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Coronavirus – NSA Global Security Sub-Saharan Africa, Middle East, Asia Update COVID-19

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Current Situation

The death toll from the COVID-19 pandemic that originated in Wuhan, China was recorded at 109,920 as of April 12, while the total number of confirmed cases has reached 1,794,641 worldwide.

On April 5, Pakistan's Minister for Railways Sheikh Rasheed announced that Pakistan Railways will resume train services from April 15.

According to the UAE's state news agency, the emirate of Dubai has imposed a complete curfew from April 5 for a period of two weeks as part of an effort to mitigate the spread of the coronavirus. Individuals will not be allowed to leave their residences, except for essential purposes or if they are working in vital sectors that are exempted from the restrictions. Essential needs include grocery shopping or medical emergencies.

In DRC, authorities announced the isolation of Goma, Beni, and Butembo cities on April 5. The Gambia's National Assembly approved an extension of the country's state of emergency for 45 days starting April 5.

Kuwait extended its suspension of work in all "ministries, government agencies, bodies and institutes" until April 25. Saudi Arabia's Ministry of Interior announced on April 6 that a complete 24-hour curfew has been imposed in Riyadh, Tabuk, Dammam, Dhahran, Hofuf, Jeddah, Qatif, Taif, and Khobar, effective April 7 until further notice.

Kenya has banned all travel into and from the Nairobi Metropolitan area for 21 days from April 6. A similar restriction of movement is slated to begin in Mombasa, Kilifi, and Kwale from 19:00 on April 8.

As of April 7, authorities in Bahrain announced that it is mandatory for citizens and residents to wear face masks at all times when they are outside their homes. Egypt will suspend all congregational religious activities for the upcoming month of Ramadan, which is slated to begin on April 23. Authorities in Turkey confirmed that any foreign nationals who outstay their visit visas due to COVID-19-related travel restrictions will not face any fines or penalties.

Eritrea announced the extension of a ban on passenger flights to and from the country for another 21 days on April 8. Ethiopia declared a state of emergency and warned of "grave legal measures" against persons undermining the ongoing restrictions. The Plateau State government in Nigeria announced a six day total lockdown in order to carry out fumigation efforts effective April 9.

Cambodia announced on April 9 that any individuals who left to another province for the Khmer New Year celebrations despite the ban will be required to undergo 14 days of isolation at a government facility before returning to work. On April 8, India made it compulsory to wear masks when outdoors in Mumbai, Delhi, and Uttar Pradesh. Furthermore, the Supreme Court of India directed the central government on April 8 to make all COVID-19 tests free of cost, even those conducted by private agencies.

The US Embassy in Cairo, Egypt reported on April 9 that a direct flight is available from Cairo to London on April 12.

The Jordanian Minister of Information reportedly stated on April 9 that a nationwide curfew will be imposed from 00:01 (local time) on April 10, effective until 23:59 on April 11. According to Oman's official news agency, a lockdown will be imposed on Muscat Governorate from 10:00 (local time) on April 10 until 10:00 on April 22.

Ivory Coast has extended the night-time curfew to April 24 on April 8. The National Assembly of Mauritania adopted a bill authorizing the government to take all measures necessary to fight the virus and its effects through ordinance on April 8. The US Embassy in Niger announced on April 9 that a repatriation flight is scheduled for April 10.

In Cambodia, all forms of travel between districts and provinces are restricted until April 16 with limited exceptions. East Timor has closed its borders and banned any entry and exit, regardless of citizenship, to take effect on April 13. Authorities imposed a partial lockdown in Jakarta, Indonesia, with security forces deployed to enforce social distancing.

Angola extended its state of emergency for an additional 15 days, Guinea extended its state of emergency for another 21 days, and Botswana extended its state of emergency for six months. Ghana extended its partial lockdown for another week from April 13 though, stated that borders would remain closed indefinitely.

