



# MAX Security SPECIAL REPORT: CORONAVIRUS OUTBREAK

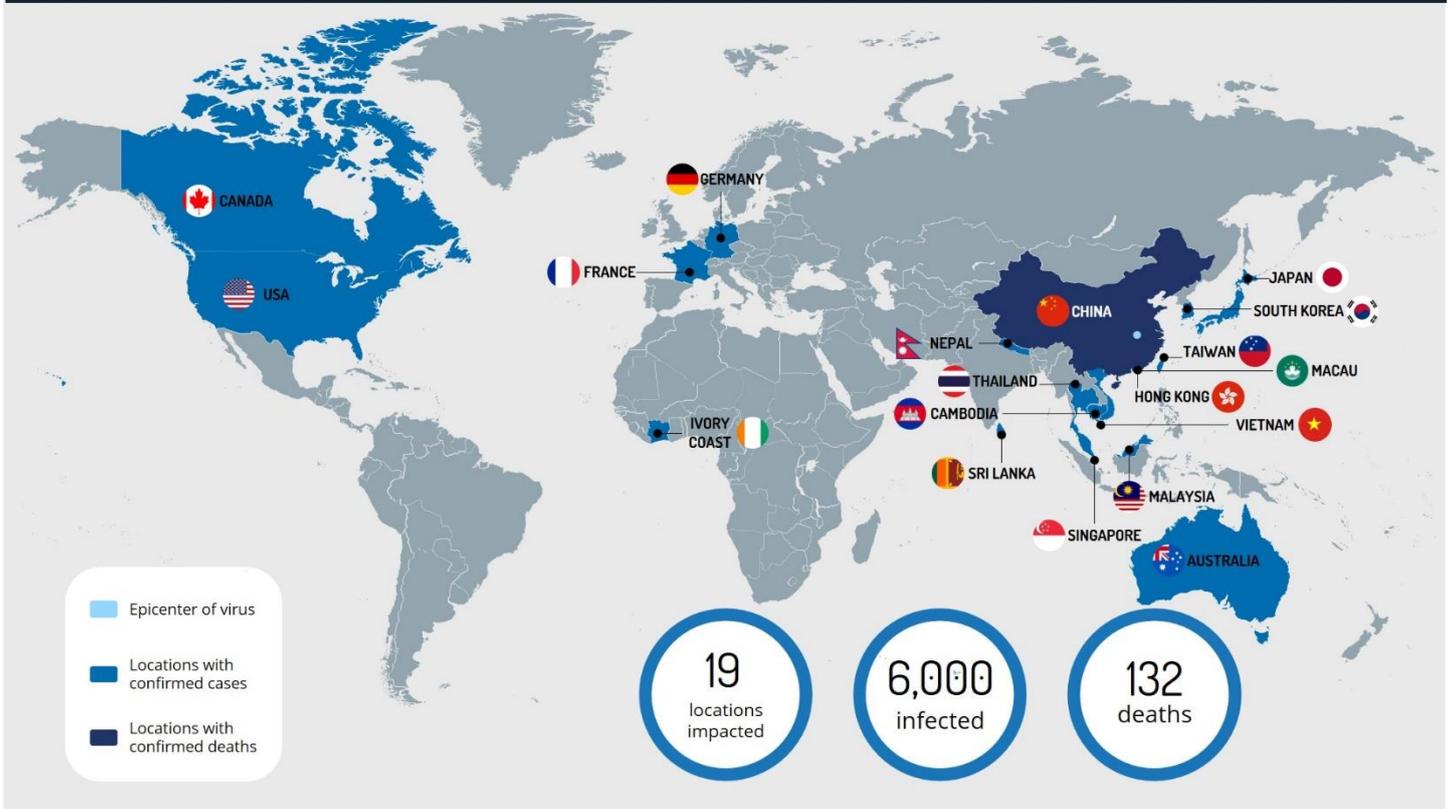
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### CORONAVIRUS SITUATION AS OF JANUARY 29



## What is 2019-nCoV?

The 2019 novel coronavirus, or 2019-nCoV, appears to have originated at a seafood market in Wuhan, Hubei, a land-locked province 1,000-km west of Shanghai. It is believed the respiratory illness first spread from an animal to a human, similar to the transmission of past coronavirus strains like SARS and MERS. Symptoms may include fever, cough, and strained breathing. It is unclear precisely how the virus is spreading, however, most cases thus far have transmitted from human-to-human. Older individuals and people with pre-existing health conditions or weak immune systems may be more susceptible to being infected. The infection can also be spread by individuals during the incubation period, even if symptoms have not yet been displayed.

