



Dear Swiss citizens in Korea,

In light of the latest developments regarding the spreading of Coronavirus (2019-nCoV), the Federal Department of Foreign Affairs (FDFA) and the Swiss Embassy in Seoul recommend that all Swiss nationals in need of more specific information consult specialized websites and seek advice, if required, from their family doctor or a travel medicine institute.

First of all, as a rule of thumb, follow the prevention recommendations from the local Korean authorities, especially Seoul Education Office, the Korea Center for Disease Control and Prevention (KCDC) and download the Emergency Ready App available on iOS and Android.

In addition, and if you want to access information in a Swiss national language or in English, the following homepages might be useful :

- www.safetravel.ch (also contains addresses of institutes for travel medicine)
- Swiss Federal Office of Public Health (FOPH) <http://www.bag.admin.ch> > Home > In focus > New coronavirus
- World Health Organisation (WHO) www.who.int

The Swiss Federal Office of Public Health (FOPH) has the medical expertise and can therefore provide competent advice on health matters. It follows developments closely and regularly publishes up-to-date information: <https://www.bag.admin.ch/bag/de/home.html>.

For people who need to travel to China, the FOPH recommends:

- good personal hygiene measures such as regular hand washing;
- avoid markets where live or dead animals are traded;
- eat eggs and meat only well cooked;
- no contact with live animals and their excrements;
- if possible, no contact with people with respiratory symptoms;
- travelers returning from China with breathing difficulties or symptoms of illness should consult a doctor and point out the China trip.

The FDFA follows the recommendations from the WHO and from the Federal Office of Public Health (FOPH) and continues to monitor the situation very closely.

Yours sincerely,

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