On April 10, Gabon's PM Julien Nkoghe Bekale announced that Libreville and its neighboring cities will be in total containment from April 13, for a period of two weeks. In Niger, the government announced that all citizens will have to wear masks in public spaces, including grocery stores and on the street from April 11.

In India, Telangana and Maharashtra states have reportedly extended their lockdowns until April 30, while reports on April 11 indicate that Prime Minister Narendra Modi may elect for the same approach nationwide

In Israel, the government decided on April 12 to continue receiving inbound passenger flights; however, all arrivals to Israel, including Israeli residents, will be quarantined in government-administered residential facilities.

In CAR, all restrictive measures including the closure of the airport were extended for another two weeks, while inter- and intra- urban travel has been halted. In Congo, the government ordered the obligatory wearing of face masks in public markets. The government issued directives for the state of emergency on April 11, including banning handshakes, restricting gatherings to a maximum of four people, reducing crowds on public transport, and halting all evictions and layoffs. Violations can result in up to three years in prison.

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Anti-Foreign Sentiment & Civil Unrest

In addition to the various government-implemented measures and health risks associated with COVID-19, a number of other risks, particularly related to civil unrest and xenophobia have arisen throughout the world.

Anti-foreign incidents have been reported in multiple countries in **Sub-Saharan Africa**. In Kenya, this has included protests against Chinese travelers, as well as violent incidents targeting Asians. Additional incidents have been reported in Ethiopia, with both verbal harassment and small-scale violence. This has grown to include harassment of people who appear to be European in Kenya as well as in Cameroon, Ivory Coast, and Senegal. This trend is likely to continue given that the vast majority of cases in Africa are imported from Europe and COVID-19 is increasingly viewed in many African countries as a disease spread by white people.

Several countries and territories across **Asia** have witnessed protests, most notably Hong Kong, India, Indonesia, Kazakhstan, Pakistan, Sri Lanka, and Thailand. Such protests have been held against designated quarantine centers, perceived inadequate responses to controlling the outbreak, or to call for a ban on Chinese travelers. Online campaigns with noted anti-China sentiment have circulated in Japan, Indonesia, and Singapore, while Australia reported a spike in racism against Chinese Australians from late January. Protests were also held in Indonesia against the arrival of Chinese travelers, while multiple businesses and restaurants in the aforementioned countries, as well as South Korea and Vietnam, have denied services to Chinese nationals.

Locations with Confirmed Cases of COVID-19:

Sub-Saharan Africa	Angola, Benin, Burkina Faso, Cameroon, CAR, Cape Verde, Chad, Congo, Djibouti, DRC, Equatorial Guinea, Eritrea, eSwatini, Ethiopia, Gabon, Gambia, Ghana, Guinea, Ivory Coast, Kenya, Liberia, Madagascar, Mayotte, Mauritania, Mauritius, Mozambique, Namibia, Niger, Nigeria, Reunion, Rwanda, Senegal, Seychelles, South Africa, Sudan, Togo, Uganda, Zambia, Zimbabwe
Middle East	Bahrain, Egypt, Jordan, Kuwait, Lebanon, Morocco, Oman, Qatar, Saudi Arabia, Tunisia, Turkey, UAE
Asia	Bangladesh, India, Pakistan, Sri Lanka,

Travel Advisories & Measures:

Multiple countries have issued travel advisories or taken measures in relation to the Coronavirus. New updates since the previous report have been bolded.

