



The Quaestors

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NOTICE

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Subject: Coronavirus COVID-19 - Recommendation of the Quaestors based on advice of the Medical Service

The novel coronavirus COVID 19 has now also reached Europe. Some countries and regions previously not affected have started to report community transmission of the virus. Following advice from Parliament's Medical Service and waiting an official update of the European Centre for Disease Prevention and Control, it has been established that the following areas are concerned:

- China (Mainland China, Hong Kong, Macao)
- Singapore
- South Korea
- Iran
- Northern Italy has also reported community transmission in the **regions of Lombardy, Piedmont, Emilia-Romagna and Veneto.**

If Members have travelled to one of these areas within the last 14 days, they are advised to observe the following measures:

A. If you are well and you had no (suspected) contact with a person infected with the novel Corona virus, COVID-19:

- stay home in self-isolation and do not come to the EP (also not to the Medical Service); you can use the IT tools provided by the European Parliament to be in contact with your office;
- monitor your health/take your temperature twice daily for 14 days; if you develop any symptoms, please refer to section B below;
- if after 14 days of your return, you have no symptoms, you are advised to visit your General Practitioner to receive a full clearance.

B. In case you had any known or suspected contact with a person infected with the novel Corona virus COVID-19, or if you develop any symptoms:

- Please contact your General Practitioner for urgent advice and care. If you are in Brussels and you do not have a GP here, you can find one by calling 02/212 22 22. Doctors on call: <http://www.gbbw.be/index.php/en/>
- **In case of medical emergency, call 112**
- Always inform the caregiver about your recent travel history and do not go to the clinic without prior telephone contact. (When in a clinic, ask to wait in a separate room; do not stay in a waiting room with other people.)
- Do not come to the office until you have received a green light from a General Practitioner.

As a general rule that is particularly important in this context, if you feel unwell or ill, you should stay home and contact a GP for advice.

The above preventive measures are only recommended for Members who have visited within the last 14 days one of the countries / regions listed above. This list may be updated as appropriate.

The above listed measures apply also to Parliament's staff, including Members' assistants (accredited or else) if they travelled to one of these countries / regions and who have been instructed to stay home and to the extent possible do teleworking.

The situation will be continuously monitored closely and updates will be sent.

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