

# **MEMBER ALERT**



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## **OUTBREAK OF THE 2019 NOVEL CORONAVIRUS – MANAGERS’ SHANGHAI AND HONG KONG OFFICES**

Your Managers refer to the Member Alert dated January 24, 2020.

### **SHANGHAI OFFICE**

Members are advised that, in further efforts to contain the outbreak, the Central Government of the People’s Republic of China and the Shanghai Municipal People’s Government have announced that (a) the Lunar New Year holiday has been extended by 3 days up to and including February 2, and (b) businesses operating in Shanghai may not resume work before February 10. The Managers’ Shanghai staff will resume work on February 3 but will be working from home until the authorities confirm they may return to the office. Staff will be available on email and mobile phones. Their contact details can be found on the Club’s website:

<https://www.american-club.com/page/contacts-china>

### **HONG KONG OFFICE**

The Hong Kong Government has also just issued guidance in regard to office attendance for both its own personnel and those in the private sector. The guidance - which so far as your Managers can discern is being followed by all offices involved in legal and financial services, including the local offices of Group P&I clubs - is that staff should work from home unless there is an urgent need to attend an office.

Your Managers’ office in Hong Kong is following that guidance, and its staff will be working from home until at least the end of the current week. Nevertheless, as indicated above in respect of Shanghai, staff members remain contactable as follows:

<https://www.american-club.com/page/contacts-hongkong>

In the case of both Shanghai and Hong Kong, circumstances on the ground remain fluid, and further updates will be supplied as needed.

Despite the alarming nature of recent events, your Managers are pleased to report that that their Shanghai and Hong Kong offices’ staff, and their families, remain safe and well, and have not been directly affected by the coronavirus outbreak.