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## COVID-19 Outbreak Update 3 March

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## Executive Summary

At this time, TSCL and Solace Global advises against all travel to China and Daegu in South Korea due to the ongoing travel restrictions, cancelled flights, government warnings and confirmed cases of the virus. Additionally, we advise against all non-essential travel to Hong Kong, Macau, Iran, Cheongdo in South Korea and 11 towns in northern Italy. Further travel restrictions and disruption to business operations globally are possible in the coming days and weeks.

## Latest Updates

The Director-General of the World Health Organisation (WHO) has stated that the world is in “uncharted territory with COVID-19”. The level of risk of contracting the virus in Europe has been raised from ‘moderate to high’ by the European Centre for Disease Prevention and Control (ECDC). In China, the epicentre of the outbreak has announced its lowest number of new cases since late January.

Public Health England’s (PHE) medical director believes it is now “highly likely” widespread transmission of the virus will occur. British supermarkets have begun drawing up contingency plans to cope with panic buying, expected to occur following an announcement the spread of coronavirus in the UK. Panic buying has been seen in Australia, where the country’s Prime Minister has urged for calm after shoppers began emptying shelves of household goods and canned food.

Passengers onboard a cruise liner have been met with violent protests after docking in Reunion Island in the Indian Ocean. Police at Pointe des Galets used tear gas against protesters attempting to stop the travellers leaving the port.

During morning hours local time, authorities in South Korea confirmed 374 new Covid-19 cases, bringing the total in the country to 5,186. Indonesia, Russia, Ireland, Portugal, Jordan, Iceland, Tunisia, Senegal, Saudi Arabia and Andorra have recently confirmed their first cases. Government officials in Andorra confirmed that a 20-year old man recently returned from Italy is now being treated at a hospital with mild symptoms.

Singapore’s Ministry of Health advises Singaporeans to defer non-essential travel to Iran, northern Italy, South Korea and Japan due to the spike in reported cases.

Current Statistics (Numbers vary between sources)					
Current Total Infected (new cases)	92,271 (+1,154)	Total Confirmed Recoveries	48,448 (+2,672)	Total confirmed Deaths	3,130 (+61)
<b>Current confirmed case numbers</b>	China (80,152), South Korea (5,186), Iran (2,336), Italy (2,036), <i>Diamond Princess</i> (706), Japan (283), France (191), Germany (188), Spain (120), Singapore (108), USA (103), HK (100), Kuwait (56), Bahrain (49), Switzerland (45), Thailand (43), Taiwan (42), UK (40), Australia (39), Norway (32), Malaysia (32), Canada (27), Iraq (26), Netherlands (24), Sweden (24), UAE (21), Austria (18), Vietnam (16), Belgium (13), Lebanon (13), Israel (12), Macau (10), San Marino (10), Iceland (9), Croatia (8), Greece (7), Oman (6), Mexico (6), India (6), Pakistan (5), Denmark (4), Czechia (4), Algeria (3), Azerbaijan (3), Georgia (3), Philippines (3), Qatar (3), Romania (3), Brazil (2), Egypt (2), Indonesia (2), Portugal (2), Russia (2), Afghanistan (1), Andorra (1), Armenia (1), Belarus (1), Cambodia (1), Dominican Republic (1), Estonia (1), Iceland (1), Jordan (1), Latvia (1), Lithuania (1), Luxembourg (1), Monaco (1), Morocco (1), North Macedonia (1), Nepal (1), New Zealand (1), Nigeria (1), Saudi Arabia (1), Senegal (1), Sri Lanka (1), Tunisia (1), Ukraine (1)				
<b>Deaths</b>	China (2,944), Iran (66), Italy (52), South Korea (28), <i>Diamond Princess</i> (7), USA (6), Japan (6), HK (2), France (3), Taiwan (1), Philippines (1), Thailand (1), Australia (1), San Marino (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, Wenzhou, Nanchang, Zhengzhou, Linyi, Harbin, Fuzhou some cities in Zhejiang and Jiangsu provinces. Restrictions outside of Hubei Province are being relaxed to allow the 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>Countries that have some form of warning or ban on travel to China</b>	Schengen Countries, Australia, Burkina Faso, Burundi, Cambodia, Canada, Czech R., DRC, Gabon, Georgia, Ghana, India, Indonesia, Jamaica, Japan, Kenya, Kuwait, Laos, Lebanon, Liberia, Madagascar, Malawi, Maldives, Mauritius, Micronesia, Mozambique, New Zealand, Nigeria, Oman, Philippines, Saudi Arabia, Seychelles, S. Sudan, Turkey, Uganda, UK, Ukraine, US				
<b>Italy</b>	<b>Current restrictions</b>	Lombardy region (Codogno, Castiglione d’Adda, Casalpusterlengo, Fombio, Maleo, Somaglia, Bertonico, Terranova dei Passerini, Castelgerundo and San Fiorano) and one in Veneto (Euganeo)			
<b>South Korea</b>	<b>Current restrictions</b>	Daegu and Cheongdo cities			
<b>TSCL and Solace Global Advice</b>	<b>Advise against all travel:</b> Mainland China, Daegu (South Korea)				
	<b>Advise against all but essential travel:</b> Hong Kong, Macau, Iran, Cheongdo (S Korea), 11 towns in northern Italy				

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