



Immigration news alerts

COVID-19

COVID-19 (also previously referred to as 2019 Novel Coronavirus or 2019-nCoV) is a virus identified as the cause of an outbreak of respiratory illness first detected in Wuhan, China. While it is unclear how easily this virus is spreading between people, authorities across the globe are issuing travel health notices related to this outbreak.

In this series of news alerts, we will provide you with immigration updates to keep you updated on the rapidly evolving situation within our region.

Malaysia

Expatriate application for PRC passport issued in Hubei, Zhejiang and Jiangsu provinces of China, and all nationalities who were present in these provinces within the last 14 days

Expatriate Services Division | 11 February 2020

The Government of Malaysia has decided to put on hold all type of entry visas from Wuhan City, Hubei province of China. The Immigration has also decided to expand the restriction to:

1. People's Republic of China (PRC) applicants whose passports were issued in Zhejiang and Jiangsu provinces.

2. All nationalities who were present in Wuhan, Hubei, Zhejiang and/or Jiangsu provinces 14 days before entering Malaysia.

Thus, new applications for PRC passports issued in Hubei, Zhejiang and Jiangsu provinces, and all nationalities who were in these provinces 14 days before entering Malaysia submitted to ESD Online and RP-T Online will not be processed until further notice.

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Singapore

Advisories on 2019 Novel Coronavirus

Ministry of Manpower | Updated as of 11 February 2020

Get the latest advisories and updates, and read the updated actions to be taken by employers of foreign employees and mandatory declarations to Ministry of Manpower (MOM).

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FAQs on 2019 Novel Coronavirus

Ministry of Manpower | Updated as of 11 February 2020

Read the FAQs for more information on general guidelines, precautionary measures, flexible work arrangements, quarantine matters and Leave of Absence (LOA).

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South Korea, Israel advise citizens to defer travel to Singapore

Channel NewsAsia | 11 February 2020

In addition to mainland China, South Korea has "strongly advised" its citizens to refrain from travelling to Singapore, Malaysia, Thailand, Vietnam, Japan and Taiwan. Israel on Sunday said travel plans should be "reconsidered" for Singapore, Thailand, South Korea, Japan, Taiwan, Macau and Hong Kong.

Indonesia told citizens travelling to Singapore to be alert and take precautions to prevent the spread of the virus. Taiwan on Tuesday also raised its travel warning, advising people to take precautions if going to Singapore or Thailand, and not to visit Hong Kong or Macau unless they have to.

In addition, travel advisories have also been issued by Kuwait and Qatar for Singapore, following the raising of Singapore's DORSCON level to Orange on Friday.

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