

Advice To Arriving Travelers (examples)

During your recent travel if you have traveled through the affected areas listed below during the past 10 days, you may have been exposed to cases of severe acute respiratory syndrome. The usual incubation period for this illness is 2-7 days. You should monitor your health. If you become ill with fever accompanied by cough or difficulty in breathing, and you have been in one of the affected areas during the past 10 days you should seek medical advice (please see list below). To help the doctor make a diagnosis, tell him or her about your recent travel to these regions and whether you were in contact with someone who had these symptoms. Please save this card and give it to your physician if you become ill.

Affected Areas* - Severe Acute Respiratory Syndrome (SARS)	
Country	Area
Canada	Toronto
Singapore	Singapore
China	Guangdong Province, Hong Kong Special Administrative Region of China, Taiwan Province
Viet Nam	Hanoi
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*An "Affected Area" is defined as a region at the first administrative level where the country is reporting local transmission of SARS.	

List of Medical Practioners/Facilities where Assistance Can Be Obtained

Name	Address	Telephone	Fax



SOLOMON ISLANDS - MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND MEDICAL SERVICES

ADVISORY ON

SEVERE ACUTE RESPIRATORY SYNDROME (SARS)

The Centre for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) and the World Health Organization (WHO) have received reports of patients with severe acute respiratory syndrome (SARS) from Canada, China, Hong Kong Special Administrative Region of China, Indonesia, Philippines, Singapore, Thailand, Vietnam, Germany and the United Kingdom. The cause of these illnesses is unknown and is being investigated. Early manifestations in these patients have included influenza-like symptoms such as fever, muscle pains, headache, sore throat, dry cough, shortness of breath, or difficulty breathing.

Based on currently available evidence, close contact with an infected person is needed for the infective agent to spread from one person to another.

This illness can be severe and, due to global travel, has spread to several countries in a relatively short period of time. Therefore, there is cause for concern.

WHO has not recommended restricting travel to any destination in the world. However, all travelers should be aware of the main symptoms and signs of SARS. People who have these symptoms and within the previous 10 days have been in close contact with a person who has been diagnosed with SARS, or a history of travel to areas where cases of SARS have been spreading (see list), should seek medical attention and inform health authorities of recent travel. Travelers who develop these symptoms are advised not to undertake further travel until fully recovered.

Please note that this situation is rapidly evolving and that the advice given will be constantly changing as more evidence about the causation and options for treatment becomes available.

The public is advised to consult the home page of the WHO SARS website: <http://www.who.int/csr/sars/en/> for daily updates on the outbreak and relevant press releases.

This advisory is given by the Ministry of Health in collaboration with Immigration, Quarantine and Travel Agencies in Solomon Islands, aimed at preventing introduction of SARS into the country and ensuring the health and well being of the local population and visiting friends.

To ensure that appropriate health measures are provided in case of an emergency, please respond to the following questions:

Have you been to the following places / countries within the last 10 days?

- Guangdong Prov., China Yes / No
- Hongkong, SAR, China Yes / No
- Singapore Yes / No
- Hanoi, Vietnam Yes / No
- ROC / Taiwan Yes / No
- Toronto, Canada Yes / No

If "Yes" are you experiencing the following symptoms?

- High Fevers Yes / No
- Coughs Yes / No
- Breathing Difficulties Yes / No

If "Yes" to any of the above locations AND "Yes" to any of the above symptoms, please report to the Quarantine Desk at the arrival lounge.

If you state "Yes" to any of the above locations and "No" to all of the above symptoms, you are advised to report to the nearest hospital or see your doctor in the event that you start to have these symptoms within the next 7 days and present this advisory.

Full Name.....

Passport No.....

Nationality:.....

Address in Solomon Islands:
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