

# COVID-19 Outbreak Update 8 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, Iran and Italy’s Lombardy region due to travel restrictions, cancelled flights, forced quarantines, government warnings and outbreak of COVID-19. Additionally, Solace Global advises against all non-essential travel to Hong Kong, Macau and the Emilia-Romagna and Veneto regions of Italy.

**Latest Updates**

Italian Prime Minister Giuseppe Conte has signed a decree enacting the forced quarantine for the entire region of Lombardy and the provinces of Modena, Parma, Piacenza, Reggio Emilia, Rimini, Pesaro and Urbino, Venice, Padua, Treviso, Asti and Alessandria; the measures will be in place until 3 April. Under the lockdown decree, authorities will have the power to impose fines on people caught entering or leaving the region. Moreover, religious ceremonies such as funerals and weddings will be prohibited while leave for healthcare workers has been cancelled. The decree also provides for the closing of cinemas, gyms, bars and other public buildings. The new restrictions were implemented due to a spike of over 1,200 new cases of COVID-19 in the past 24 hours.

In Egypt, the *MS River Anuket* has been quarantined in Luxor after 45 people on board tested positive for the virus. Elsewhere, the *Grand Princess* cruise ship has been granted permission to dock in Oakland after being refused entry into San Francisco due to confirmed cases onboard.

In the US, an attendee of the annual Conservative Political Action Conference (CPAC) outside Washington has tested positive for COVID-19. The conference was attended by several senior US political figures, including President Donald Trump.

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

Current Total Infected (new cases)	106,465 (+4208)	Total Confirmed Recoveries	60,276 (+2617)	Total confirmed Deaths	3,600 (+103)
<b>Current confirmed case numbers</b>	China (80,696), South Korea (7,313), Italy (5,883), Iran (5,823), France (949), Germany (847), <i>Diamond Princess</i> (696), Spain (525), Japan (461), USA (447), Switzerland (268), UK (209), Netherlands (188), Belgium (169), Sweden (161), Norway (157), Singapore (138), HK (109), Austria (104), Malaysia (93), Bahrain (85), Australia (78), Greece (66), Kuwait (62), Canada (60), Iraq (54), Thailand (50), Iceland (50), Egypt (48), Taiwan (45), UAE (45), India (39), Lebanon (28), Denmark (27), San Marino (26), Czechia (26), Israel (25), Palestine (22), Portugal (21), Vietnam (21), Algeria (19), Brazil (19), Finland (19), Ireland (19), Oman (16), Ecuador (14), Russia (15), Ecuador (14), Georgia (13), Romania (13), Croatia (12), Qatar (12), Slovenia (12), Macau (10), Estonia (10), Azerbaijan (9), Argentina (9), Mexico (7), Saudi Arabia (7), Chile (7), Belarus (6), Pakistan (6), Philippines (6), Peru (6), Poland (6), New Zealand (5), Costa Rica (5), French Guiana (5), Hungary (5), Afghanistan (4), Senegal (4), Indonesia (4), Luxembourg (3), North Macedonia (3), Bosnia and Herzegovina (3), Morocco (2), Cameroon (2), Faroe Islands (2), Dominican Republic (2), Cambodia (2), Andorra (1), Armenia (1), Jordan (1), Latvia (1), Lithuania (1), Monaco (1), Nepal (1), Nigeria (1), Sri Lanka (1), Tunisia (1), Ukraine (1), Bhutan (1), Colombia (1), Gibraltar (1), Liechtenstein (1), Serbia (1), South Africa (1), Vatican City (1), Togo (1), Slovakia (1), Paraguay (1), Moldova (1).				
<b>Deaths</b>	China (3,097), Italy (233), Iran (145), South Korea (50), USA (19), France (16), Spain (10), <i>Diamond Princess</i> (6), Japan (6), Iraq (4), Australia (3), HK (2), UK (2), Thailand (1), Taiwan (1), San Marino (1), Philippines (1), Switzerland (1), Netherlands (1), Argentina (1), Philippines (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 and lockdown cities/regions</b>	Majority of Hubei Province. Restrictions outside of Hubei Province are being relaxed to attempt a continuation of business as usual.
	<b>Flight restrictions</b>	Majority of international airlines have ceased operations to and from Chinese mainland. Flight operations to and from HK and Macau are also being impacted.
<b>Italy</b>	<b>Current restrictions</b>	Emilia-Romagna, Lombardy and Veneto regions of Italy
	<b>Flight restrictions</b>	While some flights continue to operate, many countries have restricted all air travel.
<b>South Korea</b>	<b>Current restrictions</b>	Daegu, Cheongdo and Gyeongsan
	<b>Flight restrictions</b>	Flights have been scaled back, with many countries restricting air travel.
<b>International</b>	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, Lombardy region (Italy)
- Advise against all but essential travel:** Hong Kong, Macau; Emilia-Romagna 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.