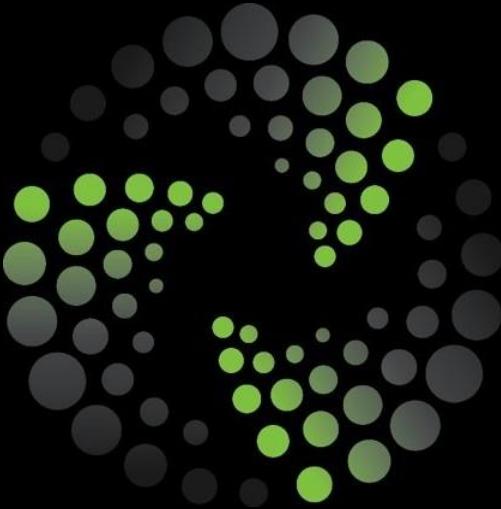




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## Immigration news alerts COVID-19

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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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## **Malaysia**

### **Malaysia to repatriate citizens from northern and western regions of India**

Channel NewsAsia | 6 May 2021

Malaysia will repatriate its citizens from the northern and western regions of India amid a surge in COVID-19 cases and fatalities in India. The repatriation mission will use a specially chartered aircraft from Malaysia that will depart to New Delhi and Mumbai once the related arrangements, including the approval from the Indian Government, are in place. Those returning will include home-based staff members from various Malaysian agencies and their dependents. All of them will be subject to COVID-19 testing before leaving India and upon arrival in Malaysia, and be required to undergo 14-day quarantine at centres appointed by the Government.

Other Malaysians in the northern and western regions of India who are keen on joining the repatriation flight should register with the Malaysian High Commission in New Delhi and the Malaysian Consulate General in Mumbai by 5 p.m. (GMT+05:30) on 7 May 2021. The southern and the eastern regions of India are not included in the repatriation mission.



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## **New Zealand**

### **New Zealand hits pause on quarantine-free travel bubble with New South Wales**

ABC News | 6 May 2021

New Zealand is halting quarantine-free travel from New South Wales for a period of 48 hours from midnight on 7 May 2021, while it investigates the source of two COVID-19 cases announced in Sydney.



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## **Philippines**

### **Latest restrictions for passengers arriving from Pakistan, Nepal, Sri Lanka, and Bangladesh**

Bureau of Immigration | 6 May 2021

With effect from 7 May 2021 to 14 May 2021, all passengers coming from or who have been to Pakistan, Bangladesh, Nepal, and Sri Lanka in the 14 days shall be prohibited from entering the Philippines.

Passengers from these places who are arriving before 12.01 a.m. (GMT+8) on 7 May 2021 will not be prohibited from entering, but will be required to undergo a 14-day facility-based quarantine and a reverse transcription polymerase chain reaction (RT-PCR) test. If they test positive upon arrival, they will be required to undergo the Whole Genome Sequencing process. All of their close contacts must undergo facility-based quarantine for 14 days, and contact tracing will also be expanded to third-degree contacts.

Filipinos and foreign passengers merely transiting through India, Pakistan, Nepal, Sri Lanka, and Bangladesh shall not be deemed as having come from or been to these places, provided that they remain in the airport during their entire transit period, and were not cleared for entry by the respective immigration authorities. Upon their arrival in the Philippines, these passengers will not be subject to the 14-day facility-based quarantine, but must comply with existing testing and quarantine protocols administered by the National Government.



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## Sri Lanka

### Sri Lanka tightens border restrictions with India

Channel NewsAsia | 6 May 2021

Sri Lanka has tightened its border restrictions with India with effect from 6 May 2021, including banning the entry of flight passengers from India. Sri Lanka's Navy has also stepped up patrols to keep away Indian trawlers.



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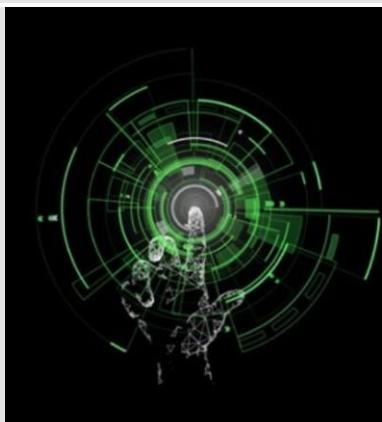
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