



**ROYAL NORWEGIAN
MINISTRY OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS**

The Royal Ministry of Foreign Affairs presents its compliments to Heads of Mission accredited to Oslo, and has the honour to communicate new guidelines for meetings at the Ministry of Foreign Affairs imposed to limit the outbreak of the coronavirus disease COVID-19.

The Norwegian Ministries have imposed restrictions for individuals who have been in areas with persistent spread of coronavirus, and the Ministry of Foreign Affairs will request individuals who have been in these areas in the past 14 days to refrain from attending meetings at the Ministry's premises. Meetings and assemblies will in general be assessed and could also be postponed or cancelled. Alternative ways of work and communication will be found. Ministry staff who have been to areas with persistent spread will be instructed to self-quarantine for 14 days and to work from home.

An updated list of areas that are considered areas of persistent spread is found on the webpages of the Norwegian Institute of Public Health (*Folkehelseinstituttet*), as well as other up-to-date information and advice in English on the SARS-CoV-2 virus and the coronavirus COVID-19 disease. <https://fhi.no/en/id/infectious-diseases/coronavirus/>

The Ministry encloses the file from the presentation given by the Norwegian Directorate on Health on the coronavirus at the Ministry of Foreign Affairs on 6 March 2020.

The Royal Ministry of Foreign Affairs avails itself of this opportunity to renew to the Heads of Mission accredited to Oslo the assurance of its highest consideration.

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Oslo, 9 March 2020

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