

## Global Travel Restrictions Imposed amid COVID-19 Outbreak

### I. Inbound Travel

#### Restriction from Entering Hong Kong

- The Hong Kong SAR Government restricts non-Hong Kong residents who have visited the **Hubei Province** in the past 14 days upon arrival from entering Hong Kong since January 27, 2020.
- The Hong Kong SAR Government restricts non-Hong Kong residents who have visited **Korea** in the past 14 days from entering Hong Kong starting from 6am on February 25, 2020.

#### Compulsory Quarantine of Certain Persons Arriving at Hong Kong

- Starting from February 8, 2020, the Department of Health (DH) will issue quarantine orders to **all people entering Hong Kong from the Mainland**, including Hong Kong residents, Mainland residents and visitors from other places. People concerned must stay at designated places (quarantine centre, home or other accommodation) for a 14-day compulsory quarantine. Apart from the exempted persons under the "Compulsory Quarantine of Certain Persons Arriving at Hong Kong Regulation", people who have been to the Mainland in the past 14 days upon arrival at Hong Kong, even if they enter Hong Kong via other places, are also covered. They should not have any symptoms and should have passed temperature checks upon entry. Those with symptoms will be referred to the DH for further handling. Arrivals holding a visa with validity of less than 14 days will be denied entry.
- Starting from 6am on February 25, 2020, **all Hong Kong residents returning to Hong Kong who have been to Daegu and Gyeongsangbuk-do in Korea** in the past 14 days must stay in quarantine centre for quarantine. Hong Kong residents returning from **other cities and provinces of Korea** will be required to undergo medical surveillance for 14 days.
- Starting from 0am on March 1, 2020, **people (regardless of whether they are Hong Kong residents) arriving Hong Kong who have been to Emilia-Romagna, Lombardy or Veneto regions in Italy or Iran** in the past 14 days must stay in quarantine centre for quarantine.

More information about the latest situation of COVID-19 in Hong Kong can be found on [www.coronavirus.gov.hk](http://www.coronavirus.gov.hk)

## II. Travel Restrictions Imposed on Mainland China and Hong Kong by Other Places

Country/ Region	Confirmed Cases	Travel Ban/Restriction/Advisory	Flight Suspension
Afghanistan	1		
Algeria	5		
Andorra	1		
Argentina	1		
Armenia	1	[Feb 1] Suspends visa-free entry regime for Chinese citizens.	
Australia	43	[Feb 1] Raises travel advisory for Mainland China to Level 4: Do Not Travel. [Feb 1] Denies entry to foreign travellers who have left or passed through Mainland China in the past 14 days.	[Jan 30] Jetstar suspends flights to Hefei, Guiyang, and Xuzhou. [Feb 9] Qantas suspends the only flight to Mainland China. [Feb 20] Qantas reduces flights to Hong Kong; flights to Shanghai remain suspended. [Mar 2] Virgin Australia ceases Sydney-Hong Kong flight service (*The airline announced on Feb 6 that it would withdraw its services between Australia and Hong Kong following a comprehensive review of the route. Suspension of Melbourne-Hong Kong services announced in November 2019 and took effect on Feb 11.)
Austria	24	[Feb 5] Advises against non-essential travel to Mainland China and all travel to the province of Hubei.	
Azerbaijan	3	[Feb 1] Suspends issuance of electronic visas and visas on arrival to Chinese citizens.	[Feb 1] Azerbaijan Airlines suspends its flights to Beijing.
Bahrain	49	[Jan 31] Advises against non-essential travel to China. [Feb 13] Denies entry to foreign travellers who have been in Mainland China in the past 14 days.	
Belarus	1		
Belgium	8	[Feb 4] Advises against non-essential travel to Mainland China and all travel to the province of Hubei.	[Feb 5] Hainan Airlines suspends flights between Brussels and Shenzhen; reduces flights between Brussels and Beijing.
Brazil	2		
Bulgaria	0	[Feb 1] Advises against non-essential travel to China. [Feb 24] Raises travel alert for China to “Warning to stop any travel and leave the country immediately”.	
Cambodia	1		[Jan 29] Cambodia Airways suspends all flights to Mainland China and Macao.
Canada	30	[Feb 5] Advises against non-essential travel to Mainland China and all	[Jan 30] Air Canada suspends all flights to Mainland China.