### COMMONLY-CITED SYMPTOMS OF 2019-nCoV

- Respiratory symptoms like difficulty breathing
- Coughing, sneezing, runny nose
- Fever



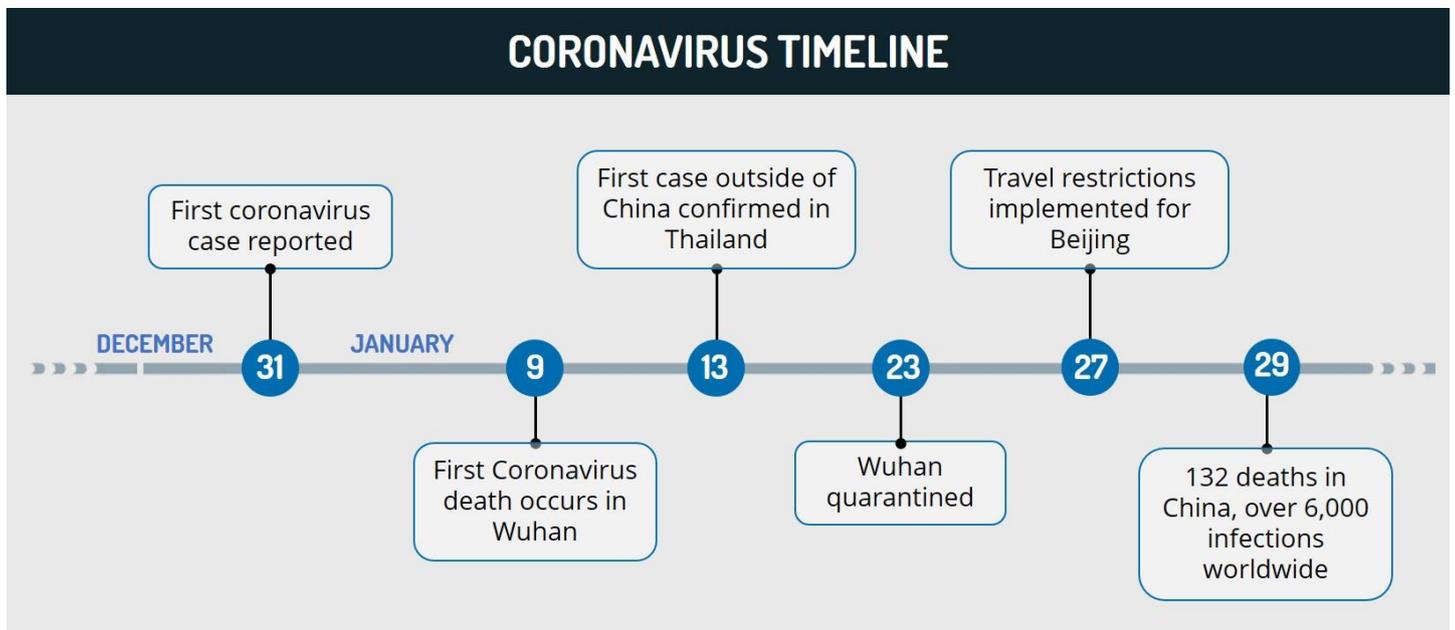
*Immediately consult a doctor if you are concerned with having potentially contracted the disease.*



### Current Situation:

As of writing, 6,000 confirmed cases of coronavirus have been recorded, a majority of which in Hubei Province; 132 individuals in China have died. Authorities have barred all forms of travel to and from Wuhan, including international flights, and have restricted travel in 12 other cities across Hubei. Beijing and Shanghai have ceased long-distance bus services; however, international and domestic airports and rail stations remain in operation. Individual air carriers have instituted certain restrictions for routes to China, including Beijing and Shanghai, while others have suspended flights to China outright.

