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## **COVID-19: ADVISORY FOR INDIAN COMMUNITY AND INDIAN STUDENTS IN UKRAINE**

In view of the COVID-19 pandemic, the Embassy advises all Indian citizens in Ukraine to avoid any unnecessary travel and observe social distancing. It is also requested to follow the advisories issued by the local authorities in Ukraine, World Health Organization, and Government of India from time to time.

**Lockdown measures in Ukraine:** Ukraine has extended the lockdown period till April 24. *All international commercial passenger services to and from Ukraine stand suspended till April 24, 2020.* Interregional passenger transport services including rail, air, intercity buses, metro trains also stand suspended. Grocery stores, supermarkets, Post offices, banks, gas stations, Pharmacies and food delivery will be functional during the period. Updated advisories and information is available on covid19.com.ua/en/. Ministry of Health of Ukraine Hotline number for COVID-19: 0800505840.

**Lockdown measures in India:** India has implemented complete lockdown for 21 days starting from March 25, 2020. *All scheduled international commercial passenger services in India shall remain closed till April 14, 2020.* Suspension of international travel to India is temporary and is being regularly reviewed at Ministerial level. All domestic transport services- air, road, railways- stand suspended, except for transport of essential goods, fire, law and order and emergency services. Updated advisories and information is available on mohfw.gov.in.

It is not possible to travel to India till travel restrictions are removed both from Ukrainian and Indian airports. The Government of India is committed to carry out all necessary steps within its power to keep the Indian community safe and healthy and to address their concerns in this difficult situation.

The Embassy of India is in touch with Ukrainian Government which has assured that medical treatment to any foreigner will be at same level as that of a Ukrainian citizen. In case of illness you are required to approach your local doctor who will recommend the subsequent steps. It may please be noted that unless a doctor recommends, the hospitals will not carry out coronavirus infection test.

Normal Consular Services at the Embassy of India in Kyiv (Ukraine) stand suspended w.e.f. 23.03.2020 until further notice. In Emergency/Extremely urgent cases, applicants may contact the Embassy of India on the following number and e-mail address:

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As understandable, there is a heavy rush of messages/telephone calls to the Embassy. Most of the queries are addressed in this advisory. Embassy's endeavor is to address all emergencies and urgent issues, and hence, it is requested to please keep your messages to necessary urgent communication, so that they may be resolved effectively. Embassy is also using its resources for coordination with the office of the President, Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Ministry of Health, Ministry of Education etc. and efforts are being directed towards measures for the welfare of the Indian community. Embassy is in touch with the Indian authorities and the concerns of the Indian citizens in Ukraine have been reflected. Embassy is also assisting the Ukrainian government to procure emergency medical resources to combat the pandemic in Ukraine.

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