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Sub-Saharan Africa


Updated Statistics on COVID-19 for Sub-Saharan Africa




Country	Total Cases (Inclusive of New Cases)	Identified New Cases (06/04 to 12/04)	Total Deaths (Inclusive of New Cases)	Identified New Deaths (06/04 to 12/04)	Total Recovered	Active Cases
Angola	19	9	2	0	4	13
Benin	35	19	1	1	5	29
Botswana	13	9	1	0	0	12
Burkina Faso	484	166	27	11	155	302
Burundi	5	2	0	0	0	5
Cameroon	836	781	12	3	98	726
CAR	15	6	0	0	3	12
Cape Verde	8	1	1	0	1	6
Chad	11	2	0	0	2	9
Comoros	0	0	0	0	0	0
Congo	70	25	5	0	5	60
Djibouti	187	138	2	2	36	149
DRC	234	80	20	2	16	198
Equatorial Guinea	18	2	0	0	3	15
Eritea	34	5	0	0	0	34
eSwatini	14	5	0	0	1	13
Ethiopia	71	28	3	3	10	58
Gabon	49	28	1	0	1	47
Gambia	9	5	1	1	2	6
Ghana	409	195	8	3	4	397
Guinea	250	139	0	0	17	233
Guinea-Bissau	39	21	0	0	2	37
Ivory Coast	533	288	4	3	58	471
Kenya	197	71	7	3	24	166
Lesotho	0	0	0	0	0	0
Liberia	48	38	5	2	3	40
Madagascar	102	31	0	0	11	91
Malawi	12	8	2	2	0	10
Mali	105	64	9	6	22	74
Mauritania	7	1	1	0	2	4
Mauritius	319	123	9	2	28	282

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Country	Total Cases (Inclusive of New Cases)	Identified New Cases (06/04 to 12/04)	Total Deaths (Inclusive of New Cases)	Identified New Deaths (06/04 to 12/04)	Total Recovered	Active Cases
Mayotte	196	68	3	1	59	134
Mozambique	20	10	0	0	2	18
Namibia	16	0	0	0	3	13
Niger	491	347	11	3	50	430
Nigeria	318	104	10	6	70	238
Reunion	388	67	0	0	40	348
Rwanda	120	18	0	0	18	102
Sao Tome & Principe	4	4	0	0	0	4
Senegal	278	56	2	0	152	124
Seychelles	11	1	0	0	0	11
Sierra Leone	10	6	0	0	0	10
Somalia	19	12	2	2	2	15
Somaliland	2	0	0	0	2	0
South Africa	2,028	443	25	16	410	1,593
South Sudan	4	3	0	0	0	4
Sudan	19	9	2	0	2	15
Tanzania	32	12	3	2	5	24
Togo	76	36	3	0	25	48
Uganda	53	5	0	0	4	49
Zambia	40	1	2	1	25	13
Zimbabwe	14	5	3	2	0	11




Country	Measures
<p>ANGOLA</p>  <p>NEW CASES:</p> <p>Confirmed Cases: 19 Confirmed Deaths: 2 Recovered Cases: 4</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The government suspended all international flights to and from Angola from March 20. All land borders are closed for an 'extendable' period of time. Additionally, the docking and disembarkation of international passenger ships are prohibited for 15 days from March 20. Public events and gatherings with more than 200 people are prohibited. Educational and religious institutions have suspended all activities. The government declared a state of emergency on March 26. The presidential decree empowers police and security forces to enforce all health directives and other regulations. The state of emergency was extended an additional 15 days on April 9. UPDATE: Authorities have announced that foreigners' expired visas will remain valid till May 15.

