

## **UPDATE ON PRECAUTIONARY MEASURES RELATED TO CORONAVIRUS**

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Embassy of India in Kuwait informs the Indian Community in Kuwait that the Cabinet of State of Kuwait has announced the following decisions as part of the preventive measures to contain the spread of coronavirus (COVID-19) and for the safety of both citizens and expatriates.

- Suspension of works in all ministries, government sectors, public authorities and institutions during the period from 12/3/2020 till 26/3/2020. Official resumption will be on 29/3/2020.
- Suspension of commercial flights to/from Kuwait, with effect from midnight of Friday, March 13/3/2020 till further notice. The Cabinet also decided to limit the commercial flights coming to Kuwait, from now until the date of suspension, to carrying Kuwaiti passengers and their first degree relatives only. This decision excludes cargo flights.
- Banning gatherings inside restaurants and cafes, including those inside shopping centres.
- Closure of private gyms and health clubs.

According to official information, facilities like cooperative societies, supermarkets, pharmacies, gas cylinders refilling centers, petrol stations, branches of Kuwait Supply Company and Kuwait Flour Mills and Bakeries are operating normally. Further, according to information available with the Embassy, the current governorate-wise testing schedule (12-17 March 2020) for mandatory medical examination of expatriates, who returned to Kuwait on or after 27 February 2020, is not applicable to expatriates returning from India. However, all concerned are requested to keep track of latest notifications from Ministry of Health, Kuwait (Twitter: @KUWAIT\_MOH, Website: [www.moh.gov.kw](http://www.moh.gov.kw)), on this subject.

It is to be kindly noted that transfer of mortal remains will also be impacted on account of suspension of flights.

All the members of the Indian Community in Kuwait are advised to adhere to all the local rules and regulations and contribute, both individually and collectively, in achieving the desired objective of containing the spread of the infection and protecting health and safety of all the residents and citizens of the friendly State of Kuwait.

Members of the Indian community are advised to keep track of Embassy's website ([www.indembkwt.gov.in](http://www.indembkwt.gov.in)) and social media accounts (Twitter: @indembkwt, Facebook: @indianembassykuwait) for official updates on the above subject.

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