

Please find below an update on the outbreak of novel coronavirus (WN-CoV).

As of 1700 on 3 February, internationally there have been:

- As of 1700, 3 February, in the UK:

- There have been no further changes to WHO declarations or the Chief Medical Officer's risk assessment of WN-CoV. The risk to individuals in the UK has not changed and FCO travel advice has not been updated further.

- To date, 94 Eligible Persons (EPs) have been extracted from Wuhan, China. 83 were extracted on 31 January, via Brize Norton Airfield. A further 11 were extracted on 2 February, via Marseille and Brize Norton. The ten military and FCO staff involved in running these extractions have been placed in supported isolation in a MoD facility.
- One of 11 in the second cohort (that arrived 2 February) was admitted for observation and testing to John Radcliffe hospital after displaying symptoms
- The feedback from quarantined individuals at the Wirral site has been very positive.

- Nevertheless, on Saturday two individuals communicated to staff that they had contemplated leaving the facility - fortunately they were convinced by the on-site team to remain put.
- Overall 'contracts' plus the possibility of being charged for repatriations appears to be enough to deter people from leaving the facility.
- It has been decided that British Nationals who decide to leave Arrowe Park Hospital before their quarantine period has ended will not be arrested. DHSC have established that it would be possible to use a Part 2A Order to detain anyone who was symptomatic. However, these powers would not extend to anyone who was asymptomatic.

#### British Nationals in China

- 104 British Nationals remaining in Hubei Province have contacted the FCO expressing a wish to leave.
- FCO are working with international partners to establish what spare capacity there may be for BNs on future flights, and what local quarantine arrangements there are in partner countries. A subsequent US-organised flight is no longer available to third country nationals.
- New Zealand has a flight due to arrive at 2100L and leave at 2300L on 4 February. FCO understand that 14 BNs are currently on the manifest. Subsequent to arrival in New Zealand, BNs will be held in isolation in New Zealand for 14 days, after which FCO will provide assistance for them to return to the UK on a commercial flight.
- The FCO are in the process of developing options for a second UK chartered, assisted departure flight on Saturday 8 February. A director-level cross-department meeting was held today to coordinate decision-making required to confirm the second chartered flight and identify possible accommodation options to serve as isolation facilities in the UK. Crown Commercial Service had identified a number of possible hotels that may be able to accommodate returners and DHSC and PHE are assessing their suitability.
- Nine British Nationals based in China have contacted FCO reporting symptoms of possible coronavirus - FCO Post is monitoring and providing advice. None have been confirmed positive to date.

#### Communications

- Digital and Press assets on the campaign have been deployed with a public information radio ad expected to go live on Tuesday (4 February).
- DHSC have issued a press release on the £20m fund for research into a vaccine.

#### Cross-Government Meetings

- A SAGE meeting was held at 0800, 3 February. The meeting focused on the scientific basis of future travel advice changes and discussed the expected impacts of travel restrictions into the UK. At present, travel advice and inbound travel restrictions remain unchanged. An additional SAGE meeting is still planned to take place on 4 February - to discuss the virus/outbreak more generally.
- CCS held cross government meeting to discuss plans for a possible ministerial table-top exercise on the central government response to a pandemic, currently proposed for 12 February.
- A further ad-hoc cross-government officials' meeting is being held at 1400 4 February to consider the output of SAGE and the next stages of the programme of work.
- CCS will chair a cross government meeting to test preparedness of excess deaths policy and plans on 4 February.
- The COBR (M) will be on 5 February.
- FCO are also developing options for drawing down post in China.

Please let us know if you have any questions, otherwise we will provide a further update tomorrow.

Regards  
CCS Control