



National Indian Students and Alumni Union (UK)

Advisory for COVID-19 outbreak for Indian students in the UK

16 March 2020

1. We have received confirmation from the Indian Government that there is now a travel restriction (the "restriction") on passengers travelling from UK, Turkey and member countries of the European Union and European Free Trade Association to India. This includes Indian citizens. The restriction comes into effect from 18 March 2020 and will be in force till 31 March 2020 (the "restriction period"). It will be reviewed subsequently.
2. For passengers coming from or transiting through UAE, Qatar, Oman and Kuwait there will be a compulsory quarantine period of a minimum of 14 days with effect from 1200 GMT on 18 March 2020 at the port of first departure.
3. If you already have a ticket to travel back to India and are impacted by this restriction, please contact your airline and/or intermediary through which you booked the ticket.
4. If your UK visa is due to expire during the restriction period or shortly thereafter, please seek advice from UKVI by contacting their Coronavirus Immigration Helpline at:
Phone: 0800 678 1767
Email: CIH@homeoffice.gov.uk
5. If you are facing an emergency for which you would like to travel to India, please contact the High Commission of India in the UK, and you may also drop a note to us at team@nisu.org.uk.
6. Any requirement for absence from your studies should be discussed with your university in the first instance who could provide authorised absence as deemed appropriate.
7. Please continue to follow the guidance and information released by the Indian Government, the UK Government, the National Health Service and your university
8. If you experience any symptoms for COVID-19, follow NHS instructions as per <https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/coronavirus-covid-19/>
9. Any students due to commence studies in or after March 2020 and concerned about the situation due to Coronavirus, please discuss your concerns with your university in the first instance.
10. Please be careful to follow official guidance and news from reliable sources. Please be mindful of the information you forward within your networks.
11. Please do not panic, support each other and take necessary precautions to be safe.
12. The NISAU is happy to help with any of your queries. Please drop us an email at team@nisu.org.uk and we will do our best to help.

Please note, this advisory and any communication from the National Indian Students and Alumni Union UK (NISAU) is intended to support Indian students in the UK and should not be construed as legal advice in any shape or form.