

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

Beijing 14-Day Quarantine Notice

- The Municipal Government has issued a notice stating that all those returning to Beijing must undergo 14 Days Self-Quarantine at Home
- This notice has subsequently been updated to state that foreigners who entered China via the two international airports in Beijing, and who were not in China in the past 14 days, do not need to undertake the 14 Days Self-Quarantine at Home Observation Period

News Update:

- [Rise in cases outside China rattles markets](#) – Financial Times
- [New coronavirus cases fall in China, but WHO concerned by global spread](#) – Reuters
- [South Korea 'emergency' measures as infections increase](#) – BBC

Member Q&A:

A number of members have contacted the CBI Beijing Office with questions regarding the virus's containment and the outlook for the economy and supply chains. We have tried to compile and answer these questions to the best of our ability at this time. If you have any further questions, please do not hesitate to contact us.

Q.) Does the virus appear any closer to being contained?

A.) It remains too early to tell. While over the weekend, China hit the milestone of three consecutive days in which the number of new reported cases decreased, come Monday there was another rise.

Q.) What is the forecast for GDP growth and containment?

A.) Two weeks on from publishing the view that there was a 25% probability that the virus would be contained by the end of February, resulting in a revised GDP growth figure for China of 5.7%, and a 50% probability that the virus would be contained by the end of March, to the tune of GDP growth at 5.4%, our forecast remains unchanged. It remains too early to tell.

Q.) What support can the British Embassy, CBI, CBBC and British Chamber provide to business?

A.) The CBI Beijing Team remain on the ground in Beijing working remotely to support members. This is also the case for our partner organisations, the CBBC and British Chamber. The Department for International Trade has reduced staff numbers on the ground in China, and they started working remotely to support British business enquiries as of 17th February. A cross-government strategy group has been assembled in London to provide wider support, high-level support.

Q.) My business is struggling to make contact with our Chinese partner. What can we do?

A.) Many restrictions remain in place limiting the movement of people and business operations. In the event that your business is struggling to reach its Chinese partner, the CBI, and partner organisation, the China-Britain Business Council, are able to use local networks to try to make contact on your behalf. Please contact joseph.cash@cbi.org.uk with any enquiries.

Statistics:

While the growth of new confirmed cases continues, the isolation of Hubei cities appears to be helping to reduce national acceleration of the virus for now, with many still remaining in their homes.

- The novel **coronavirus** (2019-nCoV) is affecting **33** countries and territories around the world
- Total global cases stand at **79,500**, of which 22% (c.12,000) are considered to be in critical condition
- **Out of the total number of closed cases 91% have recovered or were discharged**

Practical Support:

Flights & Accessibility (UK - China)

Some commercial airlines are still operating; it may become harder to access departure options over the coming weeks.

As of February 7, the following direct commercial flights from China to the UK were still operating, though some have announced imminent suspensions.

[Operational Flights to and from China – Updated 13 February \(FCO\)](#)

British Airways issued their [latest update](#) on 12 February stating all BA flights to Beijing and Shanghai until 31 March 2020 have been cancelled. All flights travelling from Beijing and Shanghai have been cancelled until 1 April 2020. Flights to and from Hong Kong remain unaffected.

Business Headlines:

Automobile: [Chinese carmakers accelerate drive into India](#) – Financial Times

Commodities: [EU aluminium firms' dumping complaints groundless, Chinese association says](#) – Reuters

Logistics: [Shipping lines face troubled waters as vessels stop sailing for China](#) – SCMP

Financial Services: [China's central bank vows to take more steps to support virus-hit economy](#) – Reuters

Food & Beverages: [PepsiCo. To buy China online snacks retailer for \\$705 million](#) – Bloomberg

Rail: [Alstom strikes at China rail dominance with Bombardier buy](#) – Asian Nikkei Review

Retail: [Coronavirus wreaks havoc on luxury and fashion groups](#) – Financial Times

Additional Resources:

- [How can business respond to the Novel Coronavirus \(Covid-19\)?](#) – Burges Salmon
- [Coronavirus outbreak – what are the implications? – free webinar](#) – Economics Intelligence Unit
- [Coronavirus Global Cases Map](#) – Johns Hopkins University CSSE
- [Coronavirus: Tools for working from home](#) – China-Britain Business Council
- [Coronavirus Latest](#) – Caixin Global