		travel to the province of Hubei, including the cities of Wuhan, Huanggang and Ezhou.	[Mar 1] Air Canada suspends daily non-stop <b>Toronto-HK</b> flights.
Chile	1		
Croatia	9	[Jan 30] Advises against non-essential travel to China.	
Cyprus	0	[Jan 31] Advises against non-essential travel to China.	
Czech Republic	5	[Jan 30] Suspends processing of visa applications in China, including <b>Hong Kong</b> . [Feb 5] Advises against non-essential travel to Mainland China and all travel to the provinces of Hubei and Zhejiang.	[Feb 9] Government suspends all flights to and from Mainland China.
Denmark	8	[Feb 3] Advises against non-essential travel to Mainland China and all travel to the province of Hubei.	[Mar 5] Scandinavian Airlines (SAS) suspends its flights to <b>Hong Kong</b> .
Dominican Republic	1		
Ecuador	7		
Egypt	2		[Feb 1] Government suspends all flights to and from Mainland China.
Estonia	2	[Feb 10] Advises not to travel to China.	
Finland	7	[Feb 7] Advises against non-essential travel to Mainland China and all travel to the province of Hubei.	[Feb 6] Finnair suspends all flights to Mainland China.
France	285	[Feb 7] Advises against non-essential travel to China and all travel to the province of Hubei.	[Jan 30] Air France suspends all flights to Mainland China.
Georgia	3		
Germany	262	[Feb 4] Advises against all travel to the province of Hubei and non-essential travel to Mainland China.	[Jan 29] Lufthansa suspends its own, Swiss and Austrian Airlines flights to Mainland China. [Feb 14] Deutsche Post stops sending packages to China, <b>including Hong Kong</b> and Macao.
Greece	7	[Jan 26] Advises against all travel to the province of Hubei and non-essential travel to China.	
Hungary	0	[Feb 2] Advises against all travel to the province of Hubei. [Feb 10] Classifies all other parts of China, including Hong Kong and Macao, under category II (higher security risks) – exercise caution.	
Iceland	16	[Feb 25] Advises against non-essential travel to risk areas, including China.	
India	28	[Feb 2] Suspends e-visa facility for	[Jan 30] Air India suspends its

		<p>Mainland Chinese travellers and foreigners residing in Mainland China.</p> <p>[Feb 4] Cancels existing visas for Chinese and foreigners who have visited China in the past 14 days.</p> <p>[Feb 5] Suspends all visas issued to Chinese Passport holders before Feb 5. The restriction is not applicable to Chinese passport holders of <b>Hong Kong</b>, Macao and Taiwan. Foreigners who have been to Mainland China on or after Jan 15 not allowed to enter India from any air, land or seaport.</p> <p>[Feb 5] Advises to refrain from travelling to China.</p> <p>[Feb 14] Chennai Port temporarily bans entry of crew on board ships from China, including <b>Hong Kong</b> and Macao, irrespective of their nationalities or health conditions.</p> <p>[Mar 3] Suspends visas granted to foreign nationals who have travelled to China, Iran, Italy, South Korea or Japan on or after Feb 1 and have not yet entered India. Diplomats and officials of United Nations and other international bodies, Overseas Citizen of India cardholders and aircrew from countries including China, Iran, Italy, South Korea and Japan are exempted from restriction, but they must undergo medical screening.</p>	<p>Mumbai-Delhi-Shanghai flights and reduces Delhi-<b>Hong Kong</b> flights.</p> <p>[Feb 1] IndiGo suspends its Delhi-Chengdu, Bengaluru-<b>Hong Kong</b> and Kolkata-Guangzhou flights.</p> <p>[Feb 4] Indian carriers cancel all flights to China.</p> <p>[Feb 8 ] Air India suspends its Delhi-<b>Hong Kong</b> flights.</p> <p>[Feb 16] SpiceJet suspends its daily <b>Delhi-Hong Kong</b> flights.</p>
Indonesia	2	[Feb 3] Denies entry to foreign visitors who have been in Mainland China in the past 14 days; suspends visa-free and visa on arrival provisions for Chinese travellers.	[Feb 1] Lion Air suspends all flights to Mainland China. [Feb 5] Government suspends all flights to and from Mainland China.
Iran	2922	[Feb 27] Denies entry to Chinese citizens.	[Jan 31] Government bans all flights to and from China.
Iraq	31	[Feb 2] Denies entry to foreigners travelling from China.	
Ireland	2	[Feb 5] Advises against all non-essential travel to and within Mainland China.	
Israel	12	[Feb 2] Closes its airports, seaports and land crossings to foreign travellers who have been in China in the past 14 days. [Feb 16] Advises against non-	[Jan 31] El Al Israel Airlines suspends its flight to Beijing. [Feb 13] El Al Israel Airlines suspends its flight to Hong Kong.

