

**Travel Advisory**  
**Instructions/conditions for seeking Emergency Visa**

- (i) All types of visas/e-visa issued to foreign nationals of any country stand suspended with effect from 1200 hrs. GMT on 13<sup>th</sup> March 2020 till 15<sup>th</sup> April 2020. Exceptions to this include diplomats, officials, UN/International Organizations, employment and project visas.
- (ii) Travel on OCI Card also stands suspended from 1200 hrs. GMT on 13<sup>th</sup> March till 15<sup>th</sup> April 2020.
- (iii) Any foreign national who intends to travel to India for compelling reasons (serious medical emergencies, unavoidable business meetings, death/serious injury of a family member in India, important sporting events, etc.) may download the visa application form from [www.hcilondon.gov.in](http://www.hcilondon.gov.in) and approach the High Commission or the nearest Consulate (in Birmingham or Edinburgh). Necessary supporting documents, such as a certificate from a doctor or hospital, will have to be submitted along with the application.
- (iv) It may be noted that visa processing will take minimum 2-3 days. No prior appointment needed in such cases. VFS centres will not accept any visa applications till further notice.
- (v) If the reason of travel does not fall in the cases mentioned above, a reference may be made to the High Commission by email on [visa.london@mea.gov.in](mailto:visa.london@mea.gov.in) to check if visa application will be accepted for further processing. Such visa seekers are advised to reach the High Commission only after getting a positive response on their email.
- (vi) OCI Card holders who need to travel to India under compelling circumstances will have to follow the same procedures as mentioned at (iii), (iv) and (v) above.