As of January 29, there have been dozens of confirmed cases in 13 countries outside of China; no deaths have been recorded. Most countries are allowing travel to and from China, however, several have completely halted such routes, including Malaysia, Mongolia, Georgia, and Egypt. Airports worldwide have implemented bolstered health screenings at airports, particularly for travelers from China, however, not exclusively.



## Recommendations

1. All travel to Hubei Province and nonessential travel to China should be avoided. This particularly applies to individuals with compromised immune systems.
2. Re-check itineraries to confirm flight status, as numerous airlines worldwide have set specific restrictions, to, through, or from Beijing and Shanghai.
3. If travel to China is necessary, consult with your healthcare provider prior to travel. In addition, refrain from direct contact with animals, avoid animal markets, and exercise caution when consuming animal products; it is advised to not consume uncooked animal products. Travelers to China are advised to wear facemasks.
4. Those traveling over the coming days are advised to practice medical vigilance while allotting for potential disruptions or delays at airports due to the intensified screening measures. Individuals who recently traveled to China should expect significant delays while transiting through airports.
5. Rinse hands with soap and water often, particularly prior to eating. Travel with an anti-bacterial liquid in case soap and water are unavailable.



6. Immediately consult a doctor if you are concerned with having potentially contracted the disease.
7. Routinely check the World Health Organization's travel advice and consult with your healthcare provider before traveling.
8. Only procure medication and medical advice from vetted professional institutions and remain cognizant of the prevalence of fake and counterfeit medication.
9. Max Security has strong on-ground capabilities in China and the affected countries to facilitate evacuation, contingency planning, or provide custom travel risk assessments to meet your needs. Please contact us at +44 20-3540-0434.

## GENERAL RECOMMENDATIONS

Avoid contact with individuals who are sick or showing signs of respiratory illness, like coughing or sneezing, as well as those showing cold or flu-like symptoms

Avoid touching your eyes, nose, and mouth with unwashed hands

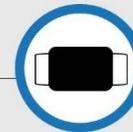


Dispose of used tissues or paper products in waste bin after use

Rinse hands with soap and water often, particularly prior to eating, or use alcohol-based hand sanitizer



### 2019-nCoV Health Recommendations



Wear a face mask in crowded areas, especially if you are experiencing respiratory symptoms

Disinfect frequently touched objects and surfaces, such as mobile phones



Refrain from direct contact with animals, avoid animal markets, and exercise caution when consuming animal products.



If flying, disinfect tray tables with antibacterial wipes before use



# Travel Advisories & Measures

Multiple countries have issued travel advisories or taken measures in relation to the Coronavirus. These can be found below:

**Asia | Americas | Europe | Middle East & North Africa | Sub-Saharan Africa**

## Asia

	Country	Measures
	Australia	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Australia is planning to evacuate its citizens from Hubei in China and will place them in quarantine on Christmas Island.</li> <li>The government has advised against all travel to Hubei Province, China.</li> </ul>
	Azerbaijan	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Azerbaijan Airlines has suspended all routes to China through March 28.</li> </ul>
	Bangladesh	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Individuals traveling from China are being screened, while authorities at entry points to the country are on alert.</li> <li>Precautionary measures have been implemented at the Hazrat Shahjalal International Airport (DAC) in Dhaka and Shah Amanat International Airport (CGP) in Chittagong.</li> </ul>
	Cambodia	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The public has been asked to be on alert and take precautions like avoiding travel to Wuhan, China and avoiding contact with ill or dead livestock.</li> <li>Travel to Wuhan's seafood market and locations that sell live animals have also been warned against.</li> </ul>
	China	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>China has placed Wuhan in Hubei Province under quarantine and has restricted air, rail, road, and bus travel within multiple cities in the province.</li> <li>Long-distance bus travel from Beijing and Shanghai has been suspended, however, the international airports will remain open as of writing.</li> <li>Popular tourist sites nationwide have been closed to stop the spread of the virus, including Disneyworld Shanghai, portions of the Great Wall, and Beijing's Forbidden City. Tibet has shuttered all tourist sites.</li> <li>Travel restrictions are in place on cities in Hubei Province, including Ezhou, Huanggang, Chibi, Xiantao, Zhijiang, Qianjiang, Huangshi, Xianning, and Yichang.</li> </ul>
	Fiji	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Fiji, French Polynesia, Wallis and Futuna, and Palau have taken steps to prevent the spread of the virus, including enhanced screening measures at their respective international airports.</li> <li>Palau has barred chartered flights from China from January 28, while temporarily suspending direct charter flights from Hong Kong and Macau.</li> </ul>
	French Polynesia	
	Palau	



