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Dear Colleagues and Clients,

As you know, Israel continues its efforts to deal with the Corona Virus and contain it, to avoid its spreading any further. To that end, the Ministry of Health is continuously publishing updated guidelines. In this #News_Flash, we would like to update you of the changes that have been applied since the **latest update we issued on February 5, 2020.**

Updates on the Requirement to be Quarantined in Home Isolation:

- Individuals returning from the following updated list of countries, must be quarantined in home isolation for 14 days, from the date of leaving these countries: China, Thailand, Hong-Kong, Singapore, Macao, South Korea and Japan. Please note, that individuals who did not spend time in these countries, other than for a connecting flights, are not required to be quarantined in home isolation (other than through China).
- Instructions were added requiring quarantine in home isolation for individuals who were in contact with a group of Korean visitors who toured Israel. The duration – 14 days from the date of last contact with the group.
- Individuals quarantined in home isolation must independently report themselves to the Ministry of Health, by way of an online form or the health call center on *5400.

Special Instructions for individuals returning from Taiwan, Italy or Australia

- Individuals returning from Taiwan, Italy or Australia may continue with their daily routine. However, if individuals returning from these countries experience symptoms of fever over 38 degrees (Celsius), coughing, difficulty breathing or any other respiratory symptoms, must follow the instructions of the Ministry of Health and get examined.

Limitations on Entry into Israel

- As of this morning, Monday, February 24, 2020, in addition to the limitations on entry into Israel from China, Macao, Thailand, Singapore and Hong-Kong, entry into Israel will also be denied for individuals, who visited South Korea or Japan, during the 14 days prior to their arrival in Israel, other than for individuals who are citizens or residents of Israel.

Flights out of Israel

- Currently, the Ministry of Foreign Affairs has recommended to completely avoid any travel to China and South Korea, and to further consider travel to Thailand and Japan. We recommend keeping updated with all the latest information, at the Ministry of Foreign Affairs web site page titled "**Recommendations for Overseas Travelers**".
- The Ministry of Health is constantly updating its recommendations for overseas travelers. **Click here for the full list of the Ministry's recommendations regarding the Corona Virus.** We recommend specifically referring to the Q&A's section at the bottom of the page.

Employer Obligations

- There have been no changes in employer obligations since our previous update. The comprehensive medical certificate published by the Ministry of Health applies to all individuals quarantined in home isolation, and they should not be required to provide another specific medical certificate.

Individuals quarantined in Isolation and the Elections for the 23rd Knesset, scheduled to take place on March 2, 2020

- The Updated Order published by the Ministry of Health states that persons quarantined in isolation (as defined in the Order), with no symptoms, may leave their isolation in order to cast their vote, at one of the ballots that will be specifically dedicated for such purpose. Such persons shall travel directly to the ballot, and back to their isolation, in a vehicle that is not public transport (including a taxi). We recommend that you stay alert to any further updates and instructions on this matter.

Please note that the guidelines on handling the Corona Virus are constantly being updated, and therefore, it is highly recommended to examine the updated guidelines on an ongoing basis, especially in relation to isolation, entry into Israel and travel warnings.

For your convenience, below please find a few links to important publications, for your attention and use (in Hebrew):

- Updated guidelines of the Ministry of Health dated February 23, 2020
- Public Health Order (the New Corona Virus 2019) (Temporary Order), 2020, updated on February 23, 2020. The validity of the Order is for 90 days, from 2.2.2020.
- Notifications of the Spokesperson for the Population and Immigration Authority regarding the entry into Israel:
 1. Borders will be closed to foreigners who visited Thailand, Hong-Kong, Macao and Singapore.
 2. Borders will be closed to individuals who visited South Korea and Japan.

** Updated as of February 23, 2020; For those of you who read our Hebrew update, which was circulated yesterday, February 23, 2020, we note that this update includes additional information.

We will continue to update you on any developments and their significance

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