



PRESS STATEMENT

MMI UNITED KINGDOM RESPONDS TO COVID-19 PANDEMIC

In light of the latest developments regarding COVID-19, we here at MMIUK have been following closely on the updates provided by the UK government. As the government’s advice rapidly changes with the progression of the outbreak, it is our utmost priority that we look after the wellbeing of the Malaysian medical students in the UK during this time. We have gathered some essential information that is important for your safety.

It is important, now more than ever, to remain calm. Follow the instructions provided to you by your respective universities, the Malaysian Embassy and most importantly, the UK and the Malaysian government. These are unprecedented times we are going through, and it's easy to get caught up in the heat of it all.

Current Updates (as of 24th March 2020)

Institution	Information
Malaysian High Commission, London	23 rd of March 2020 - consular advice to all Malaysians in the UK has been made available on their Facebook group, accessible via this link: https://www.facebook.com/MalaysianHighCommissionLondon/ This advice contains information of airlines still operating services to Malaysia and the travel restrictions that each airline has imposed.
Malaysian Government	18th of March 2020 - the Movement Control Order (MCO) has been put in place. Only Malaysians and Permanent Residents are able to enter the country. All Malaysians travelling back home are required to isolate ourselves for 14 days according to advice from KKM.

For more information about Malaysia's Ministry of Health's response to COVID-19, refer to the link here:

http://www.moh.gov.my/index.php/pages/view/2019-ncov-wuhan-guidelines?fbclid=IwAR3lqFSmDgDV1adpheilWgfgdznjphv9Jxrg0Q2ERU8-3XIAAPM4T_kPURE

Government of the United Kingdom	As of 24 th of March 2020, a stay-at-home order has been issued by the Prime Minister. Details can be found on BBC. Link to announcement: Boris Johnson issues stay-at-home order, sending the UK into lockdown to fight coronavirus pandemic
United Kingdom & Eire Council for Malaysian Students (UKEC)	Some answers to FAQs about COVID-19 can be found on their Facebook page: https://www.facebook.com/ukeconline/
Malaysian Medics International (MMI)	As of 23rd of March 2020, Malaysian Medics International has been posting regular information about COVID-19 which can be found via this link: https://www.malaysianmedics.org/covid-19
National Health Service (NHS)	Information and guidance on what to do in the event of the emergence of possible COVID-19 symptoms can be found here: https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/coronavirus-covid-19/

Additional Resource and Support

The Malaysian High Commission, London has been in contact with Emerald Travel, a travel agent based in London. If you are finding it difficult to book flight tickets to travel home to Malaysia, you may contact them at **020 7312 1739** for assistance in terms of flight tickets.

Look to each other for support and maintain a healthy support network during these difficult times. Always keep in contact with your loved ones back home and to the best of your ability, maintain normalcy during this time of uncertainty.

To all travelling back home to Malaysia, safe travels!

To all who are remaining within the UK, maintain good hygiene and stay safe!

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