



## COVID-19 Global Mobility update

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Dear all,

Please find below our most recent Mobility related global updates specifically related to the COVID-19 crisis and current guidance or measures that different countries are putting into place.

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## Colombia - Testing requirement for entry eliminated

### What is the change?

The Colombian government has confirmed that a COVID-19 test is no longer required to enter the country.

#### Key Points:

- Travelers entering Colombia by air will no longer need to be tested for COVID-19 before their arrival.
- Travelers still need to complete a Check-Mig form in the [Check-Mig App](#).
- Any COVID-19 symptoms must be reported to Colombian authorities, and travelers must wear masks and engage in other preventative measures.
- Dropping the testing requirement is part of PRASS (Pruebas, Rastreo y Aislamiento Selectivo Sostenible), the testing, tracking and selective isolation national initiative. As part of this initiative, the National Tracking Contact Center will work with each traveler to identify COVID-19 symptoms after their arrival.

Colombia had been under national lockdown since March. The lockdown was lifted in October, and international air travel resumed in September.

The waiver of the testing requirement will ease entry requirements for foreign nationals, but travelers must make sure they are following other COVID-19 health protocols

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## Spain - Testing, health form requirement now in place for entry

### What is the change?

The Spanish government has announced that most international travelers arriving by air or sea must undergo a COVID-19 test if Spain is their final destination.

#### Key Points:

- Starting Nov. 23, travelers coming from a high risk area/country will need to submit a negative PCR COVID-19 test result taken within 72 hours of arrival in Spain.
- Travelers who do not arrive to Spain with negative test results must undergo the test in Spain.
- Additionally, travelers will need to submit an [online health document](#), and undergo a temperature check, a visual check and a documentary check.
- Some passengers may be required to undergo a COVID-19 PCR test within 48 hours after their arrival in Spain. This test must be reported to the Spanish Foreign Health Service.

The following fall under Spain's definition of high-risk areas and countries:

Albania	Czech Republic	Lebanon	Puerto Rico
Andorra	Denmark (except Faroe Islands, Greenland)	Libya	Romania
Armenia	Estonia	Lithuania	Russia
Argentina	France	Luxembourg	Saint Martin
Aruba	French Polynesia (France)	Malta	San Marino
Austria	Germany	Moldova	Serbia
Bahrain	Georgia	Monaco	Slovakia
Belgium	Gibraltar (U.K.)	Montenegro	Slovenia
Belize	Greece (except Kitri, Ionia Nisia, Dytiki Ellada and Sterea Ellada regions)	Morocco	Switzerland
Bosnia Herzegovina	Guam	Netherlands	Sweden
Bulgaria	Hungary	North Macedonia	Tunisia
Cape Verde	Ireland	Norway (except the Rogaland, Møre og Romsdal, Nordland, Viken Innlandet,	Ukraine

		Vestfold og Telemark, Agder, Vestland, Trøndelag and Troms og Finnmark)	
Colombia	Italy	Palestinian Territories	United Arab Emirates
Costa Rica	Jordan	Panama	United Kingdom
Croatia	Kuwait	Poland	United States
Cyprus	Latvia	Portugal (except autonomous region of the Azores)	

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## Brazil - Restrictions on foreign nationals entry through land and water extended

### What is the change?

The Brazilian government has announced that it will extend restricted entry to foreign nationals through land and water ports of entry for another 30 days.

#### Key points:

- The extended restrictions only apply to land and water ports of entry until Dec. 12. Foreign nationals may continue to enter Brazil through air ports of entry.
- Exemptions to the land and water restrictions apply to the following: Brazilian nationals, immigrants with Brazilian residence authorization, foreign professionals working for international organizations, foreign employees with Brazilian government accreditation, close family of Brazilian citizens (except for foreign nationals from Venezuela), bearers of National Migratory Registration (except for foreign nationals from Venezuela), humanitarian actions, cargo transportation in compliance with current laws, foreigners in a neighboring country who need to enter Brazil to board a flight may enter with authorization from federal police.
- Foreign nationals from Paraguay may also be allowed to enter through land, provided they meet migratory requirements.
- The suspension does not apply to foreign maritime crew members entering by air or water transportation, for flight connection to return to their country of

origin related to operational issues or termination of employment, for medical assistance and to perform certain duties while on a vessel or a platform operating in Brazilian jurisdictional waters, provided they meet migratory requirements, including have an entry visa.