	Wallis & Futuna	
	Georgia	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Georgia has canceled all flights to China in response to the coronavirus outbreak.</li> </ul>
	Hong Kong	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>In Hong Kong, authorities have announced a drastic reduction in cross-border travel to China to contain the virus, as well as suspension of new visas to individual Chinese tourists.</li> <li>High-speed train services to China were suspended as of January 28, including train services between Hung Hom and Guangzhou. The Man Kam To and Sha Tau Kok border checkpoints will also be closed as part of the measures to contain the virus. Ferries to and from China were also suspended.</li> <li>Several Hong Kong-based airlines have announced the reduction of flights to China by half from January 30 onwards, including Cathay Pacific and Hong Kong Airlines.</li> </ul>
	India	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The Indian government is reportedly planning to evacuate its citizens from Wuhan in China, with thermal screening measures being extended to a total of 20 cities now, including Delhi, Kolkata, Mumbai, Chennai, Bangalore, and Hyderabad.</li> </ul>
	Indonesia	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Enhanced health screenings have been implemented at air, sea, and land entrances to the country.</li> <li>Indonesia issued a warning for citizens planning to travel to China on January 27 due to the disease outbreak.</li> </ul>
	Japan	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Authorities advise individuals to take measures against infectious diseases like practicing cough etiquette and washing hands. Individuals returning from Wuhan, China who experience cough or fever are advised to visit a medical facility.</li> <li>Japan evacuated its citizens from Wuhan, China during the morning hours (local time) on January 29.</li> </ul>
	Kazakhstan	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>All forms of travel to and from China have been suspended. This includes Air Astana, which has suspended flights from Nur-Sultan and Almaty to Urumqi and Beijing through February 26.</li> </ul>
	Malaysia	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The Ministry of Health has enhanced health screenings at transportation hubs and hospitals. Individuals are advised to avoid nonessential travel to Wuhan, China.</li> </ul>
	Mongolia	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Mongolia is planning to evacuate its citizens from Hubei.</li> <li>The country's borders with China were closed and large public gatherings were suspended as of January 28.</li> </ul>
	Myanmar	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The government has implemented strict surveillance measures at international airports, seaports, and border crossings to prevent the disease</li> </ul>



		from entering the country. These measures include the health screening of passengers.
	Pakistan	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Airport authorities have implemented health screenings for travelers from China.</li> </ul>
	Philippines	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Authorities have suspended all flights to Wuhan, China, while flights from the rest of China will be strictly monitored.</li> <li>Screening measures at border areas and international airports have been enhanced.</li> <li>The Philippines had suspended visas on arrival for Chinese tourists.</li> </ul>
	Singapore	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Singapore has implemented health screenings at airports and has barred entry or transit through Singapore from January 29 onwards for all new visitors with Hubei travel history within the last 14 days, or holders of China passports issued in Hubei, with authorities suspending the issuance of visas for these groups.</li> <li>Jetstar Air has suspended all flights to Hefei, Guiyang, and Xuzhou until March 31, and has canceled all routes to Hong Kong</li> </ul>
	South Korea	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>South Korea is planning to evacuate its citizens from Hubei Province.</li> <li>Air Seoul reportedly announced on January 28 that it will suspend all flights to China due to the spread of the novel coronavirus, with other domestic airlines such as Jeju Air and Eastar Jet also following suit in a limited capacity by canceling flights to some cities in China</li> </ul>
	Sri Lanka	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Screening measures at border areas and international airports have been enhanced.</li> <li>Restrictions have been implemented for Chinese visitors arriving at Bandaranaike International Airport.</li> </ul>
	Taiwan	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Taiwan issued a red travel advisory for the Chinese province of Hubei implying that travelers are advised to not visit the disease-hit province.</li> <li>An orange travel advisory remains in place for the rest of China, indicating that Taiwanese citizens should avoid nonessential travel to the country.</li> <li>China Airlines Ltd has canceled or rescheduled select flights to China until February 10.</li> </ul>
	Thailand	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>All airports in Thailand will implement comprehensive health screenings for all passengers traveling from China.</li> <li>The government has advised individuals traveling to high-risk areas like Wuhan against contact with animals or markets for trading animal products. Individuals are advised to avoid contact with others experiencing respiratory symptoms, especially in crowded places.</li> </ul>
	Vietnam	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Vietnam has suspended visas on arrival for Chinese tourists.</li> <li>The government is taking precautions to contain the virus, including screening passengers upon arrival at airports. Individuals detected with fevers will be isolated and monitored. Individuals are advised to limit direct contact with individuals with acute respiratory infections or illness, wear masks, ensure personal hygiene and sanitation, and limit contact with animals or wildlife.</li> </ul>

