



National Indian Students and Alumni Union (UK)

## **Advisory for Indian students in UK regarding COVID-19**

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### **Travelling to India**

At present, flights to India are temporarily suspended till 31<sup>st</sup> March 2020. We are in contact with the High Commission of India who have confirmed that they remain in touch with the Indian authorities concerned and they will keep you all updated about the resumption of flights. Please stay connected with the High Commission of India and us through social media for updates.

### **Visas due to expire soon**

For those Indian nationals whose visas are expiring but who are unable to leave due to the impacts of COVID19, the High Commission of India has confirmed that the Home Office is working on guidance and whilst this is ongoing, they have requested those impacted to not be concerned. They have said that no one will be unfairly penalised for events beyond their control as a result of COVID-19. Meanwhile, everyone should follow the advisories released by the NHS and Public Health England.

### **Already have a ticket to go to India**

If you already have a ticket to travel back to India and are impacted by this restriction, please contact your airline and/or intermediary through which you booked the ticket.

### **Registration with the High Commission of India**

We request everyone to register with the High Commission of India for any further updates by filling the form: <https://tinyurl.com/hci-register>.

### **Absence from University**

We are aware that universities are shifting to online teaching/assessment and we request you all to stay updated with the guidance released by your respective universities. Any requirement for absence from your studies should be discussed with your university in the first instance who could provide authorised absence as deemed appropriate.

### **Think you are experiencing any COVID-19 symptoms?**

If you experience any symptoms for COVID-19, follow NHS instructions as per <https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/coronavirus-covid-19/>

### **Guidance and Updates**

Everyone is requested to follow guidance and updates from the NHS, Public Health England, the UK and Indian Governments and the High Commission of India in the UK.

Indian students in the UK are also requested to follow the UK Council for International Student Affairs for updates.

Please be careful to follow official guidance and news from reliable sources. Please be mindful of the information you forward within your networks.

### **Due to commence studies in the UK?**

Any students due to commence studies in or after March 2020 and concerned about the situation due to Coronavirus, please discuss your concerns with your university in the first instance.

### **Any Problems?**

If you are feeling sad or lonely or need any other help, the NISAU team is happy to help with any of your queries. Please just drop us an email at [team@nisau.org.uk](mailto:team@nisau.org.uk) and we will do our best to help.

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