- The free traffic of road cargo transportation, the execution of cross-border humanitarian actions previously authorized by the local health authorities and the traffic of twin cities' residents with an exclusively land border line (except for Venezuela citizens) are exempt from the restrictions.

Brazil opened air travel to foreign nationals from all countries in July.

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## Russia - Government releases e-visa for citizens of 52 countries

### What is the change?

Russia will launch a program to provide single-entry e-visas to nationals of 52 countries on Jan. 1.

While the change will eventually ease travel to Russia for eligible foreign nationals, it may be of limited immediate benefit to many foreign nationals if current COVID-19 travel restrictions remain in place. Once restrictions are lifted, foreign nationals holding the visa will be able to stay in Russia for up to 16 days when traveling for business, tourism or humanitarian reasons. The e-visa program is an expansion of a [pilot program](#) and will be open to nationals of the same 52 countries who are currently eligible for the pilot.

- **Implementation time frame:** Jan. 1, 2021.
- **Visas/permits affected:** E-visas for business, tourism or humanitarian visits.
- **Who is affected:** Eligible foreign nationals traveling to Russia for business, tourism or humanitarian visits.
- **Impact on processing times:** The application process is online and, therefore, it could accelerate wait times for applicants.
- **Business impact:** The change will save business travelers the time it takes to obtain a visa.

The e-visa program is an expansion of a pilot program that was introduced in Russia's Far Eastern Federal District in 2017 and expanded to St. Petersburg and the Leningrad and Kaliningrad regions in 2019. Under the pilot program, visa holders could only travel within these specific regions. On Jan. 1, the program will be expanded nationwide, but

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travelers will be required to enter through specific [ports of entry](#). E-visas will be valid for 60 days from the date of issuance, but the maximum duration of stay in Russia will be 16 days.

The e-visa program will ease business, tourist and humanitarian travel for eligible foreign nationals visiting Russia. Travelers should note, however, that travel to Russia remains limited because of COVID-19 and travel from some countries may remain off limits even after the e-visa program is officially implemented.

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## **Hong Kong - Government announces further tightening of testing and isolation arrangement for consular and diplomatic officers exempted from compulsory quarantine**

### **What is the change?**

The Government has announced that testing and isolation arrangements for consular and diplomatic officers will be tightened with effect from 18 November 2020, especially for those who have visited high-risk places (i.e., specified high-risk places as gazetted under the Prevention and Control of Disease [Regulation of Cross-boundary Conveyances and Travellers] Regulation [Cap.599H]) during the 14 days prior to their arrival in Hong Kong. For more information on the specific measures, please refer to the link below.

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## Hong Kong - Ecuador and Germany to be added to the list of specified high-risk places from 28 November 2020

### What is the change?

The Government has announced that it will gazette specifications under the Prevention and Control of Disease (Regulation of Cross-boundary Conveyances and Travellers) Regulation (Cap. 599H) to include Ecuador and Germany as specified places with effect from 28 November 2020. The other 15 specified places currently on the list are Bangladesh, Belgium, Ethiopia, France, India, Indonesia, Kazakhstan, Nepal, Pakistan, Philippines, Russia, South Africa, Turkey, United Kingdom, and United States. For more information on the requirements for travellers who have been to these specified high-risk places in the last 14 days before their arrival in Hong Kong, please refer to the link below.

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## Hong Kong - Inaugural flights under Hong Kong-Singapore air travel bubble (ATB) deferred for two weeks

### What is the change?

The Governments of Hong Kong SAR and Singapore have decided to defer the inaugural flights under the Hong Kong-Singapore ATB for two weeks. The new date of the inaugural flights will be announced in early December. Travellers who wish to travel between the two places via the ATB arrangement should adjust their itineraries accordingly. More details on the ATB can be found [here](#).

