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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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Fiji

International border restrictions to lift on 1 November 2021

Radio New Zealand | 17 September 2021

Fiji has outlined a plan to lift international border restrictions on 1 November 2021, provided it is able to achieve an 80% vaccination target. Travellers must be fully vaccinated and arriving from 'green list' locations. They must also ensure they register a negative COVID-19 test result within 72 hours of their departure to Fiji, and will be required to remain in designated travel-safe areas for five days. After clearing another COVID-19 test, they will then be allowed to travel throughout Fiji.

Earlier on 17 September 2021, the Government has also lifted internal border restrictions for the main island Viti Levu. However, inter-island travel restrictions and a curfew from 9 p.m. to 4 a.m. remain.



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Hong Kong

Government updates list of places with recognised vaccination records

Government of the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region | 20 September 2021

With effect from 22 September 2021, Hong Kong residents holding vaccination records issued by the relevant authorities of Iran in the prescribed formats may board a flight for Hong Kong from group A specified places, if the vaccines administered are listed on the Government's list of COVID-19 vaccines recognised for specified purposes.

The Government has also concluded discussions with the Governments of Chile and New Zealand on the arrangements regarding the recognition of vaccination records, which will also take effect from 22 September 2021. Although Chile and New Zealand are currently not group A specified places, the arrangements will enable Hong Kong residents holding vaccination records issued by the relevant authorities of Chile and New Zealand in the prescribed format to board a flight for Hong Kong from group A specified places.

To view the complete list of places with recognised vaccination records accepted for Hong Kong residents who have stayed in group A specified places, please click [here](#).



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Lao People's Democratic Republic (PDR)

Lao PDR locks down capital

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Lao PDR has locked down its capital Vientiane for two weeks. Travel between seven other hard-hit provinces is banned, while entry into Vientiane requires a quarantine of 14 days.



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Malaysia

Vaccinated travellers arriving in Malaysia can apply for COVID-19 home quarantine via new portal

Channel NewsAsia | 20 September 2021

Fully vaccinated travellers entering Malaysia can now apply for home quarantine via a new portal on the Ministry of Health's [website](#). All applications for arrivals from 28 September 2021 onwards should be made via this portal, and applications must be made seven to 10 days prior to the date of entry to Malaysia. In addition to being fully vaccinated, travellers entering Malaysia must present a negative COVID-19 polymerase chain reaction (PCR) test result. Their home or residence must also be assessed to be suitable based on a risk evaluation.



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New Zealand

Auckland to move to alert level three

New Zealand Government | 20 September 2021

Auckland will move to alert level three at 11.59 p.m. on 21 September 2021, while the rest of New Zealand will remain at alert level two. Under alert level three, travel is restricted and only allowed for permitted movement in local areas. More information on what level three entails can be found [here](#).



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Philippines

Philippines imposes travel restrictions on 'red list' locations

Cable News Network (CNN) Philippines | 17 September 2021

Philippines' Inter-Agency Task Force has imposed travel restrictions on red list locations classified as high risk for COVID-19, and updated the quarantine requirements for passengers arriving from green list and yellow list locations.

With effect from 19 September 2021 to 30 September 2021, passengers arriving from four red list locations—Grenada, Papua New Guinea, Serbia, and Slovenia—will not be allowed to enter the Philippines unless they are repatriates. Regardless of their vaccination status, repatriates from locations on the red list need to undergo a 10-day facility-based quarantine and get a reverse transcription polymerase chain reaction test on the seventh day. If they tested negative, they can complete four more days of isolation at home.

On the other hand, fully vaccinated travellers arriving from the following green list locations will be allowed a shorter, seven-day facility-based quarantine upon arrival: American Samoa, Burkina Faso, Cameroon, Cayman Islands, Chad, China, Comoros, Republic of the Congo, Djibouti, Equatorial Guinea, Falkland Islands (Malvinas), Gabon, Hong Kong (Special Administrative Region of China), Hungary, Madagascar, Mali, Federated States of Micronesia, Montserrat, New Caledonia, New Zealand, and Niger, Northern Mariana Islands, Palau, Poland, Saba (Special Municipality of the Kingdom of Netherlands), Saint Pierre and Miquelon, Sierra Leone, Sint Eustatius, Taiwan, Algeria, Bhutan, Cook Islands, Eritrea, Kiribati, Marshall Islands, Nauru, Nicaragua, Niue, North Korea, Saint Helena, Samoa, Solomon Islands, Sudan, Syria, Tajikistan, Tanzania, Tokelau, Tonga, Turkmenistan, Tuvalu, Vanuatu, and Yemen.

Other locations not mentioned are on the yellow list, and travellers arriving from these locations shall complete a 10-day facility quarantine, and another four-day home quarantine.



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Vietnam

Hanoi to further ease COVID-19 curbs this week

Channel NewsAsia | 20 September 2021

Hanoi will further ease its coronavirus restrictions from this week, with the resumption of most construction projects from 22 September 2021.



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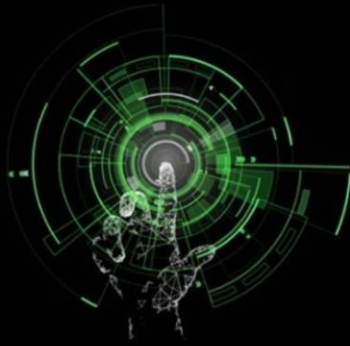


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