		<p>essential travel to <b>Hong Kong</b> and Macao, in addition to Mainland China. Avoid travel to the province of Hubei.</p> <p>[Feb 16] Any person who visited China, <b>including Hong Kong</b> and Macao, for any duration over the past 14 days is required to be under 14-day self-quarantine.</p> <p>[Feb 24] Denies entry to non-citizens or non-residents who visited China, <b>including Hong Kong</b> and Macao, Thailand, Singapore, South Korea or Japan in the past 14 days.</p>	
Italy	3089	<p>[Feb 1] Advises against non-essential travel to Mainland China and all travel to the province of Hubei. No travel restriction on <b>Hong Kong</b> and Macao are in place.</p> <p>[Feb 22] Any person who has been in China, <b>including Hong Kong</b> and Macao, in the past 14 days is required to be under self-isolation at home or other selected accommodation. Alternative measures of equal force will apply if self-isolation does not prove feasible.</p>	<p>[Jan 30] Government bans all flights from China, <b>including Hong Kong</b>, Macao and Taiwan.</p> <p>[Feb 2] Government lifts suspension on cargo flights.</p>
Japan	1023	<p>[Jan 31] Advises against all travel to the province of Hubei and unnecessary travel to China, <b>including Hong Kong</b>.</p> <p>[Feb 1] Denies entry to noncitizens who have visited the province of Hubei in the past 14 days, and to those who have passports issued there.</p> <p>[Feb 13] Denies entry to (i) foreign nationals who have visited Zhejiang Province in the past 14 days, and to those who have passports issued there; (ii) foreign nationals aboard a passenger ship which sails for the purpose of entering Japanese port and carries a risk of being afflicted by an outbreak of novel coronavirus.</p> <p>[Feb 13] Denies entry to foreign nationals who are deemed as patients of novel coronavirus; imposes quarantine on foreign nationals who are suspected of being afflicted with novel coronavirus.</p>	<p>[Jan 24] All Nippon Airways suspends flights to Wuhan.</p> <p>[Feb 10] All Nippon Airways suspends flights between Narita Airport and Beijing.</p> <p>[Feb 11] Peach Aviation suspends flights to Shanghai.</p> <p>[Feb 17] Japan Airlines suspends flights between Narita Airport and Beijing.</p> <p>[Feb 17] All Nippon Airways suspends flights between Kansai Airport and <b>Hong Kong</b>.</p> <p>[Feb 17] Peach Aviation suspends flights between Okinawa and <b>Hong Kong</b>; reduces flights between Osaka and <b>Hong Kong</b>.</p> <p>[Feb 21] Japan Airlines reduces flights between Tokyo and <b>Hong Kong</b> in phases.</p> <p>[Feb 23] Jetstar Japan suspends flights between Narita Airport and <b>Hong Kong</b>.</p> <p>[Mar 2] Peach Aviation suspends</p>

			flights between Osaka and <b>Hong Kong</b> .
Jordan	1	[Feb 23] Denies entry to citizens of China, Iran and South Korea and other foreigners travelling from those countries.	
Kazakhstan	0	[Feb 3] Suspends all forms of passenger travel to and from China. [Mar 1] Travellers arriving from Mainland China and Iran are required to be under 14-day quarantine and then 10-day medical supervision. Travellers arriving from Hong Kong, Macao, Taiwan, Japan, South Korea and Italy are required to be under 14-day home quarantine.	[Feb 3] Air Astana suspends all flights to China. [Feb 3] SCAT Airlines suspends all flights to China.
Kenya	0		[Jan 31] Kenya Airways suspends the only flight to Mainland China.
Kuwait	56	[Jan 30] Denies entry to all travellers who have been in China, <b>including Hong Kong</b> , in the past 14 days. The ban covers all Kuwaiti citizens and those with residence permits or visas in Kuwait.	[Jan 31] Government bans all flights to and from China, <b>including Hong Kong</b> .
Laos	0	[Feb 2] Suspends issuance of tourist visas by embassy/consular offices in China, <b>including Hong Kong</b> .	[Feb 2] Lao Airlines suspends all flights from Vientiane to Changzhou, Shanghai and Hangzhou.
Latvia	1	[Feb 10] Advises not to travel to China.	
Lebanon	13		
Lithuania	1	[Feb 27] Travellers who have been to Mainland China, <b>Hong Kong</b> , northern Italian regions of Veneto, Lombardy, Piedmont and Emilia-Romagna, Iran, Japan, South Korea and Singapore are required to fill in a questionnaire and to avoid close social contact for two weeks.	
Luxembourg	1		
Macao	10	[Jan 23] Bans people with fever from entering or leaving Macao. [Jan 27] Denies entry to visitors from the province of Hubei and visitors that have been to Hubei within the past 14 days, unless they can present a medical declaration stating they are not carrying the virus.	
Madagascar	0		[Jan 31] Air Madagascar suspends the only flight to Mainland China.
Malaysia	50	[Jan 27] Denies entry to Chinese nationals arriving from the city of	[Jan 30] Sabah state government suspends all flights from China,

