

**Embassy of India
Budapest**

In view of the evolving Covid-19 situation in Hungary, the Hungarian Government has issued additional guidelines with regard to travel in and out of country. The Government of Hungary has closed its border to passenger traffic with effect from March 16th midnight and only Hungarian citizens and EEA citizens holding residence permits are allowed to enter the country. Copy of their latest guideline is enclosed.

The Government of India has also announced further measures including prohibition of travel of passengers from member countries of the European Union, European Union Free Trade Association, Turkey and UK with effect from 1200 GMT on 18th March 2020. Copy of these guidelines are also enclosed.

The Indian citizens staying in Hungary are advised to take due precautions as advised by WHO and other government authorities with regard to prevention of Covid-19. They are also requested to follow regular updates issued by the Embassy of India and in case of any specific requirement/query contact the Embassy (email; cons.budapest@mea.gov.in, Tel: 0036-1-3257742/43). The Embassy is monitoring the evolving situation and stands by the Indian citizens at this difficult juncture.

March 17, 2020



MINISTRY OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS AND TRADE

Remarks from PM Viktor Orbán's speech in the Hungarian Parliament: March 16, 2020

- **The Prime Minister reviewed the measures of the state of emergency announced last week.**
 - Declaration of a State of Emergency.
 - Ban on entry to foreign citizens arriving from Italy, China, South-Korea, Iran and Israel.
 - Hungarian citizens arriving from the aforementioned countries may enter Hungary, but will be subject to immediate quarantine protocol enforced by law.
 - Limitations on indoor and outdoor events.
 - Closing of schools and universities, transitioning to distance education.

- **The Prime Minister announced further measures to take effect at midnight (March 16)**
 - Hungary will close its borders to passenger traffic. Only Hungarian citizens and EEA citizens holding a residence permit will be allowed to enter the country, starting midnight, March 16.
 - Additionally, all events in Hungary will be banned. Sport events are to be held behind closed doors, should the organizers choose to hold them.
 - Clubs, entertainment venues, pubs, cinemas and cultural institutions will be closed.
 - Cafés, restaurants and stores are subject to limited opening hours until 15:00. This limitation does not apply to pharmacies, food and drug stores.
 - Municipal and local authorities are obliged to organize provisioning and caretaking for elderly people staying at home.

Issued on 16-03-2020

Government of India Ministry of Health & FW
Additional Travel Advisory for Novel Coronavirus Disease (COVID-19)

In continuation of the travel advisory issued on 11th March 2020, the following additional advisory is issued:

- (i) Expanding compulsory quarantine for a minimum period of 14 days for passengers coming from/transiting through UAE, Qatar, Oman, and Kuwait. This will come into effect from 1200 GMT on 18th March 2020 at the port of first departure.
- (ii) Travel of passengers from member countries of the European Union, the European Free Trade Association, Turkey and United Kingdom to India is prohibited with effect from 18th March 2020. No airline shall board a passenger from these nations to India with effect from 1200 GMT on 18th March 2020. The airline shall enforce this at the port of initial departure.
- (iii) Both these instructions are temporary measures and shall be in force till 31st March 2020 and will be reviewed subsequently.