



COVID-19: Measures adopted by the Federal Council on 16.03.2020 (entry into force 17.03.2020 00h00 CET):

On 16.03.2020, the Swiss Federal Council declared a nationwide emergency and adopted sweeping measures in order to protect Swiss citizens, the public health system and society at large against the spread of the virus. Inter alia, in addition to schools, museums and theaters, restaurants, bars and entertainment places have also been closed, private and public gatherings are banned and a temporary entry ban at border crossings with Italy, France, Germany and Austria has been implemented.

In his press release, the Swiss government called all Swiss residents travelling abroad to return to Switzerland. They are recommended to contact their tour operator and organize swiftly their return journey. The Embassy of Switzerland in Seoul would like to inform Swiss citizens in Korea that this message applies only to Swiss citizens traveling abroad (tourists) and not to Swiss citizens living in the Republic of Korea.

The following airlines are flying from Incheon airport to Europe at the moment:

- Asiana (Frankfurt/Paris/London)
- British Airways (London)
- Korean Air (London)

Please be aware that this information can change at any time. You must regularly check with the airlines.

The press conference is available at the following link:

<https://www.20min.ch/schweiz/news/story/Erklaert-der-Bundesrat-jetzt-die-nationale-Notlage--16165812>

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