		<p>Wuhan and surrounding province of Hubei.</p> <p>[Feb 1] All China nationals and foreigners who have been to China in the past 14 days will be denied entry to Sarawak state.</p> <p>[Feb 9] Denies entry to travellers who have been in the provinces of Hubei, Zhejiang and Jiangsu in the past 14 days.</p> <p>[Mar 4] Sarawak State denies entry to foreign travellers who have been to Mainland China, <b>Hong Kong</b>, Macao, Taiwan, South Korea, Italy and Iran in the past 14 days.</p>	including scheduled and chartered flights.
Maldives	0	[Feb 3] Denies entry to foreign travellers who have left or transited through Mainland China.	[Jan 30] Government bans all flights to and from China.
Mauritius	0	[Feb 2] Denies entry to foreign travellers who have been in China in the past 14 days.	[Jan 31] Air Mauritius suspends the only flight to Mainland China.
Mexico	5		
Monaco	1		
Mongolia	0	<p>[Jan 27] Closes all ports of entry from and into China.</p> <p>[Feb 1] Restricts entry of foreign nationals who have travelled to/or arriving from the territories of the People's Republic of China (including <b>Hong Kong</b>, Macao and Taiwan) into Mongolia through all border crossings with China (air, railway, auto roads).</p>	
Morocco	1		[Jan 31] Royal Air Maroc suspends all flights to China.
Myanmar	0	[Feb 1] Suspends issuance of visa on arrival to tourists from China.	[Jan 31] Myanmar Airways International suspends all charter flights to Mainland China.
Nepal	1	<p>[Jan 30] Closes its Rasuwagadhi border crossing with China.</p> <p><b>[Mar 3] Advises against non-essential travel to China.</b></p> <p><b>[Mar 10] Suspends visa-on-arrival for the nationals of China, including <b>Hong Kong</b> and Macao, Iran, Italy, South Korea, and Japan.</b></p>	[Jan 24] Himalaya Airlines reduces flights to Mainland China.
New Zealand	2	<p>[Feb 2] Raises travel advice for Mainland China to "Do not travel", the highest level.</p> <p>[Feb 3] Denies entry to visitors departing from or transiting through Mainland China in the past 14 days.</p>	[Feb 1] Air New Zealand suspends the only flight to Mainland China.

		[Feb 25] Denies entry to any person who was a passenger or crew on board the Diamond Princess Cruise ship operated by Princess Cruises, or any other notified cruise ship, within 14 days of disembarking from the cruise ship.	
Nigeria	1		
North Korea	0	[Jan 21] Closes its borders to all foreign tourists.	[Jan 31] Government suspends all flights and trains to and from China.
North Macedonia	1		
Norway	32	[Jan 29] Advises against all travel to the province of Hubei. [Feb 17] Advises against non-essential travel to Mainland China.	
Oman	12	[Mar 2] Denies entry to travellers coming from countries where COVID-19 is prevalent.	[Feb 3] Oman Air suspends the only flight to Mainland China.
Pakistan	5		
Palau	0	[Jan 30] Advises against non-essential travel to China, <b>including Hong Kong</b> and Macao. [Feb 5] Denies entry to foreigners traveling from or transiting through China, including <b>Hong Kong</b> and Macao.	[Feb 1] Government suspends all flights to and from China, <b>including Hong Kong</b> and Macao.
Papua New Guinea	0	[Jan 30] Denies entry to travellers arriving from the city of Wuhan; denies entry to travellers who have been in China in the past 14 days until cleared by medical facility.	
Poland	1	[Feb 7] Advises against non-essential travel to Mainland China and all travel to the province of Hubei. No travel restriction on Hong Kong and Macao but should exercise special caution while travelling.	[Feb 1] LOT suspends all flights to Mainland China.
Portugal	2	[Feb 7] Advises against non-essential travel to China and all travel to the province of Hubei.	
Qatar	8		[Feb 3] Qatar Airways suspends flights to Mainland China.
Romania	4	[Feb 9] Advises against non-essential travel to China.	
Russia	3	[Jan 30] Closes land border with China [Jan 30] Advises to refrain from all trips to China. [Feb 2] Suspends visa-free travel for tourists to and from China; stops	[Jan 27] Ural Airlines suspends the only flight to Mainland China. [Feb 18] Aeroflot reduces flights to Mainland China. [Mar 1] Aeroflot reduces flights to <b>Hong Kong</b> .

