



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 to view Deloitte's digital travel map (beta release)

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Hong Kong

Government strengthens restrictions for persons arriving in Hong Kong from the United Kingdom (UK)

Government of the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region (SAR) | 22 December 2020

With effect from 22 December 2020, all persons who have stayed in the UK for more than two hours in the past 14 days (including Hong Kong residents) will not be allowed to board planes to Hong Kong.

The Government is also working on a legislative amendment to allow the compulsory quarantine period to last for more than 14 days when necessary, including lengthening the compulsory quarantine period for persons who are arriving in Hong Kong from the UK to 21 days.

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Government strengthens testing requirements for persons arriving at Hong Kong from foreign places

Government of the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region (SAR) | 18 December 2020

According to the latest compulsory testing notice, any person aged six or above who arrives at Hong Kong on or after 2 December 2020, and is placed under quarantine pursuant to a Quarantine Order under section 3 of the Compulsory Quarantine of Persons Arriving at Hong Kong from Foreign Places Regulation (Cap. 599E), must undergo testing on the 19th or 20th day following their arrival in Hong Kong. For example, a person who arrived in Hong Kong on 2 December 2020 would have completed the 14-day quarantine on 15 December 2020, and should undergo testing on 20 or 21 December 2020.

Persons subject to compulsory testing must undergo testing at one of the [community testing centres](#). They must register for the test by presenting the identity document as stated on the Quarantine Order and, as far as practicable, the Quarantine Order. Persons subject to compulsory testing must also retain the SMS notification containing the result of the test, and present it to law enforcement officers when required.

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Canada to be added to list of specified high-risk places from 25 December 2020

Government of the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region (SAR) | 18 December 2020

The Government has announced that it will gazette the specifications under the Prevention and Control of Disease (Regulation of Cross-boundary Conveyances and Travellers) Regulation (Cap. 599H) to include Canada as a specified high-risk place with effect from 25 December 2020. For more information on the conditions imposed on inbound travellers who have visited specified high-risk places, please click [here](#).



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India

India suspends all flights from the UK until 31 December 2020

The Economic Times | 22 December 2020

India will suspend all flights from the UK with effect from 22 December 2020, 11.59 p.m., until 31 December 2020, 11.59 p.m. All flights from India to the UK shall also be temporarily suspended during this period.

Passengers from the UK, including those on transit flights, who will arrive in India before 22 December 2020, 11.59 p.m., will be subject to mandatory reverse transcription polymerase chain reaction (RT-PCR) tests upon arrival at the airports.



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Philippines

BI implements new IATF ruling to allow re-entry of foreign nationals

Bureau of Immigration | 19 December 2020

To enable foreign nationals to return to their countries for the holidays and subsequently re-enter the Philippines, the Inter-Agency Task Force for the Management of Emerging Infectious Diseases (IATF) Resolution No. 89 will allow the re-entry of foreign nationals holding 9(e) and 9(g) visas, provided they depart the Philippines from 17 December 2020. Those who have left prior to 17 December 2020 will not be granted re-entry.

Re-entry permission will also remain subject to the conditions set by the Inter-Agency Task Force for the Management of Emerging Infectious Diseases (IATF), including requirements for the foreign national to present a valid and existing visa on the date of arrival, a pre-booked quarantine facility and COVID-19 laboratory test at the airport, in addition to the maximum capacity limits imposed on inbound passengers at the port on the date of entry.



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