

Putin Is Being Protected From Coronavirus Around the Clock, Says Kremlin

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Russian President Vladimir Putin is being protected from coronavirus around the clock, the Kremlin said on Wednesday, saying all Kremlin staff involved in his events schedule were undergoing mandatory testing for the virus.

Russia has recorded 147 cases of coronavirus so far and the authorities have temporarily barred foreigners from entering the country in an effort to prevent it spreading further.

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"Everything needed to protect the president from viruses and other illnesses is being done

around the clock," Kremlin spokesman Dmitry Peskov told reporters.

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Peskov has previously declined to say whether Putin has been tested for coronavirus, but has said that the president's medical care is of an exceptionally high level.

Putin on Wednesday was visiting Crimea, which Russia annexed from Ukraine in 2014. Journalists travelling with Putin on the trip were tested beforehand to prove they were not carriers of the virus.

The Kremlin has also told journalists to stay away if they feel unwell.

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