

# Hong Kong reports first death from coronavirus

Death toll from outbreak rises to 427, while total infections soars to 20,638

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**H**ong Kong reported its first coronavirus death on Tuesday, the second outside mainland China from a fast-spreading outbreak that has killed 427 people and threatened the global economy.

China's markets steadied after Shanghai's main market lost nearly \$400 billion in stock values the previous day, and global markets also recovered from a sell-off last week.

But bad news kept coming.

The Chinese-ruled gambling hub of Macau asked casino operators to close for two weeks to help curb the virus. And in the latest major corporate hit, Hyundai Motor was to gradually suspend production at South Korean factories because of supply chain disruptions.

Hong Kong's first fatality was a 39-year-old man with an underlying illness who had visited China's Wuhan city, the epicentre of the outbreak, hospital staff said.

Chinese authorities, mean-



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local contagion as opposed to visitors from China.

New cases were reported in the US, including a patient in California infected via someone in the same household who had been infected in China.

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## INFECTION SPREADS

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Total infections in mainland China rose to 20,438, and there have been nearly 200 cases elsewhere across 24 countries and China's special administrative regions Hong Kong and Macau.

Thailand's tally of infections jumped to 25, the highest outside China, while Singapore's rose to 24, four of those from

sion routes. The outbreak did not constitute a pandemic but an epidemic with "multiple foci," WHO director of global hazard preparedness Sylvie Briand told a news conference in Geneva.

The uncertainties have spurred strong measures by some countries—offending Beijing's communist government which has called for calm, fact-based responses instead of scaremongering.

The deluge of misinformation on social media—from a recommendation to eat more

quarantine at the port of Yokohama, after a Hong Kong passenger who sailed on the vessel last month tested positive.

Thousands of medical workers in Hong Kong, which had seen months of anti-China political protests, held a second day of strikes to press for complete closure of borders with the mainland after three checkpoints were left open.

"We're not threatening the government, we just want to prevent the outbreak," said Cheng, 26, a nurse on strike.

The Asian financial centre

has confirmed 17 cases of the virus. Hong Kong was badly hit by Severe Acute Respiratory Syndrome (SARS), another coronavirus that emerged from China in 2002 to kill almost 800 people worldwide and cost the global economy an estimated \$33 billion.

Chinese data suggest the new virus, while much more contagious, is significantly less lethal, although such numbers can evolve rapidly. The WHO's Briand said most who had died or suffered severe infections were people with underlying conditions such as cancer, diabetes or suppressed immune systems, or the elderly.

Raising the prospect of another major spat—just as trade frictions were easing—Beijing on Monday accused the US of spreading panic after it announced plans to block nearly all recent foreign visitors to China.

A handful of other nations have done the same.

Britain updated its travel advice on Tuesday, telling citizens to leave China if they could.

"Where there are still British nationals in Hubei Province who wish to be evacuated, we will continue to work around the clock to facilitate this," foreign secretary Dominic Raab said.

With the world's second biggest economy facing increasing isolation and disruption, some economists predict world output will shrink by 0.2 to 0.3 percentage points. Many airlines have stopped flights to parts of China, with Hong Kong's Cathay Pacific Airways Ltd saying on Tuesday it plans to cut 30% of global capacity over the short term, including 90% to mainland China.

The WHO is having a teleconference this week with travel and tourism representatives to work on recommendations for protecting crews so they can resume flights, Britain said.

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I. Audited Consolidated Financial Results for the quarter and nine months ended December 31, 2019

(₹ Millions; except per share data)

S.No.	Particulars	Quarter ended	Nine Months ended	Quarter ended
		December 31, 2019	December 31, 2019	December 31, 2018
1	Total income	220,216	640,417	203,142
2	Profit / (Loss) before exceptional items and tax	(4,528)	(26,056)	(12,135)
3	Profit / (Loss) before tax	(15,028)	(358,360)	2,002
4	Profit / (Loss) for the period	(4,649)	(256,872)	3,826
5	Total comprehensive income / (Loss) for the period	(4,330)	(255,952)	5,143
6	Paid-up equity share capital (Face Value: ₹5/- each)	25,660	25,660	19,987
7	Other Equity	662,627	662,627	691,110
8	Earnings / (Loss) per share (Face Value: ₹5/- each)* (i) Basic (ii) Diluted	(2.02) (2.02)	(54.25) (54.25)	0.20 0.20

\*Basic and diluted earnings / (Loss) per share for the previous periods have been adjusted retrospectively for the bonus element in respect of rights issue made during the nine months ended December 31, 2019.

II. Audited Standalone Financial Results for the quarter and nine months ended December 31, 2019

(₹ Millions)

S.No.	Particulars	Quarter ended	Nine Months ended	Quarter ended
		December 31, 2019	December 31, 2019	December 31, 2018
1	Revenue	134,797	393,257	123,137
2	Profit / (Loss) before tax	(52,398)	(409,820)	(3,378)
3	Profit / (Loss) for the period	(33,881)	(292,053)	2,246

**Note:**  
The above are extract of the detailed format of Audited Financial Results (Consolidated and Standalone) for the quarter and nine months ended December 31, 2019 filed with the Stock Exchanges under Regulation 33 of the SEBI (Listing Obligations and Disclosure Requirements) Regulations, 2015 (as amended from time to time). The full format of the quarterly financial results are available on the stock exchange websites ([www.nseindia.com](http://www.nseindia.com) and [www.bseindia.com](http://www.bseindia.com)) and on the Company's website ([www.airtel.in](http://www.airtel.in)).

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	31.12.2019	31.12.2018	31.12.2019	31.12.2018
Net Sales	998.63	1177.47	2918.43	2757.93
EBITDA	102.93	138.33	207.37	317.06
Cash Profit Before Tax	101.15	133.52	200.31	299.95
Profit Before Tax	75.79	109.45	124.30	227.67
Profit After Tax	54.16	80.46	91.39	166.64
Cash Profit After Tax	79.52	104.53	167.40	238.92
EPS (diluted) - in ₹ per share (FV ₹ 2/-)	4.72	7.02	7.97	14.53

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