



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

Malaysia adds Denmark to restricted travel list

The Star | 12 March 2020

Denmark is the latest country to be added into Malaysia's COVID-19 travel restriction list, following a decision by the European country to go into lockdown.

All Denmark nationals and citizens of other countries who have been to Denmark are not allowed to enter Malaysia or be on transit at any entry points. The travel ban is effective 14 March 2020.

In addition, Malaysians are advised to postpone non-essential travel to Denmark due to the risk of being infected with COVID-19. Malaysians returning from Denmark must also undergo home quarantine for 14 days.

Prior to this, Malaysia has imposed travel bans on people coming from affected areas in China, Korea, Japan, Iran, and Italy.

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Philippines

DOLE, attached agencies to go on 4-day work week

Philippine News Agency | 12 March 2020

The Department of Labour and Employment (DOLE) and its attached agencies will implement a four-day work week as a precaution against the COVID-19 threat.

“All offices/agencies shall observe a four-day workweek which shall be from Monday to Thursday instead of working for five days a week and work schedule from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m.,” the order said.

Effective 16 March 2020, the new work schedule covers all employees at the central office in Intramuros, Manila as well as its regional offices, bureaus and field offices. Also covered are the Philippine Overseas Welfare Administration (POEA), Overseas Workers Welfare Administration (OWWA), Professional Regulation Commission (PRC), and National Labour Relations Commission (NLRC).

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Singapore

Additional precautionary measures to prevent further importation and spread of COVID-19 cases

Ministry of Health | 13 March 2020

From 15 March 2020, 23.59 hours, all new visitors with recent travel history to Italy, France, Spain and Germany within the last 14 days will not be allowed entry into Singapore, or transit through Singapore. This is in addition to the travel restrictions previously announced for mainland China, Iran, and the Republic of Korea.

From 15 March 2020, 23.59 hours, the following groups will also be issued with a Stay-Home Notice (SHN). Persons under SHN will have to remain in their place of residence at all times for 14 days after returning to Singapore.

- Residents (Singapore Citizens and Permanent Residents) with recent travel history to Italy, France, Spain and Germany within the last 14 days; and
- Long-term pass holders (including work passes, Student's Pass, Dependant's Pass, and Long-term Visit Pass) with recent travel history to Italy, France, Spain and Germany within the last 14 days.
- As previously announced, residents and long-term pass holders returning from mainland China (outside Hubei province¹), Iran, and the Republic of Korea will continue to be issued a 14-day SHN upon return to Singapore.

Singaporeans are also advised to defer all non-essential travel to Italy, France, Spain and Germany. In addition, the existing advisory to defer all travel to Hubei province in mainland China, and non-essential travel to the rest of mainland China, Iran, Japan and the Republic of Korea, remains.

Furthermore, Singaporeans are advised to exercise caution when travelling to all countries affected by COVID-19, especially those which have exported cases. These include neighbouring countries, like Indonesia and the Philippines, and those further afield, like the United Kingdom.

¹ Persons returning from Hubei province are subject to quarantine.



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