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India: COVID-19: Authorities announce new guidelines for international travellers; continue to defer travel

OVERVIEW

Level: **Advisory**
 Location: **India**
 Category: Travel restriction, COVID-19
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EXPOSURE IN IMPACTED AREA ONLY				
Location	There Now	There in next 24 hours	There in next 1-7 days	There while the alert is active
India (Medium Risk)	157	218	298	282
TOTAL	157	218	298	282

New COVID-19-related [guidelines](#) for testing and quarantine for international travellers will come into effect from **23.59 (local time) on 22 February**. It will be mandatory for all international travellers to submit a self-declaration form and RT-PCR negative test taken within 72 hours of travel on the [Air Suvidha](#) portal. In addition, travellers from the UK, Europe and the Middle East will need to undergo another test on arrival. Further details can be found [here](#). Continue to defer travel to India amid ongoing COVID-19-related restrictions. Refer to the COVID-19 information within the [Pandemic Information Site](#) for full details of travel restrictions.

WHAT WE ADVISED YOUR PEOPLE

Inbound travellers

Defer all travel to India due to restrictions related to COVID-19. This assessment is made jointly by our medical and security professionals.
Follow all official directives. Monitor the [Bureau of Immigration](#), Ministry of Home Affairs ([MHA](#)) and Ministry of Health and Family Welfare ([MoHFW](#)) websites for the latest updates regarding conditions for entry into India, as well as related quarantine measures. Avoid rumours and misinformation. Monitor and confirm developments by liaising with the authorities, including the nearest Indian embassy or consulate.
For further information, advice and current restrictions, see the International SOS Location Guides and [medical alerts](#) and the COVID-19 information within the [Pandemic Information Site](#), including [Travel Restrictions Flight Operations and Screening](#).

In-country employees

Closely follow all official directives and abide by them. Monitor reliable sources for information relating to changes to directives.
Understand your company's medical and security triggers for changes to in-country posture.

Health advice

Obtain profile-specific advice prior to any travel, taking into account the extent to which your age and health may make you more vulnerable to the COVID-19 virus.
Do not travel if you are sick; travellers who are sick face the risk of being tested and quarantined. Monitor your health and seek medical attention if you develop flu-like symptoms, following the local procedure for your location.
Pay strict attention to hygiene: Wash your hands frequently and carry hand sanitiser for use when soap and water are not readily available. Wear a mask whenever required to. Even if not required, consider wearing a mask if you have to go out in public.
Avoid crowded places. In public areas, as much as possible, keep three-to-six feet (1-2 metres) away from others.

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