

This document stands as a **REGULAR UPDATE** to the Coronavirus situation in China. To read the full CBI response to the virus, please follow this [link](#).

News Update:

- [Three-fifths of new coronavirus cases in China show no symptoms](#) – Financial Times
- [Young May Day travellers raise hope for China tourism recovery](#) – Reuters

Returning to Beijing from Hubei Province:

- Resident travellers from Hubei Province need to apply through the '京心相助' WeChat mini-programme and inform your community and unit before returning to Beijing.
- A nucleic acid test must be taken within the seven days prior to travelling, and a negative test result is required to be able to purchase railway ticket or to pass inspection points if entering Beijing via road.
- Travellers will be required to carry out a 14-day self-quarantine (either at home if you have a residence, or at designated sites and paid by yourself), after which another nucleic acid test must be taken. After a mandatory 14-day quarantine, it is recommended to stay at home (and isolate from family members) for another 7 days.

British Embassy Beijing, Shipping Urgent Medical Equipment from China:

- Kindly find some important updated information regarding the shipping of urgent medical equipment from China issued by HM Ambassador Barbara Woodward and her team at the British Embassy Beijing. To find guidance on exporting PPE and medical devices from China and organising charter flights to China, **please follow this [link](#)**.

Ministry of Foreign Affairs update on Foreign Nationals returning to China:

- The Ministry of Foreign Affairs has announced that: "In view of the rapid spread of COVID-19 across the world, China has temporarily suspended the entry into China of foreign nationals holding visas or residence permits still valid to the time of this announcement, effective from 0 a.m. 28 March 2020.
- Entries by foreign nationals with APEC Business Travel Cards will be suspended as well."
- **Only Diplomatic, Type 'C', Service and Courtesy Visas remain unaffected**

National Immigration Administration Update on Visas:

- Members should note that the special provision made by China's National Immigration Administration on March 1st, resulting in foreigners in China having their stay or residency permits extended automatically for 2 months during the epidemic, is set to expire **Friday May 1st**
- Those currently residing in China and holding a visa / stay permit that expired **before** May 1st have already had their stay extended for an additional two months. However, members are encouraged to check with their local police station whether they need to update their 'Accommodation Registration Form.'
- The immigration authorities have not yet issued an update on the special provision

Statistics:

- The novel **coronavirus** (2019-nCoV) is affecting **199** countries and territories around the world
- Total number of active global cases stand at **2,235,000** of which 2% (c.49,000) are considered to be in critical condition
- **Out of the total number of closed cases 83% have recovered or were discharged**

CBI Coronavirus Hub:

A CBI coronavirus hub has been launched to help businesses globally deal with the ramifications of coronavirus. The CBI Beijing Office will continue to produce **China-specific** content and distribute it through our [China Direct](#) platform, while insights on how to manage COVID-19 from the CBI London and other international offices can be found by following this [link](#).

- **WEBINAR: Daily Coronavirus Briefing: Lessons from China** with Dame Carolyn Fairbairn and HM Ambassador to the P.R. China, Dame Barbara Woodward. To listen please follow the [link](#).
- **COVID-19: Lessons learnt from China**. To read what actions UK business can take from the actions taken by the Chinese Government, please follow this [link](#).

Business News Update:

Automobile: [Volkswagen sees multi-speed coronavirus rebound led by China](#) – Reuters

Built Environment: [China's property developers go on a shopping spree](#) – Caixin Global

Food & Beverages: [Lavazza, Yum China takes aim at Starbucks](#) – Caixin Global

Healthcare: [Can China win big in vaccine race with biotech bet?](#) – Financial Times

Oil & Gas: [Bank of China may compensate up to 20% of investments in oil products](#) – Reuters

Technology: [China's internet users reach 904 million](#) – Sixth Tone