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Starting 2 pm of March 14, travelers yet on board leaving 27 European countries or Dubai are required to practice a 14-day home quarantine after entering Taiwan



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The Central Epidemic Command Center (CECC) announced on March 14 that, considering the frequent movement of citizens in the Schengen Area, it will raise the travel notice on March 17, to Level 3: Warning, for all Schengen countries including France, Germany, Spain, Portugal, Austria, the Netherlands, Belgium, Luxembourg, Denmark, Finland, Sweden, Slovakia, Slovenia, Poland, the Czech Republic, Hungary, Greece, Malta, Estonia, Latvia, Lithuania, Iceland, Norway, Switzerland and Liechtenstein, in addition to Italy, which is already on Level 3. The United Kingdom and Ireland, enjoying free movement in the Area, are also now on Level 3. Dubai (transit included) is also on the list. People are advised to avoid nonessential travel to these countries. Starting from 2pm, March 14, those already on board are asked to practice more stringent self-health management, whereas travelers yet on board will have to follow a 14-day home quarantine. Starting from March 17, foreign travelers required to follow home quarantine can pay to stay at the group quarantine facilities if they do not have other places to reside in.

The disease outbreak in the US has intensified, with 46 states and Washington D.C. all reporting confirmed cases, and more than 20 states having declared a state of emergency. According to the assessment of the US Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), coronavirus disease 2019 (COVID-19) is spread through communities in the states of Washington, New York and California. Isolation measures have been implemented in certain regions suffering from severe epidemic developments. In light of the situation, the CECC raised its travel notice for the above three states to level 2: Alert. Travelers visiting these regions are advised to practice enhanced precautions. The travel notice for remaining US states is Level 1: Watch, and visitors are advised to take usual precautionary measures.

The World Health Organization (WHO) declared COVID-19 a pandemic, with more than 110 countries reporting confirmed cases and more than 70 countries reporting indigenous transmissions. Various countries have strengthened their border control measures and restricted the movement of people. As infections continue to spread globally, and considering the close transportations and exchange between nations, the CECC raised its travel notice to Level 1: Watch, for all countries yet listed in the advisory. Travelers who have visited countries listed in the Level 1 and 2 categories in the past 14 days are required to practice a 14-day self-health management. As travel notices are heightened for countries around the globe, the government will strengthen its border control measures and conduct retrospective screenings to ensure the safety of Taiwan people.

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