



## **NCOVID - 19 Threat | NEPAL TOURISM Status Update**

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This is to bring you all the updates on the current status of Nepal regarding the threat of the Wuhan Coronavirus (COVID 19).

- Ministry of Health Government of Nepal has confirmed the only "positive" case registered so far has been a Nepali national, who is now fully recovered. He has been discharged from the hospital within the week once the last observations on the test results were done. (Source: Ministry of Health, Government of Nepal)
- To date, besides the above-mentioned case no other Nepali or citizen of another country has been identified as being infected by the virus. (Source: Ministry of Health – Government of Nepal)
- The 175 university students and Nepali nationals who were brought to Nepal on 14th of February 2020, from Wuhan, China, were sent to the special quarantine unit away from human settlements with all modern testing and monitoring facilities. They will remain in quarantine for 2 weeks before their discharge. So far none of them have shown signs of the infection nor confirmed as being infected by the virus. (Source: Ministry of Health – Government of Nepal)
- The security measures taken at the Airports, Borders and Hospitals etc are still active in the same manner and a special Task Force team is actively overseeing the measures taken, under the direct supervision of the ministry of health. The Ministry is also furnishing a daily SITREP to the World Health Organization (Source: Health Ministry – Civil Aviation Authority of Nepal (CAAN))
- Sukraraj Tropical and Infectious Disease Hospital (STIDH) – Kathmandu is now equipped with a special unit with all the required medical / staffing facilities and is ready to serve the public in any situation that might occur. Other hospitals under the instruction of the Ministry of Health have certain sections isolated and kept ready for any eventuality should that arise. (Source: Ministry of Health – Government of Nepal)
- Steps are already been taken to create awareness on the outbreak among tourism industry and general. Accordingly Ministry of Health, Ministry of Tourism and Nepal Tourism Board are working closely to combat the spread of the Coronavirus within all tourist hotspots of the country. The Government is vigilant to ensure that the safety of everyone.

As such, we are pleased to inform that we are doing our best to keep Nepal safe with whatever resources we have from the COVID 19 threat. Should there be any changes on the ground we will keep you updated.

As of now, no cancellations or alterations are required for travel to Nepal.

Please visit the World Health Organization (WHO) link below for safety tips while travelling  
<https://www.who.int/emergencies/diseases/novel-coronavirus-2019/advice-for-public>