



## TRAVEL ADVISORY ON COVID-19 OUTBREAK (UPDATED 13 FEBRUARY 2020)

A novel coronavirus (COVID-19) has infected thousands since the outbreak began in Wuhan, China. Common signs of infection include respiratory symptoms, fever, coughing, shortness of breath and breathing difficulties. In more severe cases, infection can cause pneumonia, severe acute respiratory syndrome, kidney failure and even death. As travellers, you are rightly concerned about the spread of the virus. We have prepared a list of Frequently Asked Questions in relation to your MSIG TravelRight Plus in the face of the COVID-19 outbreak.

### FAQs

*Single Trip - For insurance purchased before 23 January 2020  
Annual Cover - For insurance purchased and trip booked before 23 January 2020*

1. **How am I covered with the MSIG TravelRight Plus policy when it comes to a situation like this?**

***Before commencement of journey:***

*If you are confirmed to have been infected by COVID-19 (resulting in hospitalisation or death before your journey), the policy will cover for travel cancellation, provided you had purchased it no later than 7 days before your journey began.*

***During the journey:***

*If you are confirmed to have been infected by COVID-19 during your journey, the policy will cover:*

- *medical expenses*
- *emergency medical evacuation*
- *travel curtailment*
- *repatriation of mortal remains*

2. **Are there any benefits claimable if I decide to cancel or shorten my trip due to the COVID-19 outbreak?**

*No, there are no provisions under Travel Cancellation or Travel Curtailment to cover the disinclination to travel in view of the COVID-19 outbreak.*

3. **Does the insurance cover the additional costs incurred if I would like to reschedule my trip or flight before the journey?**

*No, there are no provisions to cover the additional costs incurred if you would like to reschedule your trip or flight before the journey.*

4. **Are there any benefits claimable if there is a travel restriction and I am unable to enter my destination due to COVID-19?**

No benefit would be claimable as it would fall under policy General Exception 1(d):

*delay, confiscation, detention, requisition, damage, destruction, or any prohibitive regulation by Customs or other Government Officials or Authorities of any country.*

5. **<Update>** I would like to cancel my trip, can I cancel my travel insurance?

*If you are travelling to China, Hong Kong or Macau, we will accommodate the cancellation of your travel insurance with premium refund for journeys that are commencing 07 February 2020 to 23 March 2020- subject to submission of your flight ticket.*

6. **<Update>** I would like to reschedule my trip to a later date, will I need to buy travel insurance again?

*If you are travelling to China or other countries with confirmed cases of COVID-19, we will accommodate requests of postponement or deferment of trip for journeys commencing 23 January 2020 to 23 March 2020 subject to the following:-*

- a) *You must inform MSIG of your intention to postpone the trip*
- b) *You must provide the details of the alternative travel arrangement for endorsement of cover on the insurance certificate*
- c) *Your insurance will lapse if the Insured did not replace the trip within 90 days of the original travel date. Additional premium may be applicable for extension of travel duration or change of geographical area.*
- d) *In any event, there will be no refund of premium.*

*This postponement is only applicable to the current COVID-19 outbreak and should not be taken as a precedent for future cases.*

7. **<Update>** My trip to China, Hong Kong or Macau commencing after 23 March 2020 has been cancelled by the tour agency or airline, can I cancel my policy?

*Yes, you may cancel your policy. Please provide documentation by the tour agency or airline confirming the trip cancellation. We shall refund the premium paid accordingly.*

<i>Single Trip - For insurance purchased from 23 January 2020 onwards Annual Cover - For insurance purchased and trip booked from 23 January 2020 onwards</i>
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8. **Is my travel insurance valid if I had purchased on or after 23 January 2020?**

*If the insurance is purchased on or after 23 January 2020, our policy does not cover claims for losses caused by an event that was known at the time of purchasing. Hence, cover is not available for claims in relation to COVID-19. This is stated under General Exception 2(e) - claims caused by reason which is of public knowledge when the insurance is purchased or when the trip is booked.*

**Note:**

*“Journey”, as outlined by your policy document, refers to a trip that commences when you leave your home or workplace in Malaysia (whichever is the later) for a direct journey to the intended destination and ends when you return to Malaysia. It ends either:*

- a) after 24 hours upon your arrival in Malaysia,*
- b) upon reaching your home or workplace in Malaysia (whichever is the earlier),*
- c) expiry of the Period of Insurance.*

Other policy limits, terms, conditions and exclusions still apply.

For more information, please refer to the policy booklet for full details, or contact our Customer Service team at 1-800-88-MSIG (6744) or [myMSIG@my.msiga.com](mailto:myMSIG@my.msiga.com)

**Footnotes:**

Updated 07 Feb 2020 - Added rescheduling and cancellation clauses specific to the COVID-19 Outbreak.

Updated 13 Feb 2020 - Replaced “2019-nCoV” with “COVID-19”.