



Dear All,

With high importance, I write today to share GWEF's latest measures and policy to ensure the safety and health of our members, amid the escalating concerns associated with the novel coronavirus (COVID-19). The global responses intended to help minimize the spread and escalation of the virus seems to change hourly and whether it is closing schools, cancelling sporting and entertainment events or alteration of travel plans, the goal and objective is to keep everyone safe and healthy. This communication is primarily directed to all GWEF members and associates working with the group.

Since late January we are most aware of the outbreak from the BBC and other media outlets and have closely monitored this situation, relying on the NHS, Centres for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), and the World Health Organization, for information. Following this guidance, we believe it is imperative that preventative measures and the timely distribution of information is essential to ensure the safety of all members.

While the virus began in the Hubei province of China, as of today, it has now led to many cases in the United Kingdom, with two cases reported in Nigeria. Following this, we advise that all protocols by the government to hinder the spread of the virus and help drive the delay phase, will be our policy. Therefore, we encourage all

measures such as the regular washing of hands, avoiding large gatherings and self-isolation for those who think they might be ill.

During this past week, the executive team has reviewed this unfortunate situation and our thoughts are with those affected by this outbreak. It has also been stated in reports that the elderly and those with pre-existing conditions should be protected. This means where possible we can help protect them by helping them with their food shopping, and other essentials while we all wait for the outbreak to subside.

In times like this, we are encouraged to stay calm, remain hopeful and avoid panic. Following the right measures has been shown to help in the past, with the H1N1 swine flu (2009), and we can be hopeful this will pass in time. Our thoughts are with everyone during this time, and we wish you all the best in health and your safety is our outmost concern. For more information, please refer to the National Health Service site - <https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/coronavirus-covid-19/>. This details the stay at home policy and highlights new measures we can all take to minimise the spread and help protect ourselves and family members.

Once again, stay safe, calm and we earnestly look forward to another event with you all in the nearest future.

Kindest Regards,

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