		accepting and issuing documents for work visas to Chinese nationals. [Feb 20] Denies entry to Chinese citizens, <b>including Hong Kong</b> and Macao citizens, travelling for work, private, educational and tourist purposes.	
Samoa	0	[Feb 4] Travellers originating from or transiting through the China, <b>including Hong Kong</b> and Macao, are required to be under 14-day self-quarantine at country of last port that is free of the novel coronavirus and must undergo medical clearance within 3 days prior to final route to Samoa.	
San Marino	8		
Saudi Arabia	1	[Jan 26] Advises Saudi citizens to leave <b>Hong Kong</b> and postpone visit to Hong Kong [Feb 6] Suspends travel <b>to China, including Hong Kong</b> and Macao for Saudi citizens and non-Saudi residents; stops issuing visas to PRC, <b>HKSAR</b> , Macao SAR, and Taiwan passport holders and residents.	[Feb 2] Saudi Arabian Airlines (SAUDIA) suspends all flights to Mainland China.
Senegal	1		
Singapore	112	[Feb 1] Denies entry to all Chinese (PRC) passport holders and foreigners with a recent history of travel to Mainland China in the past 14 days. [Feb 6] Advises Singaporeans to defer all travel to the province of Hubei and all non-essential travel to Mainland China. [Feb 18] Introduces stricter isolation category for Singapore residents and long-term pass holders returning from Mainland China, making it mandatory for returnees to remain at home at all times for 14 days.	[Feb 1] Scoot reduces flights <b>to Hong Kong</b> and Macao. [Feb 3] Singapore Airlines reduces flights to Mainland China. [Feb 4] Singapore Post suspends all International Air services to China, including <b>Hong Kong</b> and Macao, except SpeedPost Express. [Feb 8] Jetstar suspends all flights to Mainland China. [Feb 8] Scoot suspends all flights to Mainland China. [Feb 15] Jetstar Asia suspends its <b>Singapore-Hong Kong</b> flights. [Feb 17] Singapore Airlines further reduces its <b>Singapore-Hong Kong</b> service from 6 to 3 daily flights. [Feb 17] Singapore Airlines removes the <b>Hong Kong stop</b> from a Singapore-Hong Kong-San Francisco service on flights SQ001 and SQ002.
Slovenia	0	[Feb 7] Advises against travel to the provinces of Hubei, Hunan, Henan, Guangdong and Zhejiang; advises to	

