



INFORMATION ABOUT COVID-19 IN SOUTH KOREA

The coronavirus - COVID-19 - has spread in the Republic of Korea in recent days. The Korean Government raised the virus alert level to "red", the highest level, on Sunday, 23 February 2020. Although nearly all major provinces or cities have reported some infections, most of the cases are situated in Daegu and its nearby county of Cheongdo, which were designated as "special care zones" by the administration.

The situation can change and develop quickly. We therefore recommend you to follow the news in the media and the messages from the Korean Government's "EmergencyReadyApp" attentively, which is available in English for IOS (Apple) and Android. If you are in South Korea and have any questions, you can contact the Korean Centre for Disease Control and Prevention at the phone number 1339. For information in other languages, including German and French, you can contact the Immigration Office hotline at phone number 1345.

The website of the Korean authorities publishes official information about the Covid-19 outbreak. <https://www.cdc.go.kr/board/board.es?mid=a30402000000&bid=0030> or <http://english.seoul.go.kr/>

For general information about the virus and the development of the disease, please consult the following websites:

Swiss Federal Office for Public Health:

<https://www.bag.admin.ch/bag/de/home/krankheiten/ausbrueche-epidemien-pandemien/aktuelle-ausbrueche-epidemien/novel-cov.html>

World Health Organization: <https://www.who.int/emergencies/diseases/novel-coronavirus-2019>

Please bear in mind that many countries have measures in place for entry, such as body temperature control, quarantine or entry bans for people coming from an affected country. Before travelling, enquire at the embassy or consulate of the destination country and any transit countries about the measures currently in force. There are at the current stage no entry restrictions in Switzerland for travelers from South Korea and vice versa.

The Embassy will continue to follow the situation closely.

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