636), <i>Diamond Princess</i> (696), Germany (684), France (653), Japan (420), Spain (402), USA (336), Switzerland (214), UK (164), Sweden (137), Singapore (130), Norway (129), Netherlands (128), Belgium (109), HK (108), Malaysia (83), Austria (66), Australia (64), Kuwait (58), Bahrain (60), Canada (54), Thailand (48), Taiwan (45), Iraq (46), Iceland (45), Greece (45), UAE (45), India (31), San Marino (23), Denmark (23), Lebanon (22), Israel (21), Czechia (19), Ireland (18), Algeria (17), Oman (16), Vietnam (16), Palestine (16), Egypt (15), Finland (15), Brazil (14), Ecuador (13), Portugal (13), Russia (13), Croatia (11), Qatar (11), Macau (10), Estonia (10), Georgia (9), Azerbaijan (9), Romania (9), Argentina (9), Slovenia (9), Belarus (6), Mexico (6), Pakistan (6), Philippines (5), Saudi Arabia (5), New Zealand (5), Poland (5), Senegal (4), Chile (5), Hungary (4), Indonesia (4), Luxembourg (3), North Macedonia (3), Bosnia and Herzegovina (3), Morocco (2), Cameroon (2), Afghanistan (1), Andorra (1), Armenia (1), Cambodia (1), Dominican Republic (1), Jordan (1), Latvia (1), Lithuania (1), Monaco (1), Nepal (1), Nigeria (1), Sri Lanka (1), Tunisia (1), Ukraine (1), Bhutan (1), Colombia (1), Costa Rica (1), Gibraltar (1), Liechtenstein (1), Serbia (1), South Africa (1), Vatican City (1), Peru (1), Togo (1), Slovakia (1).				
Deaths	China (3,070), Italy (197), Iran (124), South Korea (44), USA (17), France (9), Spain (8), <i>Diamond Princess</i> (6), Japan (6), Iraq (4), Australia (2), HK (2), UK (2), Thailand (1), Taiwan (1), San Marino (1), Philippines (1), Switzerland (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 and lockdown cities/regions	Majority of Hubei Province. Restrictions outside of Hubei Province are being relaxed to attempt a continuation of business as usual.
	Flight restrictions	Majority of international airlines have ceased operations to and from Chinese mainland. Flight operations to and from HK and Macau are also being impacted.
Italy	Current restrictions	Emilia-Romagna, Lombardy and Veneto regions of Italy
	Flight restrictions	While some flights continue to operate, many countries have restricted all air travel.
South Korea	Current restrictions	Daegu, Cheongdo and Gyeongsan
	Flight restrictions	Flights have been scaled back, with many countries restricting air travel.
International	As it stands, travellers from, or who have recently been to, China (including SARs and occasionally Taiwan), South Korea, Iran and Italy face a wide variety of restrictions depending on country. Travellers should contact their relevant embassy for the latest information regarding entry restrictions, flight suspensions and current country advice.	
Solace Global Advice	Advise against all travel: Mainland China; Daegu, Cheongdo and Gyeongsan (South Korea), Iran	
	Advise against all but essential travel: Hong Kong, Macau; Emilia-Romagna, Lombardy and Veneto regions of Italy	

- Solace Global advises clients and travellers to monitor countries experiencing outbreaks due to currently in place travel restrictions. Regularly check updates via your respective government agency and the World Health Organisation for travel information and potential restrictions.
- Ensure your healthcare and insurance providers are aware of any essential travel to impacted locations.
- Continue to monitor the situation closely, as 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.
- Maintain a good hygiene level, use hand sanitizer and wash hands regularly if travelling in the coming days. Additionally, monitor for symptoms, should you suspect that you have contracted the virus, self-quarantine and immediately call your relevant embassy and/or consult your doctor.