		delay non-urgent trips to Mainland China.	
South Korea	5766	<p>[Feb 4] Denies entry to any foreigners who have traveled to the province of Hubei in the past 14 days; any foreigners who have Korean visa issued by Korean Consulate General in Wuhan; and any Chinese whose passport is issued by the province of Hubei. Suspends Jeju Visa Waiver Program.</p> <p>[Feb 12] Designates HK and Macao as "contaminated areas" in addition to Mainland China. Strengthens entry procedures for all travellers coming from Hong Kong and Macao.</p>	<p>[Jan 29] Air Seoul suspends flights to Wuhan, Zhangjiajie and Linyi.</p> <p>[Jan 30] Eastar Jet suspends flights to Mainland China and reduces flights to Macao.</p> <p>[Feb 1] Asiana Airlines suspends flights to Guilin, Changsha and Haikou.</p> <p>[Feb 2] Korean Air suspends flights to nine Mainland Chinese cities.</p> <p>[Feb 8] Easter Jet suspends its flights between Incheon and <b>Hong Kong</b>.</p> <p>[Feb 10] All Korean airlines (Jin Air, T'way, Jeju Air, Air Busan, Easter Jet) suspend flights between Macao and Korea.</p> <p>[Feb 16] Air Busan suspends its flights between Busan and <b>Hong Kong</b>.</p> <p>[Feb 19] Jeju Air suspends its flights between Jeju and <b>Hong Kong</b>.</p> <p>[Feb 25] Korean Air suspends flights between Incheon and <b>Hong Kong</b>.</p>
Spain	200	[Feb 5] Advises against non-essential travel to Mainland China.	[Jan 31] Iberia suspends the only flight to Mainland China.
Sri Lanka	1	[Jan 28] Suspends issuance of visas on arrival to Chinese tourists.	[Feb 6] SriLankan Airlines reduces flights to Mainland China.
Sweden	24	<p>[Jan 26] Advises against non-essential travel to the province of Hubei.</p> <p>[Feb 11] Advises against all trips to Hubei Province, and unnecessary trips to Zhejiang Province.</p> <p>[Feb 18] Advises against non-essential travel to Mainland China and all travel to the province of Hubei.</p>	[Jan 31] Scandinavian Airlines (SAS) suspends all flights to Mainland China.
Switzerland	37	[Feb 4] Advises against travel to the province of Hubei.	
Taiwan	42	<p>[Jan 27] Denies entry to Chinese nationals who are residents of or whose household is in Hubei, even if they hold a valid Entry Permit for Taiwan.</p> <p>[Feb 2] Chinese nationals from Guangdong will be denied entry.</p> <p>[Feb 5] Chinese nationals from Zhejiang will be denied entry.</p> <p>[Feb 5] Raises travel advice for the Mainland to "do not travel".</p> <p>[Feb 6] Travellers with a history of</p>	<p>[Jan 31] China Airlines cancels some flights to cities across the Mainland.</p> <p>[Feb 3] China Airlines cancels some flights <b>to Hong Kong</b>.</p> <p>[Feb 7] Eva Air cancels some flights <b>to Hong Kong</b>.</p> <p>[Feb 10] Government bans flights between Taiwan and airports in the Mainland except for those in Beijing, Shanghai, Xiamen, Chengdu.</p>

		<p>travel to the Mainland, <b>Hong Kong</b> or Macao, are required to be under 14-day home quarantine after entering Taiwan; travellers returning to Taiwan who were permitted to visit Hong Kong and Macao are required to conduct self-health management for 14 days.</p> <p>[Feb 6] Denies entry to all Mainland Chinese residents.</p> <p>[Feb 7] Denies entry to foreign travellers who have been in the Mainland, <b>Hong Kong</b> or Macao, in the past 14 days.</p> <p>[Feb 7] Suspends issuance of entry permit for <b>Hong Kong</b> and Macao residents; Hong Kong and Macao residents with residential permits or entry permits issued before Feb 7 are required to be under 14-day home quarantine after entering Taiwan.</p> <p>[Feb 10] Travellers transiting through the Mainland, <b>Hong Kong</b> or Macao and granted entry into Taiwan are required to be under 14-day home quarantine.</p> <p>[Feb 11] Denies entry to <b>Hong Kong</b> and Macao Residents, excluding people travelling for executing contracts or those being deployed by multinational companies, and young children and spouses of Taiwanese who have obtained Taiwan resident permits.</p> <p>[Feb 11] Raises travel alert for <b>Hong Kong</b> and Macao to Level 3, warning residents to avoid non-essential trips to the two SARs.</p> <p>[Feb 12] Exemption proposed for the entry of Taiwanese citizens' spouses and children who are still Mainland Chinese residents retracted.</p>	
Thailand	43	<p>[Feb 1] Requests arriving Chinese tourists to provide medical certificates stating they are healthy and free of infection from the novel coronavirus.</p> <p>[Feb 25] Advises to avoid unnecessary travel to areas with ongoing local transmission, including Mainland China, <b>Hong Kong</b>, Macao, Taiwan, some areas in South Korea</p>	<p>[Feb 1] Thai Smile Air suspends all flights to Mainland China.</p> <p>[Feb 8] Thai Airways reduces flights to Mainland China.</p>

