



## Immigration news alerts

### COVID-19

The COVID-19 situation 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](https://gowork.ges.deloitte) to view Deloitte's digital travel map (beta release)

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**Hong Kong**

### **Latest updates on the Designated Quarantine Hotel Scheme**

Government of the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region (SAR) | 10 December 2020

The Government has announced several updates to the Designated Quarantine Hotel Scheme, which will require all travellers arriving in Hong Kong from regions outside China to be accommodated at designated quarantine hotels with effect from 22 December 2020. These include:

- Designated transportation to be used to transport travellers from the airport and the Holding Centre for Test Result (at the Rambler Garden Hotel) to the 36 designated quarantine hotels, with effect from 18 December 2020.
- Additional requirement for travellers arriving in Hong Kong to reserve hotel bookings at designated quarantine hotels before departure, with effect from 21 December 2020.



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### **Myanmar**

#### **Extension of all COVID-19 measures to 31 December 2020**

Ministry of Information | 14 December 2020

All public statements, orders, notifications, and directives (excluding eased restrictions) of the Union-level organisations and the Union ministries effective until 15 December 2020 for the protection, control, and prevention of COVID-19 will be extended to 31 December 2020.



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### **Singapore**


#### **COVID-19 measures for travellers from Hong Kong tightened**

Channel NewsAsia | 11 December 2020

With effect from 11.59 p.m. on 13 December 2020, Singapore will tighten COVID-19 border measures for travellers who have travelled to Hong Kong in the 14 days prior to entering Singapore, with all to serve a 14-day stay-home notice at dedicated facilities.

From 11.59 p.m. on 18 December 2020, all travellers entering Singapore who have a travel history in the past 14 days to Hong Kong will also be required to take a COVID-19 polymerase chain reaction (PCR) test within 72 hours before their departure. They will need to present a valid negative COVID-19 test as a condition of approval to enter

Singapore. Singaporeans and permanent residents are exempt from the PCR test.

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### **Singapore to unilaterally lift border restrictions to travellers from Taiwan from 18 December**


Channel NewsAsia | 11 December 2020

With immediate effect, travellers from Taiwan can apply for a single-entry Air Travel Pass (ATP) to enter Singapore from 18 December 2020, if they have been in Taiwan for 14 consecutive days before departure.

Upon arrival, visitors will undergo a COVID-19 Polymerase Chain Reaction (PCR) test and if the result is negative, they will be allowed to go about their activities in Singapore without serving a stay-home notice.

As part of the contact tracing process, travellers from Taiwan must download and register for the TraceTogether app on their mobile devices before entering Singapore and keep it activated during their stay. They must not delete it for 14 consecutive days after leaving Singapore. They will also be responsible for their medical bills related to COVID-19 while in Singapore.

From 18 December 2020, Singapore citizens, permanent residents, and long-term pass holders returning from Taiwan will similarly undergo a PCR test upon arrival. This is in lieu of a 7-day stay-home notice. If the result is negative, they will be allowed to go about their activities in Singapore.

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## **Taiwan**

### **Updated list of low-risk countries/regions**

Taiwan Centres for Disease Control | 9 December 2020

The Central Epidemic Command Centre (CECC) has announced an updated list of countries/regions eligible for shortened quarantine periods in Taiwan. The list of low-risk countries/regions now includes Australia, Bhutan, Brunei, Cambodia, East Timor, Fiji, Lao People's Democratic Republic, Macao, Marshall Islands, Mauritius, Nauru, New Zealand, Palau, Singapore, Thailand, Vietnam. For more information on the shortened quarantine periods for short-term business travellers, please click [here](#).

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