

TRAVEL ADVICE
Issued by the Ministry of Foreign Affairs in light of the COVID 19 pandemic,
issued on 14/3/2020
(valid from 1 a.m. of March 15 until March 30, 2020)

Travel advice:

Avoid all travel abroad unless absolutely necessary

Travel advice validity period:

As of 15/3/2020, 01.00 Cyprus time (GMT+2), up to and including 30/3/2020.

In light of the continuing worldwide spread of coronavirus COVID-19 and given its classification by the World Health Organisation as a pandemic, the Ministry of Foreign Affairs advises Cypriot citizens to avoid travelling abroad unless absolutely necessary.

Citizens of the Republic of Cyprus who are temporarily abroad or permanently reside abroad are advised to be particularly cautious, to follow local and international media on the latest developments regarding COVID-19, to follow the relevant instructions of the country's authorities, to take self-protection measures, as well as to inform the accredited Diplomatic Mission of the Republic of their presence in the country.

Cypriot citizens who are or intend to travel abroad are encouraged to register on the website www.oikade.gov.cy

Relevant announcements, press releases, and information published by the Ministry of Health and other competent Authorities and Services of the Republic, including advice from the Ministry of Interior pertaining to documentation required for entry to the Republic of Cyprus, are available on the dedicated website created for this purpose, at <https://www.pio.gov.cy/coronavirus/>

It is noted that from 1 a.m. of March 15 and for a period of 15 days as a first phase, entry to the Republic of Cyprus is prohibited to any citizen - regardless of nationality - who does not fall under the following categories:

- Cypriot citizens
- Legal residents in the Republic of Cyprus.
- European nationals or third-country nationals working in the Republic.
- Nationals of countries who are in a designated diplomatic service or mission under bilateral or international Conventions.
- European or third country nationals attending educational institutions in the Republic of Cyprus.
- Individual cases of European nationals or third-country nationals for unavoidable professional obligations, provided that the relevant permit has been obtained from the competent Ministry.

It is noted that all travelers returning to Cyprus from, or having travelled, in the last 14 days to China's Hubei Province, Italy, Iran and the Republic of Korea, will need to remain in isolation under medical supervision, for a period of 14 days upon entry to the Republic.

In all other cases, travelers will be required to remain self-restricted and self-monitored for a period of 14 days and they should contact the competent authorities of the Republic if they develop symptoms.

Contact info:

In case of an emergency, Cypriot citizens may contact the following numbers:

➤ **Diplomatic Missions of the Republic of Cyprus abroad:**

The contact details of our Diplomatic Missions are available at the Ministry of Foreign Affairs website at http://www.mfa.gov.cy/mfa/mfa2016.nsf/mfa50_gr/mfa50_gr?OpenDocument

➤ **Consular Affairs Department of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs:**

+35 7 22651113 (08:30 - 15:00, Monday - Friday)

➤ **Duty Officer of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs:**

+35 7 99660129 (outside working hours*)

➤ **Crisis Management Department of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs:**

+35 7 22801000 (24/7)

* The Duty Officer's line is available outside office hours and is intended to provide assistance in emergency situations. For non-urgent questions, please contact the relevant Department of the Ministry during normal office hours via the switchboard +357 22-651000