

## MINISTRY OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS AND REGIONAL INTEGRATION

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### NOVEL CORONAVIRUS IN CHINA

The Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Regional Integration wishes to assure all parents, relatives and friends of Ghanaians in China that the Embassy of Ghana in Beijing and the Consulate –General in Guangzhou are in contact with leadership of the Ghanaian community and the National Union of Ghana Students - China and receive frequent briefing from them on the welfare of all Ghanaian nationals. The Mission has advised all Ghanaians to stay indoors and adhere to preventive precautions outlined by Chinese authorities.

Currently, no Ghanaian has contracted the novel coronavirus even though we have about One Hundred and Fifty-two (152) students in Wuhan where the virus was first reported. Again, the Embassy is in contact with the students and is liaising with their leadership, the Wuhan Foreign Office and Universities to ensure the continued safety of our students and the provision of basic necessities.

The Ministry and our Mission in Beijing are currently engaging with relevant authorities both in Ghana and China on various possibilities for the safety of all Ghanaian nationals and the general public will be updated subsequently.

The under-listed measures should be observed by all Ghanaians that intend to travel to China, during this period:

1. Buy medical insurance



2. Acquaint themselves with the nearest medical facility where they treat high fevers and also speak English or have a translator who can help in case of any emergency

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3. Anyone visiting Wuhan would be subject to a mandatory 14-days quarantine before leaving the province.

Most universities in China have postponed their re-opening dates indefinitely. Parents/ guardians, with wards particularly in Wuhan and its environs in the Hubei Province, are advised to immediately contact our Consular Hotline on phone numbers +8618612084232 or +8618612959040

The Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Regional Integration remains resolute on working with the various Ghanaian communities and the students in China to ensure that they are provided with the needed consular services within their remit.