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## Hong Kong - Government tightens testing and isolation arrangement for crew members of aircraft and other exempted persons

### What is the change?

With effect from 22 November 2020, air crew and other persons who are exempted from the compulsory quarantine arrangement under the Compulsory Quarantine of Certain Persons Arriving at Hong Kong Regulation (Cap. 599C) and the Compulsory Quarantine of Persons Arriving at Hong Kong from Foreign Places Regulation (Cap. 599E) arriving at Hong Kong at the Hong Kong International Airport (HKIA) must comply with certain conditions. For more information on the specific conditions for the different categories of persons, please refer to the link below.

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## Macao - Exemption from entry ban for foreigners who have been in Mainland China over the last 14 days prior to entry

### What is the change?

With effect from 1 December 2020, foreigners who have been in Mainland China over the last 14 days prior to arrival may apply for an exemption to the existing entry ban. Eligible applicants include:

- Spouse or child of a Macao resident.
- Persons who have obtained the authorisation to stay in Macao.
- Students registered with local higher education institutions.
- Visitors to important business events, or participants at academic or professional activities.
- Persons registered with the authorities as non-resident workers; holding permits to enter Macao for work purposes; who are family members of such

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workers; or have obtained the relevant authorisation or met the eligibility requirements to stay in Macao.

Applicants allowed to enter Macao will still be required to comply with existing health monitoring measures.

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## **Taiwan - Fall-winter COVID-19 prevention programme to be launched on 1 December 2020**

### **What is the change?**

The Central Epidemic Command Centre (CECC) has announced that it will launch the Fall-winter COVID-19 prevention programme on 1 December 2020 to enhance border quarantine control and strengthen community prevention and medical response measures. Under the programme, all transit passengers and travellers coming to Taiwan will be required to provide a certificate of a negative COVID-19 reverse transcription polymerase chain reaction (RT-PCR) test result issued within three days before their flight to Taiwan.

If they are found to have provided false or incorrect test results, or if they refuse, evade, or obstruct quarantine measures, travellers may be liable to receive a fine of between NT\$10,000 and NT\$150,000. For more information on the specific requirements of the test certificate and other community prevention measures, please refer to the link below.

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## France - Entry, testing rules updated

### What is the change?

The French government has announced new COVID-19 entry restrictions and testing protocols.

#### Key Points:

- France has changed its list of high-risk countries. The list now includes all countries except EU member states, Andorra, Iceland, Liechtenstein, Monaco, Norway, San Marino, Switzerland, the United Kingdom, Vatican City, Australia, Japan, New Zealand, Rwanda, Singapore, South Korea and Thailand.
- Travelers from the following countries must take a COVID-19 PCR test, and done within 72 hours of boarding a plane for France: Algeria, Bahrain, China, the Democratic Republic of Congo, Ecuador, Iraq, Iran, Israel, Lebanon, Morocco, Panama, Russia, South Africa, Turkey, Ukraine, the United Arab Emirates, the United States and Zimbabwe.
- All other travelers are advised to take a COVID-19 within 72 hours of boarding a plane for France, but may be tested at the airport upon arrival if they do not complete the test.
- Travelers arriving from the countries that are not on the high-risk country list can enter France with no restriction, though it is recommended they complete a COVID-19 PCR test before entering France.

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## South Africa - Tourists from all countries to be allowed entry

### What is the change?

South Africa recently lifted COVID-19 entry restrictions for travelers from all countries.

#### Key Points:

- Travelers from all countries to enter the country, whether traveling for tourism, business or other reasons.
- COVID-19 testing protocols remain in place (see below).

- Health protocols remain in effect within South Africa, such as the requirement to wear masks in all public places, practice social distancing and to limit the size of public gatherings. The ban on sales of alcohol and tobacco has been lifted.

South Africa announced the following testing and entry requirements in October:

- Inbound travellers must present a negative PCR COVID-19 test certificate from a test conducted within 72 hours of departing the country of origin.
- The test must have been conducted by a certified medical professional and include this person's name and signature.
- Inbound travellers will be required to take a mandatory COVID-19 test if displaying any COVID-19-related symptoms or if they have been in contact with people who have been infected with the virus.
- Travelers must also provide proof of their accommodation address and mandatory travel insurance within South Africa to cover the possibility that they are later required to enter self-quarantine.
- Those that have COVID-19 symptoms or have been in contact with an infected person will be tested for COVID-19 at their own expense.
- Travelers with positive test results must enter a 10-day quarantine at their own expense within a designated site.

