

**20 March 2020**

**COVID 19 - Advisory for Indian Community**

Indian Prime Minister Narendra Modi during his address to the nation on 19.03.2020 asked the people not to panic; maintain social distancing and advised the people to remain indoor as far as possible. Except for essential Government officials and Health workers, others should isolate themselves from rest of the Society. Prime Minister asked people not to get infected themselves and prevent others from getting infected. Prime Minister acknowledged that many difficulties arise in such times and there is environment for apprehensions and rumours. Prime Minister asked fellow citizens to face the challenges with firm resolve and determination amidst all these difficulties.

2. As a measure to contain the spread of the virus, Government of India has suspended entry of International flights into India from 22-29 March, 2020. No Indian and Foreign nationals will be able to enter into India during this period.

3. As on 20 March 2020, six(6) COVID positive cases have been confirmed in Kyrgyzstan. The Kyrgyz Government has taken adequate measures to contain the spread of virus. According to the Kyrgyz Government, all international flights to and from Kyrgyzstan, including on Delhi-Bishkek Sector, have been temporarily suspended from 20 March 2020 except the following three routes:

- a) Moscow - Bishkek - Moscow (once a week)
- b) Moscow - Osh - Moscow (once a week)
- c) Novosibirsk-Bishkek- Novosibirsk (once a week)

Kyrgyz government has banned entry of foreign nationals into Kyrgyzstan from 19 March 2020.

4. Colleges/Universities in Kyrgyzstan have been closed until 5 April 2020. However, Universities have started on-line classes for

the students. According to Kyrgyz Government, adequate medical facilities are available in the country and there is no scarcity of medicines and food.

5. There is no need to panic and concern at the moment and authorities are monitoring and handling the situation closely with an intent to keep the situation under control. Kyrgyz authorities have advised measures for social distancing and minimize travel and interaction. Mission is maintaining close contact with Kyrgyz authorities and relevant personnel in this regard.

6. Indian community including student community in Kyrgyz Republic are advised to remain home wherever they are and follow the advisories issued from time to time.

7. Indian Students are required to furnish the following details in their E mail communication with the Embassy:

- a) Name :
- b) Name of the Institute/University:
- c) Year in which studying:
- d) Indian Passport No. :
- e) Mobile Number:

8. Embassy's emergency contact number is 00 996 312 979256

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