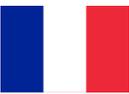


# Americas

	Country	Measures
	Canada	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The Canadian government on January 27 issued travel warnings for parts of China, advising citizens to avoid all travel to the Hubei Province. In addition, Air Canada has canceled select flights to China.</li> <li>There are reportedly concerns of increasing anti-Chinese sentiment within Toronto, with a petition calling for children whose family members have recently been in China being banned from school, echoing the 2002-2003 SARS crisis.</li> </ul>
	Dominican Republic	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>On January 27, President Danilo Medina of the Dominican Republic held meetings over the imposition of preventive measures against the spread of the coronavirus.</li> <li>Airports in Punta Cana, La Romana, Las Americas, Catey, and Puerto Plata will implement additional health screening measures.</li> </ul>
	Ecuador	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Security and screenings at transportation hubs were bolstered as of January 24 in reaction to the outbreak of the virus.</li> </ul>
	Honduras	
	Nicaragua	
	Mexico	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Authorities have introduced checks at airports and ports in Jalisco, namely the Puerto Vallarta port, Guadalajara Airport (GDL), and Licenciado Gustavo Diaz Ordaz International Airport (PVR) in Puerto Vallarta.</li> <li>Secretaria de Relaciones Exteriores recommends avoiding nonessential travel to Wuhan and practicing enhanced health precautions, such as avoiding high-risk areas and contact with animals, when traveling to China.</li> </ul>
	Panama	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Authorities are reportedly implementing temperature screenings at airports nationwide.</li> </ul>
	Peru	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Airports, seaports, and land terminals are reportedly on alert to activate healthcare protocols rapidly if required.</li> </ul>
	USA	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The State Department recommends avoiding nonessential travel to Hubei Province, China. In the case of essential travel, the authorities advise individuals to avoid contact with animals and animal markets as well as practice good hygiene.</li> <li>United Airlines has reportedly suspended 24 flights to Beijing, Hong Kong, Shanghai between Feb 1-8.</li> </ul>



# Europe

	Country	Measures
	Belarus	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The Ministry of Health announced on January 22 the implementation of health screenings at Minsk National Airport (MSQ).</li> </ul>
	Czech Republic	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Czech Republic's Prague Vaclav Havel Airport is employing screenings of suspected passengers.</li> </ul>
	Finland	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Finland's national carrier, Finnair announced on January 28 that it will cancel all flights to Beijing Daxing Airport (PKX) and Nanjing Lukou International Airport (NKG) until the end of March.</li> </ul>
	France	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>French officials stated that they will send a plane to repatriate between 500-1,000 French citizens operating in Wuhan, with the first flight expected to return in the coming days.</li> <li>Medical screening services have been established at the Paris-Charles de Gaulle Airport (CDG) in Paris for passengers arriving from China.</li> </ul>
	Germany	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The Foreign Minister of Germany has urged citizens to cancel any unnecessary trips to China.</li> </ul>
	Italy	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Controls on flights from Wuhan to Leonardo da Vinci International airport (FCO) in Rome and Milano Malpensa Airport (MXP) were implemented from January 25.</li> </ul>
	Poland	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>On January 25, the Polish Deputy Foreign Minister announced the nationwide implementation of preventive measures. These measures include monitoring the country's borders and ports, as well as the establishment of health screening services at Warsaw Frederic Chopin Airport (WAW).</li> </ul>
	Russia	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>In Russia, three regions in the Far-East have closed a total of nine land border-crossings with China as of January 28: Amur Oblast, Khabarovsk Krai, and the Jewish Autonomous Oblast. Russian authorities have also limited access to the city of Blagoveshchensk, near the Chinese border.</li> <li>Ural Airlines has suspended direct flights to Europe over concerns of the virus, with several of its hubs in the Urals being transit points for Chinese travelers. The Russian public health service announced the cancellation of all flights from Wuhan to Russia since January 24 following the hospitalization of two suspected cases in Saint Petersburg. Russia will also evacuate its citizens from Wuhan, China per January 28 reports.</li> </ul>
	Serbia	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Authorities introduced health screening services for passengers arriving at the Belgrade Nikola Tesla Airport (BEG) on January 22.</li> </ul>
	Spain	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Spain is planning to evacuate its citizens from Wuhan, China per January 28 reports.</li> </ul>



