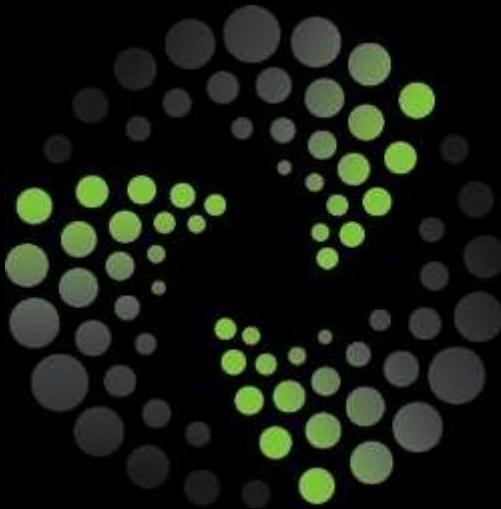


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## Immigration news alerts

### COVID-19

COVID-19 (also previously referred to as 2019 Novel Coronavirus or 2019-nCoV) is a virus identified as the cause of an outbreak of respiratory illness first detected in Wuhan, China. While it is unclear how easily this virus is spreading between people, authorities across the globe are issuing travel health notices related to this outbreak.

In this series of news alerts, we will provide you with immigration updates to keep you up to date on the rapidly evolving situation within our region.



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

*Note: If you have trouble accessing any of the links below, please try to copy and paste them directly into your browser.*

#### Hong Kong

##### **Government strengthens testing for inbound travellers from Beijing**

HKSAR Government Press Releases | 18 June 2020

In response to the latest COVID-19 situation in Beijing, testing has been strengthened

for inbound travellers from Beijing. From 17 June 2020, the Department of Health (DH) has been distributing specimen bottles to persons exempted from compulsory quarantine who had travelled to Beijing 14 days prior to arrival at the Hong Kong International Airport (HKIA). They should collect saliva sample from their throat at home in accordance with the instructions, and deliver it to one of the collection points in the same morning while undergoing medical surveillance at the same time.

As for land control points, those who have been to Beijing in the past 14 days must possess proof of a negative test result for a COVID-19 nucleic acid test taken within the past seven days. Those who are not exempted persons will be subjected to a compulsory quarantine for 14 days at a designated place (home or other accommodation), while exempted persons will be subjected to medical surveillance upon arrival at Hong Kong. For the sake of prudence, those with travel history to Beijing 14 days prior to arrival at Hong Kong via land control points (applies to all inbound travellers including exempted persons) will also be given specimen bottles for COVID-19 testing, and will be required to collect and submit their saliva samples from their throat according to instructions.



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## Singapore

### **Updates requirements for Stay-Home Notice and COVID-19 testing**

Immigration & Checkpoints Authority | 19 June 2020

Besides the Stay-Home Notice (SHN), a testing regime will apply to all travellers entering Singapore from 17 June 2020, 11.59 p.m. However, as the tests could pose difficulties for young children aged 12 and below, they are not required to undergo the COVID-19 test before the end of their SHN unless the test results of their close contacts are found to be positive.

With the testing regime in place, the existing requirement for all incoming travellers to stay at SHN Dedicated Facilities (SDF) has been updated. All travellers entering Singapore from 17 June 2020, 11.59 p.m., and who had remained in Australia, Brunei Darussalam, Hong Kong SAR, Japan, Macao SAR, mainland China, New Zealand, Republic of Korea, Taiwan, and Vietnam in the last consecutive 14 days prior to this entry, will no longer need to serve their SHN at SDF. All other travellers entering Singapore will continue to serve their SHN at SDF, for now. Those who are not Singapore citizens or Singapore permanent residents will be required to pay for their stay at dedicated SHN facilities, where applicable.

For those with extenuating circumstances, such as medical conditions or mobility issues that make it difficult for them to stay in SDF, they should provide the details in this form at [go.gov.sg/shnhotelneeds](http://go.gov.sg/shnhotelneeds). They can also contact the SHN Helpline at 6812 5555 for further assistance.

Singapore citizens, Singapore permanent residents, and long-term pass holders who are residents in China and need to make short-term essential business or official travel between Singapore and the six fast lane regions in mainland China (Chongqing,

Guangdong, Jiangsu, Shanghai, Tianjin, and Zhejiang) are eligible to apply for a SafePass Travel Pass to enter Singapore.

Successful applicants who hold a valid SafeTravel Pass will be exempted from the SHN, but should still comply with other health measures, including the requirement to take a pre-departure and a post-arrival COVID-19 test. These visitors will also still need a visa as per [entry requirements](#), if they hold a visa-required travel document. There is no need to apply for a new visa if they have an existing valid visa as the visa suspension will be lifted when the SafeTravel pass is approved.

More information on the latest border control measures can be found in the link below.



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#### **Cost of COVID-19 tests for Singaporeans and Singapore permanent residents (PRs)**

The Straits Times | 18 June 2020

Singaporeans and Singapore PRs who left Singapore before an advisory against travelling out of the country was issued on 27 March 2020 and who are returning by 31 August 2020 will not have to pay for their COVID-19 tests.

However, those who left the country after 27 March 2020 in spite of the travel advisory will continue to bear the full costs of their COVID-19 tests, which costs up to S\$200. They would also need to pay for staying in dedicated facilities if they are serving their Stay-Home Notices there. This applies to all Singaporeans, Singapore PRs, and foreigners.



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#### **Stay-Home Notice arrangements for long term pass holders**

Ministry of Manpower | 17 June 2020

Long term pass holders whose entry into Singapore has been approved by the Ministry of Manpower (MOM) will be charged for their stay at a dedicated facility (S\$2,000, including Goods and Services Tax [GST]) as part of their SHN and COVID-19 test (up to S\$200, including GST) no later than three days after their arrival into Singapore.

According to an email to employers dated 17 June 2020, MOM has stated these charges are payable by the employing company and is applied per person, which is to say that companies who apply for a work pass holder to enter Singapore with his dependents will be billed the prevailing amount for each accompanying member of the family. Companies will receive an email containing a link and instructions for making payment via credit card after the foreign national arrives in Singapore.

Rooms are arranged on a single-basis. If a foreign national is approved to enter Singapore with their dependents, they may seek approval to share a form using [this form](#) at least three days before the arrival date. This request has to be filed prior to the individual's arrival into Singapore and will only be considered if the family arrives on the same flight. In the event the request is denied, companies will be charged the single

room rate of S\$2,000.

For more information on the changes to SHN requirements with effect from 17 June 2020, 11.59 p.m., please refer to the link below.



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