The lifting of entry requirements will ease entry processes for foreign travelers, many of whom were barred entry under South Africa's COVID-19 restrictions.

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## **Philippines - Revised guidelines for foreign nationals allowed entry into the Philippines**

### **What is the change?**

The Bureau of Immigration has released the following revised guidelines for the Inter-Agency Task Force for the Management of Emerging Infectious Diseases (IATF-MEID) Resolution No. 84 Series of 2020 dated 19 November 2020:

With effect from 1 November 2020, the following foreign nationals may be allowed entry into the Philippines:

- a. Those with visas issued by the Bureau of Immigration pursuant to Section 9(d) of Commonwealth Act No. 613, as amended, Executive Order No. 226, or the Omnibus Investments Code, as amended, and Republic Act No. 8756.
- b. Those with 47(a)(2) visas issued by the Department of Justice.
- c. Those with visas issued by the Aurora Pacific Economic Zone and Freeport Authority, Subic Bay Metropolitan Authority, Authority of the Freeport Area of Bataan, Cagayan Economic Zone Authority, and Clark Development Corporation.

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## **Singapore - Singapore-Hong Kong air travel bubble (ATB) launch deferred for two weeks**

### **What is the change?**

The launch of an air travel bubble between Singapore and Hong Kong has been deferred for two weeks. The air travel bubble was supposed to start on 22 November 2020. Travellers may still continue their journey on non-designated air travel bubble flights. However, such travellers will be subject to the prevailing border control and health requirements of both cities. For example, Singapore residents returning from Hong Kong will be subject to a seven day stay-home notice upon entry into Singapore.

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## Singapore - All travellers to Singapore from Malaysia and Japan to serve stay-home notice at dedicated facilities

### What is the change?

With effect from 11.59 p.m. on 22 November 2020, all travellers entering Singapore from Malaysia or Japan will have to serve a 14-day stay-home notice period at dedicated facilities. The new measures will apply to all travellers who have a travel history in the past 14 days to either of the two countries. In addition, all travellers, except Singapore citizens and permanent residents, entering Singapore from 11.59 p.m. on 27 November 2020 who have a travel history in the past 14 days to Malaysia will be required to take a COVID-19 polymerase chain reaction (PCR) test within 72 hours before departure.

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## Qatar - List of low-risk countries updated again

### What is the change?

Qatar has once again updated its 'green list' of low-risk COVID-19 countries.

#### Key Points:

- The number of countries on the '[green list](#)' will be reduced from 48 to 23 on Nov. 20, as a number of countries struggle with an increasing number of COVID-19 cases.
- Travelers returning to Qatar from one of the countries on the COVID-19 Green List are eligible for home quarantine. Such travelers are required to remain in home quarantine for at least seven days upon returning to Qatar.

Qatar last updated the low-risk countries list the first week of November.

Travelers from low-risk countries must still receive a COVID-19 test at the airport and sign a pledge to enter a home quarantine for one week after arriving in Qatar. After the home quarantine, travelers must receive a second COVID-19 test from a dedicated

health center. Travelers with positive results must enter isolation at a government facility and those with negative results will be free to leave quarantine.

Travelers from high-risk countries will be asked to undergo a COVID-19 test at Doha airport. They will need to undergo a hotel quarantine booked from [Discover Qatar](#) for seven days. On the sixth day of the hotel quarantine, they will need to go to a dedicated health center in Qatar to get another COVID-19 test. Travelers with positive results must enter isolation at a government facility and those with negative results will need to undergo a home quarantine for another week.

Travelers who present a valid COVID-19 test certificate taken within 48 hours prior travelling to Qatar from a dedicated testing center are exempt from taking the COVID-19 test at the airport upon arrival. As of today, dedicated testing centers are currently available only for those coming from [Thailand](#), [Germany](#), [United Kingdom](#) and [Turkey](#). The updated list can be checked at the [Ministry of Public Health \(MoPH\)](#) website.

Everyone arriving in Qatar must download and install the [Ehteraz app](#).

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For the latest country-specific travel restrictions and immigration information in relation to COVID-19, visit [gowork.ges.deloitte](https://gowork.ges.deloitte) to view Deloitte's Digital travel Map.



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