		and Japan, Singapore, Italy, Iran.	
The Netherlands	28	[Feb 5] Advises against all travel to the province of Hubei and non-essential travel to Mainland China.	[Jan 30] KLM suspends flights to Xiamen, Chengdu, and Hangzhou, Beijing and Shanghai.
The Philippines	3	[Feb 2] Denies entry to foreign travellers from China, <b>including Hong Kong</b> and Macao, and foreign travellers who have been in China, <b>including Hong Kong</b> and Macao, in the past 14 days; temporary travel ban on Filipino visiting China, <b>including Hong Kong</b> and Macao. [Feb 11] The above measures expanded to include Taiwan. [Feb 5] Allows Filipinos in HK to travel back to the Philippines, subject to 14-day quarantine. [Feb 14] Lifts travel ban on Taiwan. [Feb 18] Lifts travel ban for domestic helpers, allowing them to return to Hong Kong and Macao; allows permanent residents of Hong Kong and Macao and Filipinos leaving to study abroad to travel to Hong Kong and Macao; allows Filipinos and their foreign spouses or children, as well as holders of diplomatic visas to enter the Philippines, subject to a 14-day quarantine.	[Feb 2] Philippine Airlines suspends all flights to China, <b>including Hong Kong</b> and Macao. [Feb 2] Cebu Pacific suspends all flights to and from China, <b>including Hong Kong</b> and Macao. [Feb 2] AirAsia suspends all flights to and from China, <b>including Hong Kong</b> and Macao. [Feb 5] Government suspends all flights to and from Mainland China. [Feb 11] Philippine Airlines and Cebu Pacific suspends all flights to and from Taiwan.
Tunisia	1		
Turkey	0	[Jan 27] Advises against non-essential travel to China.	[Jan 31] Turkish Airlines suspends all flights to Mainland China. [Feb 5] Government suspends all flights from Mainland China.
Ukraine	1	[Jan 27] Advises against non-essential travel to the province of Hubei.	
United Arab Emirates	27		[Feb 5] Government suspends all flights to and from Mainland China outside of Beijing. [Feb 21] Etihad Airways suspends its flights <b>to Hong Kong</b> .
United Kingdom	85	[Feb 4] Advises against all travel to the province of Hubei; advises against all but essential travel to the rest of Mainland China.	[Jan 29] British Airways suspends all flights to Mainland China. [Feb 2] Virgin Atlantic suspends the only flight to Mainland China. [Feb 13] British Airways cancels one of its two daily flights to Hong Kong.
United States	80	[Jan 31] Raises travel advisory for Mainland China to Level 4: Do Not Travel. [Jan 31] Maintains travel advisory for	[Jan 31] American Airlines suspends all flights to Mainland China. [Feb 4] American Airlines suspends flights <b>to Hong Kong</b> through April

		<p>Hong Kong at Level 2: Exercise Increased Caution due to the novel coronavirus and civil unrest (Note: Hong Kong has been at Level 2 due to civil unrest since August 2019).</p> <p>[Feb 2] Denies entry to foreign nationals who have traveled anywhere in China within the past 14 days.</p> <p>[Feb 10] Allows for the voluntary departure of non-emergency U.S. government employees and their family members from Hong Kong.</p> <p>[Feb 19] Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) issues Level 1 travel watch for <b>Hong Kong</b>; does not recommend canceling or postponing travel to Hong Kong.</p> <p>[Feb 21] CDC recommends that all travellers reconsider cruise ship voyages to or within Asia.</p>	<p>23 (for DFW) / April 24 (for LAX).</p> <p>[Feb 6] United Airlines suspends all flights to Mainland China.</p> <p>[Feb 6] Delta Airlines suspends all flights to Mainland China. (Delta does not operate any flight to Hong Kong)</p> <p>[Feb 8] United Airlines suspends flights <b>to Hong Kong</b>.</p> <p>[Feb 10] US Postal Service (USPS) suspends time guarantees on shipments destined for China and <b>Hong Kong</b> due to widespread airline cancellations; suspends mail transiting via USPS from other regions to Hong Kong.</p>
Vietnam	16	<p>[Jan 29] Stops issuing travel visas for <b>HKSAR</b> passport holders.</p> <p>[Jan 30] Stops issuing visas for Chinese visitors.</p> <p>[Feb 1] Stops issuing visas for foreign visitors who have been in China in the past 14 days.</p> <p>[Feb 5] Denies entry to Chinese passport holders and foreign travellers arriving from Mainland China.</p> <p>[Feb 19] Resumes processing of tourist visa for <b>HKSAR</b> passport holders, allowing HK residents with no travel history to Mainland China within the past 14 days with valid visa to enter Vietnam; flight attendants who have been in transit in Mainland airports are not subject to entry restriction; APEC cardholders with no travel history to Mainland China within the past 14 days may enter Vietnam.</p>	<p>[Feb 1] Government bars all flights to and from China; later eases its ban to allow flights from Hong Kong, Macao, and Taiwan.</p> <p>[Feb 1] Vietjet and Vietnam Airlines suspend all flights to Mainland China, <b>Hong Kong</b> and Macao.</p> <p>[Feb 5] Vietnam Airlines suspends flights from Hanoi <b>to Hong Kong</b> and Macao; reduces Ho Chi Minh City-Hong Kong flights.</p>

