

American Thyroid Association Bulletin regarding Travel to China

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The American Thyroid Association (ATA) wishes to inform you of current travel advisories about travel to China.

The 16th International Thyroid Congress (ITC) is scheduled for September 8-13th, 2020 in Xi'an, China. Xi'an is in Shaanxi province which is located about 402 miles northwest of Wuhan in Hubei province. Wuhan is the center of the coronavirus outbreak and public transportation to this area has been closed down. The situation is fluid, with more being learned about transmission and potential health risks as additional cases of coronavirus-related illness are reported.

At the current time the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) has issued a Level 3 travel advisory to avoid nonessential travel to China. The US Department of State has issued a Level 4 travel advisory: do not to travel to China. The World Health Organization has declared the coronavirus outbreak to be a public health issue of international concern.

Our thoughts and deepest sympathies go out to the Chinese people and all those so profoundly affected by this devastating virus. The ATA has communicated with the Program Organizing Committee (POC) for the ITC and will continue these close communications.

At the current time we advise delaying making travel plans. Deadlines for abstract submissions and early bird registrations have been extended and announced on the conference website. Please check the 16th ITC website for these new deadlines and any further updates.

<https://www.thyroid.org/16th-itc/>

The ATA will endeavor to provide updates as they become available. This bulletin was updated on 1/31/20. However, please always consult the websites of the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention and the United State Department of State for the most current and accurate information.

<https://wwwnc.cdc.gov/travel/notices/warning/novel-coronavirus-wuhan-china>

<https://travel.state.gov/content/travel/en/traveladvisories/traveladvisories/china-travel-advisory.html>

<https://www.who.int/>