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## Immigration news alerts COVID-19

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.



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## Hong Kong

### **Government further tightens quarantine and testing arrangements for persons arriving from Taiwan**

Government of the Hong Kong special administrative region (SAR) | 16 May 2021

With effect from 12.00 a.m. on 17 May 2021, quarantine and testing arrangements for persons arriving from Taiwan will be tightened. All persons who have stayed in Taiwan on the day of boarding or within the 14 days before boarding will have to present proof of a negative result for a nucleic acid test for COVID-19 conducted within 72 hours before the scheduled time of departure of the aircraft, as well as the confirmation of a room reservation in a designated quarantine hotel in Hong Kong.

Upon arrival in Hong Kong, they will be subject to the “test-and-hold” arrangement at the airport. On confirmation of negative test results, they will then be required to board the designated transport arranged by the Government to proceed to the designated quarantine hotels for compulsory quarantine. Under the relevant requirements, non-Hong Kong residents will be denied entry.

Persons who are not fully vaccinated will be subject to a 21-day compulsory quarantine at designated quarantine hotels, with four tests to be conducted during the period. Fully vaccinated persons will be subject to a 14-day compulsory quarantine at designated quarantine hotels, with three tests to be conducted during the period, followed by a seven-day self-monitoring period, as well as compulsory testing on the 16<sup>th</sup> and 19<sup>th</sup> day of arrival in Hong Kong.



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## Japan

### **Japan expands COVID-19 state of emergency to Hokkaido, Okayama, and Hiroshima**

Channel NewsAsia | 14 May 2021

Japan expanded its COVID-19 state of emergency on 14 May 2021, with the addition of Hokkaido, Okayama, and Hiroshima to areas under the state of emergency from 16 May 2021 to 31 May 2021.



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## Singapore

### Singapore tightens border measures with Taiwan

Channel NewsAsia | 16 May 2021

With effect from 16 May 2021, 11.59 p.m., Singapore citizens, permanent residents, and long-term pass holders with recent travel history to Taiwan will have to serve a 21-day stay-home notice. The stay-home notice will consist of a 14-day stay at a dedicated facility, followed by an additional seven days at their place of residence. Those returning to Singapore will also undergo COVID-19 polymerase chain reaction (PCR) tests on arrival, day 14 of their stay-home notice, and before the end of the 21-day period.

Short-term travellers holding an air travel pass with travel history to Taiwan within the last 21 days before departure for Singapore will not be allowed to enter Singapore.

Travellers who have recent travel history to Taiwan and who are not citizens or permanent residents will be required to take a PCR test within 72 hours before departure. They will need to present a valid negative COVID-19 test results in order to enter Singapore.

All visitors with recent history to Taiwan who entered Singapore between 15 May 2021 and 16 May 2021 will be subject to COVID-19 PCR tests on day three and day seven of their arrival in Singapore.



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