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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 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

New designated COVID-19 holding centre

Radio Television Hong Kong | 18 October 2020

With effect from 19 October 2020, the Rambler Garden Hotel in Tsing Yi will be used to accommodate inbound travellers whose COVID-19 test results will not be available on the same day—usually those arriving in the afternoon or at night. Arrangements could also be made for passengers arriving in the afternoon to wait for their test results at the Temporary Specimen Collection Centre within the airport's restricted area, after their saliva samples have been collected there.



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Addition of France and Russia to list of specified high risk places

The Government of the Hong Kong SAR | 16 October 2020

With effect from 26 October 2020 until further notice, France and Russia will be added to the list of specified high risk places. This is in addition to the other places currently on the list: Bangladesh, Ethiopia, India, Indonesia, Kazakhstan, Nepal, Pakistan, Philippines, South Africa, the United Kingdom, and the United States.

Inbound travellers who have been to these places in the 14 days prior to their arrival in Hong Kong must provide a specific set of documents, including a negative COVID-19 nucleic acid test report, and a confirmation in English or Chinese of a room reservation in a hotel in Hong Kong for not less than 14 days. For more information, please refer to the link below.



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Malaysia

Updated entry restrictions for foreign travellers to Malaysia


Immigration Department of Malaysia | 8 October 2020

The Government will allow expatriates and their dependants, including foreign maids, to enter Malaysia if they are holding a valid long-term pass or have obtained approval for their pass applications, under the following categories:

1. Residence Pass-Talent (RP-T), and their dependants
2. Employment Pass (Category EP I, II and III)
3. Professional Visit Pass (PVP)
4. Dependant Pass to expatriates of all categories
5. Long Term Social Visit Pass (LT-SVP) to expatriates of all categories

6. Foreign Maid to expatriates of all categories

They will be required to apply for Entry Permission or Approval to Exit and Return to Malaysia through the [MYEntry system](#). However, expatriates who intend to exit Malaysia without returning during the Recovery Movement Control Order (RMCO) period may proceed without applying for approval via MYEntry. For additional guidelines, including the list of permitted entry points and other procedures, please refer to the link below.

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Updated list of gazetted quarantine stations

Attorney General's Chambers | 7 October 2020

In the latest gazette, a reduced number of 41 locations have been specified as quarantine stations. The updated list can be found in the link below.

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Philippines

Departure restrictions for Filipinos to be eased from 21 October 2020

Manila Bulletin | 18 October 2020

With effect from 21 October 2020, the Bureau of Immigration (BI) will be allowing the departure of Filipinos for non-essential travel. Under this ruling, outbound Filipino tourists are required to present a round trip ticket, health and travel insurance, and a negative antigen result (or reverse transcription-polymerase chain reaction [RT-PCR] test result if required by the destination country). Departing Filipinos shall also be required to sign a declaration acknowledging the risks of their travel, to be provided by airline check-in counters.

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Singapore

Singapore and Hong Kong reach in-principle agreement to establish bilateral air travel bubble

Channel NewsAsia | 15 October 2020

Singapore and Hong Kong have reached an in-principle agreement to establish a bilateral air travel bubble, which will exempt travellers from quarantines or stay-home notices. Those

travelling under the bubble will have no restrictions on their travel purpose and will not need to have a controlled itinerary.

Travellers will also not be subject to quarantine or stay-home notice requirements. However, travellers will need to test negative on mutually recognised COVID-19 polymerase chain reaction tests. They will also be required to go on flights dedicated for those travelling under the bubble.

The air travel bubble launch date and other implementation details will be announced in due course.

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