



Wuhan Novel Coronavirus (COVID 19) - Update

18 February 2020

Public Health England (PHE) has confirmed that as at 17 February 2020:

- a total of 4501 people have been tested in the UK, of which 4,492 were confirmed negative and 9 positive
- the UK risk has been increased from low to moderate
- The Foreign and Commonwealth Office has advised all UK national to leave China where possible

Travellers from Wuhan and Hubei Province

For persons who have travelled from Wuhan or Hubei Province to the UK in the last 14 days the advice is that they should immediately:

- stay indoors and avoid contact with other people, as is normal when suffering from the flu
- call NHS 111 to inform them of recent travel to the area

Travellers from other parts of China and other specified areas

This advice applies to **all travellers who have returned to the UK from** the following areas:

China, Thailand, Japan, Republic of Korea, Hong Kong, Taiwan, Singapore, Malaysia, Macau

If you have returned to the UK from any of these areas in the last 14 days and develop symptoms of cough or fever or shortness of breath, you should immediately:

- stay indoors and avoid contact with other people as you would with the flu
- call NHS 111 to inform them of your recent travel to the country
- There is no need to self-isolate unless you experience symptoms of the virus.

This represents a change from the previous advice, and is based on the emerging information about the number of cases and spread of infection from person to person, and reflects updated PHE guidance.

Please remind employees of the importance of “Catch it, Bin It, Kill It” to assist in reducing spread of both Coronavirus and Flu.

Yours faithfully,



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