		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The Ministerio de Asuntos Exteriores recommends avoiding nonessential travel to Hubei Province and practicing enhanced health regulations if traveling to the rest of China.</li> </ul>
	UK	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The UK Foreign &amp; Commonwealth Office (FCO) updated its travel advice on January 28 to advising against all nonessential travel to the whole of China.</li> <li>British Airways has suspended all inbound and outbound flights to and from China.</li> </ul>
	Ukraine	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Reports indicate that Ukrainian authorities will stop all direct flights to and from China from February 3. Until then, all passengers on flights arriving from China will have their temperatures taken at Boryspil International Airport (KBP).</li> </ul>

## Middle East & North Africa

	Country	Measures
	Egypt	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Egypt has canceled all flights to China.</li> </ul>
	Iraq	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Iraqi authorities decided on January 28 to evacuate Iraqi nationals from Wuhan. Details over the evacuation remains unclear as of writing.</li> </ul>
	Israel	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The Chinese carrier, Sichuan Airlines, has announced that it has decided to cancel all flights between Chengdu, Sichuan Province and Ben Gurion International Airport (TLV) between February 12-16. Flights are expected to resume on March 2.</li> </ul>
	Kuwait	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Kuwait has advised its nationals to avoid nonessential travel to Hong Kong, Shanghai and Macau, in addition to mainland China, due to the outbreak of the coronavirus.</li> </ul>
	Lebanon	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The Health Ministry called to avoid nonessential travelling to endemic countries.</li> </ul>
	Morocco	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>According to multiple reports, King Mohammed VI issued an official order on January 27 to send for the approximate one hundred Moroccan citizens blocked in China's Wuhan.</li> <li>Mohammed V International Airport (CMN) in Casablanca launched preventive measures for Coronavirus detection per January 29 reports. The measures also include an emergency plan for isolating incoming individuals suspected of infection.</li> </ul>
	Saudi Arabia	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Saudi Arabia has indicated that its nationals will be evacuated from Wuhan.</li> </ul>
	Turkey	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Turkey has issued an advisory urging its citizens to avoid nonessential travel to China.</li> <li>Reports quoting the Turkish Ambassador to Beijing stated that 32 Turkish Nationals will be evacuated from Wuhan amid risks posed by the virus</li> </ul>



	UAE	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The Ministry of Health announced it has taken necessary measures following the first suspected cases of coronavirus in the country.</li> </ul>
	Iran	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Health monitoring procedures have been increased at all international airports and ports in these countries to contain the spread of the coronavirus.</li> </ul>
	Tunisia	
	Bahrain	
	Oman	

## Sub-Saharan Africa

	Country	Measures
	Ethiopia	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Authorities are screening flights from countries with confirmed cases of the Coronavirus.</li> </ul>
	Ghana	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>In Ghana, authorities stated that they were tightening border controls with Ivory Coast after one suspected case was reported in Abidjan.</li> </ul>
	Kenya	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Kenya has advised its citizens to avoid all nonessential travel to China, especially to Wuhan in Hubei Province. The ministry stated that any Kenyans in China should immediately contact the embassy in Beijing for assistance.</li> <li>Surveillance at ports of entry and screening of incoming passengers have been enhanced.</li> </ul>
	Nigeria	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Screening measures have been enhanced, particularly from individuals arriving from Wuhan.</li> </ul>

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