### III. Travel Restrictions Imposed by Cruise Lines

Cruise Line	Restriction
Cruise Lines International Association (CLIA)	[Feb 27] CLIA Members are to deny boarding to (i) all persons who have traveled from, visited or transited via airports in South Korea and China, including <b>Hong Kong</b> and Macao, within 14 days before embarkation; and (ii) all persons who, within 14 days before embarkation, have had close contact with, or helped care for, anyone suspected or diagnosed as having COVID-19,

	or who is currently subject to health monitoring for possible exposure to COVID-19.
Carnival Cruise Line	[Feb 7] Denies boarding to any guest or crew member who has been to China, including <b>Hong Kong</b> and Macao, in the 14 days prior to embarkation.
Cunard	[Feb 16] Denies boarding to any passenger who has travelled through China, Macao or <b>Hong Kong</b> within 14 days of the start of the cruise.
Holland America Line	[Feb 10] Denies boarding to any guests who have traveled from or through mainland China, <b>Hong Kong</b> , or Macao.
Norwegian Cruise Line	[Feb 10] Denies boarding to any guest that holds a Chinese, <b>Hong Kong</b> , or Macao passport and guests who have travelled from, visited or transited via airports in China, including <b>Hong Kong</b> and Macao, within 30 days of their voyage embarkation, regardless of nationality. [Feb 20] Relaxes its policy to prohibit Chinese, <b>Hong Kong</b> or Macao passport holders to board its ships.
Oceania Cruises	[Feb 20] Denies boarding to guests who have traveled from, visited or transited via airports in China, including <b>Hong Kong</b> and Macao, within 30 days of their voyage embarkation, regardless of nationality.
Princess Cruises	[Feb 7] Denies boarding to individuals who have traveled from or through mainland China, <b>Hong Kong</b> or Macao, within 14 days of the start of the cruise.
Regent Seven Seas Cruise	[Feb 16] Denies boarding to guests who hold a Chinese, <b>Hong Kong</b> or Macao passport, regardless of where they reside. [Feb 20] Relaxes its policy to prohibit Chinese, <b>Hong Kong</b> or Macao passport holders to board its ships; denies boarding to guests who have traveled from, visited or transited via airports in China, including <b>Hong Kong</b> and Macao, within 30 days of their voyage embarkation, regardless of nationality.
Royal Caribbean Cruises	[Feb 10] Denies boarding to individuals who have traveled from, to or through mainland China, <b>Hong Kong</b> and Macao in the past 15 days, and those who have been in close contact with persons who have traveled from, through or to China, <b>Hong Kong</b> and Macao in the past 15 days.
TUI Cruises	[Feb 13] Denies boarding to any person who has travelled to China (including <b>Hong Kong</b> and Macao), or has used an airport in these places as a transit point or has been in contact with any people living in China in the last 28 days prior to embarkation.

\*The above is for internal reference only. It is compiled based on media reports and Internet search, and is not exhaustive.

\*Updated WHO recommendations for international traffic in relation to COVID-19 outbreak (Feb 29)

[https://www.who.int/ith/2019-nCoV\\_advice\\_for\\_international\\_traffic-rev/en/](https://www.who.int/ith/2019-nCoV_advice_for_international_traffic-rev/en/)

WHO continues to advise against the application of travel or trade restrictions to countries experiencing COVID-19 outbreaks. In general, evidence shows that restricting the movement of people and goods during public health emergencies is ineffective in most situations and may divert resources from other interventions. Furthermore, restrictions may interrupt needed aid and technical support, may disrupt businesses, and may have negative social and economic effects on the affected countries. However, in certain circumstances,

measures that restrict the movement of people may prove temporarily useful, such as in settings with few international connections and limited response capacities.

Travel measures that significantly interfere with international traffic may only be justified at the beginning of an outbreak, as they may allow countries to gain time, even if only a few days, to rapidly implement effective preparedness measures. Such restrictions must be based on a careful risk assessment, be proportionate to the public health risk, be short in duration, and be reconsidered regularly as the situation evolves.

Travel bans to affected areas or denial of entry to passengers coming from affected areas are usually not effective in preventing the importation of cases but may have a significant economic and social impact.

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