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Public Health Services releases further information for returning travellers to the Bailiwick

As the situation regarding the SARS-CoV-2 virus evolves, Public Health Services (PHS) has today updated advice for travellers returning to the Island.

PHS has today added the following countries to **Group B – travellers need to isolate if they return with symptoms (however mild)**.

- France
- Egypt
- Tenerife (returning since 17th Feb)

For Group B countries, PHS are asking people to self-isolate **ONLY IF THEY HAVE SYMPTOMS (fever or cough or shortness of breath)**, even if these are mild, and these symptoms occur within 14 days of returning from a Group B country.

The guidance for travellers returning is now as follows:

Group A: Self -Isolation for all returning travellers irrespective of whether they have symptoms or not:

PHS are recommending that any individual should self-isolate, irrespective of symptoms if they have returned from the following areas in the last 14 days:

- **Mainland China (excluding Hong Kong and Macau)**
- **Iran**
- **South Korea**
- **Specific lockdown areas designated by the government of Italy**

If you experience symptoms (fever, cough or shortness of breath, no matter how mild) and have returned from the above countries in the last 14 days, then contact Public Health Services on 01481-725241, or, if you are feeling very unwell, phone 999 telling the operator of your symptoms and travel history.

Group B: Travellers from other specified countries who have symptoms, even if these are mild:

PHS have updated the guidance as of the 2 March 2020, taking into account the evolving situation globally.

PHS has issued this additional advice for returning travellers from the following countries:

- Thailand,
- Japan,
- Hong Kong,
- Taiwan,
- Singapore,
- Malaysia or
- Macau
- Northern Italy (defined by a line above, and not including, Pisa, Florence and Rimini),
- Vietnam
- Cambodia
- Laos
- Myanmar
- Indonesia
- France
- Egypt
- Tenerife (returning since 17 February 2020)

If you experience symptoms (fever, cough or shortness of breath, no matter how mild) and have returned from the above countries in the last 14 days, then stay indoors and contact Public Health Services on 01481-725241, or, if you are feeling very unwell, phone 999 telling the operator of your symptoms and travel history.

Self-Isolation is the act of separating yourself from physical contact with the rest of the community for a specified period of time.

Further information on self-isolation can be found on www.gov.gg/coronavirus

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