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Dated 3<sup>rd</sup> March, 2020

**To**

**All Private Satellite News TV Channels**  
**All Private FM Radio Channels**

**Sub: Advisory related to Corona Virus (COVID19) - reg**

In view of the emerging global scenario regarding COVID19, in supersession of all earlier advisories, the following advisories have been issued by Ministry of Health and Family Welfare on 03.03.2020:

- All regular (sticker) Visas/e-Visa (including VoA for Japan and South Korea) granted to nationals of Italy, Iran, South Korea, Japan and issued on or before 03.03.2020 and who have not yet entered India, stand suspended with immediate effect. Those requiring to travel to India due to compelling reasons, may seek fresh visa from nearest Indian Embassy/Consulate.
- Regular (sticker) visa / e-Visa granted to nationals of Peoples Republic of China, issued on or before 05.02.2020 were suspended earlier. It shall remain in force. Those needing to travel to India under compelling circumstances may apply for fresh visa to nearest Indian Embassy/Consulate.
- Regular (sticker) visas/e-Visas granted to all foreign nationals who have travelled to Peoples Republic of China, Iran, Italy, South Korea and Japan on or after 01.02.2020, and who have not yet entered India stand suspended with immediate effect. Those requiring travel to India under compelling circumstances may apply for fresh visa to nearest Indian Embassy/Consulate.
- Diplomats, officials of UN and other International bodies, OCI cardholders and Aircrew from above countries are exempted from such restriction on entry. However, their medical screening is compulsory.
- Passengers of all international flights entering into India from any port are required to furnish duly filled self declaration form (including personal particulars i.e. phone no. and address in India) and travel history, to Health Officials and Immigration officials at all ports.
- Passengers (foreign and Indian) other than those restricted, arriving directly or indirectly from China, South Korea, Japan, Iran, Italy, Hong Kong, Macau, Vietnam, Malaysia, Indonesia, Nepal, Thailand, Singapore and Taiwan must undergo medical screening at port of entry.

- Indian citizens are advised to refrain from travel to China, Iran, Republic of Korea, Italy and advised to avoid non-essential travel to other COVID-19 affected countries.
2. Do's and Don'ts issued in this regard are attached at Annexure-I.
  3. The channels may also run the tickers as given at Annexure-II.
  4. Electronic Media has always been in the forefront to carry such message as it is a powerful tool to reach out to the people across the country. In order to make this effort successful, it has been felt that support, assistance and contribution of private TV channels and FM radio channels will be of immense use.
  5. Keeping in view the significance and meaningfulness of this cause, all private satellite News TV/FM radio channels and their associations are requested to give adequate publicity to the Revised Travel Advisory issued by Ministry of Health and Family Welfare.

  
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Ministry of Health & Family Welfare  
Government of India

## Novel Coronavirus (COVID19)

# Protect yourself and others!



Help us to  
help you

## Follow these Do's and Don'ts



**Do's**

- Observe good personal hygiene
- Practice frequent hand washing with soap
- Follow basic respiratory etiquette - cover your mouth while sneezing and coughing
- Wash your hands with soap and running water (when hands are visibly dirty)
- Clean your hands with alcohol-based hand rub or soap and water (when your hands are not visibly dirty)
- Throw used tissues into closed bins immediately after use
- See a doctor if you feel unwell



**Don'ts**

- Have a close contact with anyone, if you're experiencing cough and fever
- Spit in public
- Contact with live animals or consumption of raw/ undercooked meat
- Travel to farms, live animal markets or where animals are slaughtered

### For further information :

Call at Ministry of Health, Govt. of India's 24\*7 control room number

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## **ANNEXURE II**

### **Tickers on COVID-19**

1. Indian citizens are advised to refrain from travel to China, Iran, Republic of Korea, Italy and Japan.
2. Indian citizens are advised to avoid travel to other COVID-19 affected countries.
3. Passengers coming from abroad to India need to furnish duly filled self-declaration form and travel history to Health and Immigration officials at all ports and airports.
4. For any health related query call at Ministry of Health & Family Welfare, Government of India's 24\*7 control room number +91-11-23978046 or email at [ncov2019@gmail.com](mailto:ncov2019@gmail.com)