

**Embassy of India  
Thimphu**

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**Press Release**

Reference 'revised travel advisory' issued by Ministry of Health and Family Welfare, Govt of India and 'visa restrictions related to Covid-19' issued by Bureau of Immigration. (Both dated March 11, 2020, available at <https://www.mohfw.gov.in/HFWnCoVGoM11March2020II.pdf> & <https://www.mohfw.gov.in/VisarestrictionsrelatedtoCOVID19Ministries.pdf> )

2. Keeping in view the ramifications of current global spread of Covid-19 on public health and safety, certain health safety measures are being implemented for foreign and Indian nationals entering into and exiting from India. The primary intention is to ensure the health and safety of both Indian as well as foreign nationals with bare minimum inconvenience to travel and mobility. These measures would be continuously reviewed depending on the evolving situation.

3. The current measures are solely for the purposes of managing public health and safety. These measures do not currently have any impact on normal travel of Bhutanese nationals to India, either by air or by existing land routes. Existing travel arrangements for Bhutanese nationals will, in other words, remain unaffected.

4. However there will be intensified health inspections at all entry points and any traveler, Indian, Bhutanese or from third countries presenting COVID-19 symptoms or with recent travel history to one of seven COVID-19 outbreak countries (as listed in the above-mentioned circular) may possibly be subject to quarantine if so required.

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