

## Recommendations Related to the New Coronavirus (COVID-19) for Aircraft Crew Members

### What should crew members do to prevent the spread of the new coronavirus?

#### Situation Overview

A respiratory infection epidemic caused by a new coronavirus COVID-19, which emerged in December 2019 in Wuhan, Hubei province of China and subsequently spread throughout China, continues to spread. The cases around the world, including in Georgia, have been reported in passengers traveling from China and other high-risk countries.

The infection is reported to spread from person-to-person and is characterized by symptoms similar to other respiratory infections such as high fever, coughing, and shortness of breath.

In order to stop the spread of COVID-19 on the territory of Georgia, the country, as well as the rest of the world, resorts to a number of preventive measures provided for by legislation.

**Message on identification of passengers with future disease symptoms on board an aircraft who come from high-risk countries (China, Iran, Italy, South Korea)**

#### The crew on board an aircraft shall:

Immediately inform on the passengers on board the aircraft from the high risk countries (China, Iran, Italy, South Korea) who have:

- Fever (feeling the high temperature by touching with a hand, fever-like feeling or measured temperature 38°C (100.4°F) or more)

or

- High fever and one of the symptoms:
  - Frequent coughing
  - Shortness of breath
  - Ailment

**Recommendations to the crew on board an aircraft for safety, sick passenger care, disinfection and post-flight actions:**

- Follow hand hygiene

- Wash your hands with soap and water for at least 20 seconds after serving a sick passenger or touching allegedly contaminated biological fluids or surfaces.
- If you do not have access to water or soap, treat your hands with an alcohol-based hand rub solution (alcohol content at least 60%)
- Identify a sick passenger according to the symptoms described above.
  - Minimize as far as possible the contact of a sick person with other passengers and crew aboard. If possible, place the infected person 2 meters (6 ft.) away from other passengers and designate one crew member to serve the sick person.
  - Offer a mask if it is available and if it fit to the sick person. If the mask is not available or the patient is unable to fit the mask, ask him / her to close the mouth and nose with a disposable tissue when coughing and sneezing.
- Consider all biological fluids (such as respiratory secretions, diarrhoea, vomiting, or blood) as potential sources of infection.
  - Wear disposable gloves when touching a sick person or contaminated surfaces. After use, carefully [remove the gloves](#) to prevent contamination and then wash your hands. When serving a sick passenger from a high-risk country with high fever, frequent coughing and shortness of breath use additional protective equipment: mask, eye protective means, and overalls.
  - After touching an infected person or biological fluids place the gloves and other materials in a biosafety bag or in a protected biosafety plastic bag marked “Biosafety”.

Contaminated surfaces should be cleaned and then disinfected in accordance with the airline’s special protocol.

After landing, a special team (CDC Quarantine Station staff) will evaluate the patient’s health status, symptoms and possible exposure. If necessary, the team will transport the passenger to a medical facility for further medical evaluation and examination. The team will report the results of the examination and the need for further monitoring of the crew and other passengers to the airline.

**Protect your health and the health of people around you!**

**Each person’s responsibility is important!**

Wish you health!

For more information you can call:

1505 (24/7) - Ministry of Internally Displaced Persons from the Occupied Territories, Labour, Health and Social Affairs of Georgia or visit the website: [www.moh.gov.ge](http://www.moh.gov.ge);  
<https://www.facebook.com/mohgovge/>

116001 (Monday-Friday, 10: 00-18: 00) - National Centre for Disease Control and Public Health or visit the website: [www.ncdc.ge](http://www.ncdc.ge) ;  
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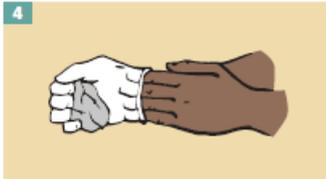
## How to Remove Gloves

To protect yourself, use the following steps to take off gloves

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1 Grasp the outside of one glove at the wrist. Do not touch your bare skin.
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2 Peel the glove away from your body, pulling it inside out.
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3 Hold the glove you just removed in your gloved hand.
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4 Peel off the second glove by putting your fingers inside the glove at the top of your wrist.
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5 Turn the second glove inside out while pulling it away from your body, leaving the first glove inside the second.
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6 Dispose of the gloves safely. Do not reuse the gloves.
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7 Clean your hands immediately after removing gloves.

