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The COVID-19 pandemic is a rapidly evolving situation, and authorities across the globe frequently update their travel advisories and immigration policies in response to the outbreak situation on the ground. In this series of news alerts, we will provide you with the latest news to keep you up to date on the developments in our region.



For the latest country-specific travel restrictions and immigration information in relation to COVID-19, visit gowork.ges.deloitte to view Deloitte's digital travel map (beta release).

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Australia

Australia halts border reopening over Omicron COVID-19 variant

Channel NewsAsia | 29 November 2021

Australia will delay its plans to reopen its international borders to skilled workers and students on 1 December 2021 by at least two weeks. A plan to open the border to visitors from Japan and South Korea on 1 December 2021 is also now on hold.



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Brunei Darussalam

Extension of suspension on cross-border activities

Prime Minister's Office | 29 November 2021

Brunei Darussalam's temporary suspension on cross-border activities, including the entry and transit of foreign nationals via land and sea ports, will be extended by 15 days from 1 December 2021 to 15 December 2021.



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Hong Kong

Government tightens boarding and quarantine requirements for various places

Government of the Hong Kong special administrative region (SAR) | 29 November 2021

With effect from 30 November 2021, the Government will specify Angola, Ethiopia, Nigeria, and Zambia as group A specified places. In addition, with effect from 2 December 2021, the Government will specify Australia, Austria, Belgium, Canada, Czech Republic, Denmark, Germany, Israel, and Italy as group A specified places. Non-Hong Kong residents from group A specified places will not be allowed to enter Hong Kong.

Hong Kong residents arriving in Hong Kong from these places will be required to undergo quarantine at the Penny's Bay quarantine centre for seven days, during which they will need to undergo daily tests and be subject to health monitoring by healthcare professionals. They will then be allowed to complete the remaining 14 days of

compulsory quarantine at a designated quarantine hotel. During this period, they will also be required to undergo frequent testing, followed by another compulsory test to be conducted at a community testing centre on the 26th day of arrival. This quarantine and testing arrangement is also currently applicable to inbound travellers from Botswana, Eswatini, Lesotho, Malawi, Mozambique, Namibia, South Africa, and Zimbabwe.



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India

Latest guidelines for international arrivals with effect from 1 December 2021

Ministry of Health and Family Welfare | 28 November 2021

With effect from 1 December 2021, travellers arriving from **12 specified countries/regions at risk** will be required to abide by the following protocol:

- Submit sample for a self-paid COVID-19 test at point of arrival, and wait for the test results at the airport before leaving or taking a connecting flight.
- If the results are negative, they are to undergo a home quarantine for seven days, re-test on the eighth day of arrival, and conduct further self-monitoring of their health for seven days.
- If the results are positive, their samples will be sent for genomic testing by the Indian severe acute respiratory syndrome coronavirus 2 (SARS-CoV-2) Genomics Consortium laboratory network, and the relevant traveller will be managed at a separate isolation facility; the contacts of the positive case will also be kept under institutional or home quarantine and monitored by the authorities.

Travellers arriving from all other countries/regions will be allowed to leave the airport upon arrival, and conduct self-monitoring of their health for 14 days. A subsection (5% of flight passengers) shall undergo post-arrival testing at random at the airport upon arrival. These travellers will be identified by the relevant airlines, and escorted to the testing area upon arrival. The cost of the tests will be borne by the Ministry of Civil Aviation.

For more information on the relevant procedures for the different categories of travellers, please click [here](#).



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Indonesia

Government bans arrivals from 11 locations over Omicron variant

Cabinet Secretariat of the Republic of Indonesia | 28 November 2021

With effect from 29 November 2021, an entry ban has been imposed on foreigners with travel history to 11 locations within the last 14 days, namely Angola, Botswana, Eswatini, Hong Kong, Lesotho, Namibia, Malawi, Mozambique, South Africa, Zambia, and Zimbabwe.

Indonesian citizens with travel history to these 11 locations will be permitted entry, but must undergo a 14-day quarantine. Indonesian citizens and foreigners arriving from locations other than those listed above must undergo a seven-day quarantine.



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Japan

Suspension of new entry of foreign nationals

Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Japan | 29 November 2021

With effect from 30 November 2021, Japan will not permit the new entry of foreign nationals. This measure does not apply to foreign nationals who have departed before 12.00 a.m. (JST) on 30 November 2021.

Application screenings for entry into Japan will be suspended by the relevant ministries from 30 November 2021. In addition, any specific measures applicable to persons possessing valid COVID-19 vaccination certificates will be suspended from 1 December 2021.

Returning Japan nationals and re-entrants with re-entry permits will be permitted entry, but will need to abide by the [latest quarantine requirements](#).



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Philippines

Bureau of Immigration implements updated red list

Bureau of Immigration | 29 November 2021

In addition to Botswana, Eswatini, Lesotho, Mozambique, Namibia, South Africa, and Zimbabwe, the red list has been expanded to include Austria, Belgium, Czech Republic, Hungary, Italy, Netherlands, and Switzerland from 28 November 2021 to 15 December 2021. Travellers with travel history to these locations in the past 14 days will not be permitted entry to the Philippines.



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South Korea

Designation of Botswana, Eswatini, Lesotho, Namibia, Malawi, Mozambique, and Zimbabwe as high-risk countries/regions *(Translated from Korean)*

Korea Centres for Disease Control and Prevention | 29 November 2021

With effect from 28 November 2021, Botswana, Eswatini, Lesotho, Namibia, Malawi, Mozambique, and Zimbabwe will be designated as high-risk countries/regions. Foreigners departing from these countries/regions will not be permitted entry.



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Taiwan


Egypt, Malawi, Mozambique, and Nigeria to be placed on list of high-risk countries/regions

Taiwan Centres for Disease Control | 29 November 2021

With effect from 1 December 2021, Egypt, Malawi, Mozambique, and Nigeria will be

placed on the list of high-risk countries/regions. Travellers who have visited these countries/regions in the last 14 days (including transit) will be required to undergo quarantine at group quarantine facilities for 14 days, and undergo polymerase chain reaction tests upon checking in and at the end of quarantine.

These travellers will also be required to practice an additional seven-day self-health management (using a COVID-19 rapid home test kit on the sixth or seventh day). They will not be required to bear the costs of the group quarantine facility accommodation and testing fees.

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Nationwide epidemic alert to remain at level two until 13 December 2021

Taiwan Centres for Disease Control | 29 November 2021

The Central Epidemic Command Centre has announced that it will maintain the level two epidemic alert from 30 November 2021 to 13 December 2021. More details on what level two entails can be found in the link below.

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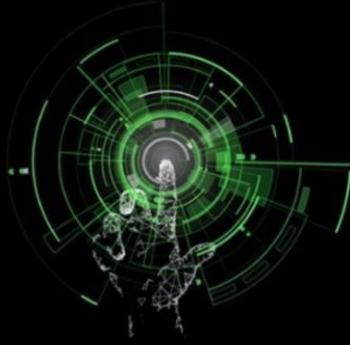
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