

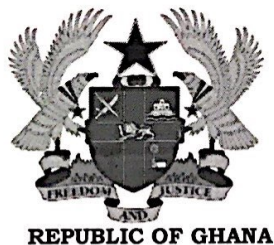
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PRESS RELEASE

UPDATE ON PREPAREDNESS ON 2019 NOVEL CORONA VIRUS (2019-nCoV)
OUTBREAK

Following the earlier press release and the declaration of the outbreak as a Public Health Emergency of International Concern, the MOH wants to assure the nation that we are doing all things possible to ensure that we protect the nation against the Corona virus.

In light of these, there will be a National Technical Coordinating Committee (NTCC) to review the resilience of our current arrangements to prevent an outbreak as outlined in the earlier release.

In the meantime, we are requesting that ALL non-essential travel to China should be avoided or delayed.

We will however, as part of our emergency preparedness and response, request that the general public adheres to the following measures as outlined in earlier press releases:

- Regular washing of hands with soap and water
- Use of alcohol hand rub where available
- Keep a distance of at least one step (one meter) from a person showing signs of fever, cough and difficulty in breathing
- When contact with a sick person or with potentially infected surfaces or objects occurs, please avoid touching your eyes, nose or mouth with unwashed hands;
- It is advisable to be physically active, drink plenty of water, eat well, reduce stress and have enough sleep
- People should seek treatment immediately if infection is suspected, if symptoms occur or when advised by a health worker
- Report any symptoms to the nearest health facility
- Use of tissue paper or handkerchief when coughing

The Honourable Minister for Health and the Minister for Foreign Affairs will address parliament on Tuesday with current developments on the outbreak after the NTCC meeting on Monday

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