

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:

- [China reports eight new Covid-19 cases vs 15 a day earlier](#) – Reuters
- [Singapore to provide Covid-19 tests for China-bound passengers](#) – Bloomberg
- [Sink or swim: China's 'zero Covid' strategy](#) – The Spectator

British Chamber of Commerce charter flight from UK to China:

- The British Chamber of Commerce in China plans to charter a flight to help British workers return to China. The first planned charter flight will be in partnership with a leading UK airline and will depart London Heathrow (LHR) flying direct to Shanghai Pudong (PVG) on Saturday 12th September
- To move forward with this charter option, the British Chamber require confirmation of a minimum of 120 passengers. Follow the [link](#) to read full flight arrangement, FAQ and register your interest

How British nationals can now return to China:

- The Chinese Embassy in London has provided an update for British nationals seeking to return to China. The Chinese Embassy and Chinese Consulates-General in the UK are ready to accept visa applications through the China Visa Application Service Centres in London, Manchester and Edinburgh for applicants who intend to travel to China for any of the following work purposes:
 - British citizen and applicant from any of the 35 other European countries **who is holding a valid Foreigner's Residence Permit of China** for work, private matters or family reunion
 - Applicant (including accompanying spouse and children under the age of 18) who does not hold a valid Foreigner's Residence Permit **but has an "Invitation Letter (PU/TE)" or "Verification Confirmation of Invitation"** issued by the Foreign Affairs Office of the provincial government or the provincial department of commerce of the intended place of visit for economic, trade, scientific and technological, culture or sport purposes
 - Applicant (including accompanying spouse and children under the age of 18) who does not hold a valid Foreigner's Residence Permit of China **but has obtained a "Notification Letter of Foreigner's Work Permit"** as well as **"Invitation Letter (PU/TE) or "Verification Confirmation of Invitation"** to work
- Applicants are required to fill in the online application form and make an appointment with the nearest Chinese Visa Application Centre. To learn more about the other types of visa British nationals can now apply for in order to visit China, and policies regarding child visa applications, please follow the [link](#).

Statistics:

- The novel **coronavirus** (2019-nCoV) is affecting **213** countries and territories around the world
- Total number of active global cases stand at **c.6,600,000** of which 1% (c.65,000) are considered to be in critical condition
- **Out of the total number of closed cases 95% have recovered or were discharged**

Business News Update:

Automobile: [Volkswagen to test autonomous vehicles in Chinese city Hefei](#) – Reuters

Aviation: [China's air travel recovery shows power of vast home market](#) – Bloomberg

Financial Services: [Ant Group reveals \\$2.6bn profit as it files for blockbuster IPO](#) – Financial Times

Trade Policy: [Amazingly, the US-China trade relationship remains stable](#) – SupChina

Manufacturing: [China's industrial profits grow at fastest pace since Mid-2018](#) – Reuters