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## **NOVEL CORONAVIRUS INFECTION**

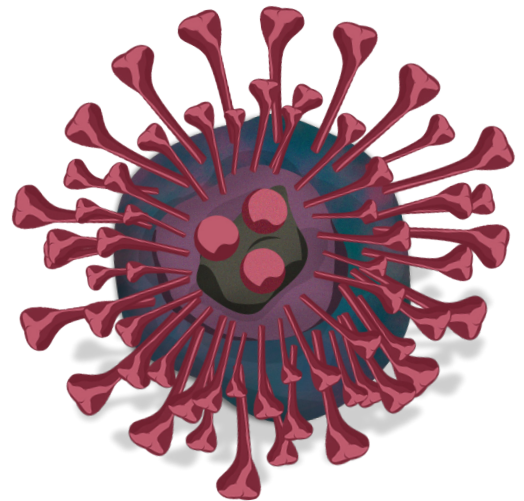
Following recent media reports of a new coronavirus infection causing sudden respiratory symptoms complicated with kidney failure, there are concerns amongst travellers about the implications of this infection.

The reports relate to a patient, currently being treated in the United Kingdom, with a history of recent travel to Saudi Arabia and Qatar prior to falling ill.

Investigations reveal the causative virus to be from the Coronavirus family, the same family that causes the common cold as well as SARS.

WHO and health authorities worldwide are on alert. To date however, the case remains isolated and no new cases have been reported.

No travel restrictions have been recommended by the WHO and health authorities for now. However, any persons developing acute respiratory symptoms after travel to Saudi Arabia or Qatar should take precautionary measures and see their doctor immediately.



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