



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.



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

Inaugural flights under Hong Kong-Singapore air travel bubble (ATB) deferred for two weeks

Government of the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region (SAR) | 21 November 2020

The Governments of Hong Kong SAR and Singapore have decided to defer the inaugural flights under the Hong Kong-Singapore ATB for two weeks. The new date of the inaugural flights will be announced in early December. Travellers who wish to travel between the two places via the ATB arrangement should adjust their itineraries accordingly. More details on the ATB can be found [here](#).

 **More information**

Government tightens testing and isolation arrangement for crew members of aircraft and other exempted persons

Government of the Hong Kong SAR | 21 November 2020

With effect from 22 November 2020, air crew and other persons who are exempted from the compulsory quarantine arrangement under the Compulsory Quarantine of Certain Persons Arriving at Hong Kong Regulation (Cap. 599C) and the Compulsory Quarantine of Persons Arriving at Hong Kong from Foreign Places Regulation (Cap. 599E) arriving at Hong Kong at the Hong Kong International Airport (HKIA) must comply with certain conditions. For more information on the specific conditions for the different categories of persons, please refer to the link below.

 **More information**

Philippines

Revised guidelines for foreign nationals allowed entry into the Philippines

Bureau of Immigration | 20 November 2020

The Bureau of Immigration has released the following revised guidelines for the Inter-Agency Task Force for the Management of Emerging Infectious Diseases (IATF-MEID) Resolution No. 84 Series of 2020 dated 19 November 2020:

With effect from 1 November 2020, the following foreign nationals may be allowed entry into the Philippines:

- a. Those with visas issued by the Bureau of Immigration pursuant to Section 9(d) of Commonwealth Act No. 613, as amended, Executive Order No. 226, or the Omnibus Investments Code, as amended, and Republic Act No. 8756.
- b. Those with 47(a)(2) visas issued by the Department of Justice.

- c. Those with visas issued by the Aurora Pacific Economic Zone and Freeport Authority, Subic Bay Metropolitan Authority, Authority of the Freeport Area of Bataan, Cagayan Economic Zone Authority, and Clark Development Corporation.



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Singapore

Singapore-Hong Kong air travel bubble (ATB) launch deferred for two weeks

Channel NewsAsia | 22 November 2020

The launch of an air travel bubble between Singapore and Hong Kong has been deferred for two weeks. The air travel bubble was supposed to start on 22 November 2020. Travellers may still continue their journey on non-designated air travel bubble flights. However, such travellers will be subject to the prevailing border control and health requirements of both cities. For example, Singapore residents returning from Hong Kong will be subject to a seven day stay-home notice upon entry into Singapore.



[More information](#)

All travellers to Singapore from Malaysia and Japan to serve stay-home notice at dedicated facilities

Channel NewsAsia | 21 November 2020

With effect from 11.59 p.m. on 22 November 2020, all travellers entering Singapore from Malaysia or Japan will have to serve a 14-day stay-home notice period at dedicated facilities. The new measures will apply to all travellers who have a travel history in the past 14 days to either of the two countries. In addition, all travellers, except Singapore citizens and permanent residents, entering Singapore from 11.59 p.m. on 27 November 2020 who have a travel history in the past 14 days to Malaysia will be required to take a COVID-19 polymerase chain reaction (PCR) test within 72 hours before departure.



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