

Assembly Resource

Look at the information below, which explains what quarantine means and how a city is quarantined. Talk about how we think it would feel to live in Wuhan at the moment.

The coronavirus, what has happened so far...

On the 30th December the Chinese government put out a public warning about a “pneumonia of unknown cause” which doctors had identified in Wuhan, and four days later the national authorities filed their first report about the outbreak with the World Health Organisation.

On Thursday 23rd January at 10:00am buses, trains and ferries were stopped from leaving the city of Wuhan in China.

On Sunday 26th January travel restrictions were increased and Hong Kong closed its Disneyland and Ocean Park theme parks. New cases were confirmed in the US, Taiwan, Thailand and Japan.



The city of Wuhan in China before the lockdown.

The university and authorities are very good. They are looking after us well. My university is checking every student's body temperature every day and are offering free masks. It also has its own hospital and ambulance. We have been advised to wash our hands every hour, avoid eating outside and wear our masks every time we come out of our rooms. We are all staying in our rooms and only visit our friends in rooms that are close to ours.

Chongthan Pepe Bifhowjit, a student at the Wuhan University of Technology.

What is it like in Wuhan?

How many people live there? Local government officials put the figure at 11 million – which is much bigger than London (just under 9 million).

Are people allowed to travel? Most people are choosing not to travel far from their homes, and all of the public transport has stopped.

Do you have to wear a facemask? Around 90% of people travelling around Wuhan are choosing to wear one.