<p>BENIN</p>  <p>Confirmed Cases: 35 Confirmed Deaths: 1 Recovered Cases: 5</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The government stated on March 19 that all travelers will be subject to 14-day compulsory quarantine if arriving from air. Additionally, any person who fails to self-quarantine will be subject to prosecution. • The Ministry of Health installed disinfection equipment and thermal scanners at Cotonou Cadjehoun Airport. • The government announced the closure of all churches and other places of worship as well as all educational institutions and the suspension of public transportation services from March 13 - April 13. • The government has issued a decree establishing a health cordon around the zone composed of the municipalities of Cotonou, Abomey-Calavi, Allada, Ouidah, Seme-Podji, Porto-Novo, Akpro-Misserete and Adjarra from March 30 through April 13.
<p>BOTSWANA</p>  <p>Confirmed Cases: 13 Confirmed Deaths: 1 Recovered Cases: 0</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • On March 25, the government closed all of the borders. Only citizens and residents will be able to re-enter at the airport while commercial goods may enter at land borders. However, everyone entering is subject to a mandatory 14-day quarantine. • The government has suspended all commercial flights effective March 29. • On March 13, the government suspended all overseas trips by government officials and suspended the hosting of all international events and conferences to avoid the spread of COVID-19 into the country. • The government has prohibited all government or public meetings, with gatherings of more than 100 people banned. • UPDATE: The parliament approved the extension of the ongoing state of emergency, initially scheduled to end on April 30, to six months on April 9. The state of emergency stipulates that individuals can only leave their homes to work in essential services or procure necessities. • UPDATE: Authorities confirmed two new cases on April 5.
<p>BURKINA FASO</p>  <p>Confirmed Cases: 484 Confirmed Deaths: 27 Recovered Cases: 155</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The government has suspended all international flights and closed all land borders until further notice with an exception for commercial traffic. • The Ministry of Transport has suspended road transport from March 23. • The government halted all demonstrations until the end of April. The Catholic Church suspended all public masses until further notice, while Islamic organizations have suspended prayers at all mosques and other Muslim cultural ceremonies involving more than 50 people. • Effective March 26, the government imposed a 14-day quarantine on eight cities in the country with no entry or exit, including Ouagadougou, Bobo-Dioulasso, Boromo, Houde, Dedougou, Banfora, Manga, and Zorgho. • The city of Dano, Sud-Ouest Region has been quarantined after a positive case was detected in the city on March 30. • UPDATE: 36 new cases were confirmed on April 11.




<p>BURUNDI</p>  <p>Confirmed Cases: 5 Confirmed Deaths: 0 Recovered Cases: 0</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> As of March 21, authorities have suspended all international flights. The Foreign Ministry has suspended the issuance of visas. Additionally, all official missions abroad have been suspended until further notice. On March 24, the government said that all travelers arriving from other countries will have a mandatory 14-day quarantine. On April 4, authorities extended the closure of Bujumbura International Airport for an additional 14 days. UPDATE: The Embassy of Japan has arranged a special commercial flight from Bujumbura to Addis Ababa via Kigali and Entebbe on April 18.
<p>CAMEROON</p>  <p>Confirmed Cases: 836 Confirmed Deaths: 12 Recovered Cases: 98</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> On April 1, the government extended the closure of all borders, suspension of all flights, and restrictions on movement for an additional 15 days. The measures were first imposed on March 17. All educational institutions will also remain closed indefinitely. The government also banned gatherings of more than 50 people. The Port of Douala has implemented a 14-day quarantine for all vessels traveling from areas affected by the coronavirus. As a precaution, the government has suspended the importation of all animals and animal products from countries that are an “active focal point” for coronavirus. The Douala II municipality ordered the closure of all markets from April 2. UPDATE: The mayor of Douala has mandated the wearing of masks on April 6. UPDATE: The US organized a repatriation flight for its citizens and permanent residents departing from Yaounde on April 7.
<p>CAR</p>  <p>Confirmed Cases: 15 Confirmed Deaths: 0 Recovered Cases: 3</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The government announced a range of restrictions, including new quarantines for those traveling from countries with local transmission, a halt on all mass gatherings, and the closure of bars and clubs for one month. The government has announced several measures to contain COVID-19, including banning gatherings of more than 15 people, the extension of quarantine from 14 to 21 days, and closure of the international airport, schools and places of worship on March 27. The government has suspended river navigation in several villages across borders with the DRC and Congo on April 8. UPDATE: The US Embassy is planning an evacuation flight from Bangui to Washington, DC on or about April 15. UPDATE: All restrictive measures including the closure of the airport were extended for another two weeks. Furthermore, inter- and intra- urban travel has been halted.
<p>CAPE VERDE</p> 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> On March 8, Cape Verde Airlines suspended its route to Washington, DC in the US through the end of May. The government announced a ban on all flights to Italy until March 30. Cabo Verde Airlines (CVA) temporarily suspended all flights for 30 days on March 18.

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<p>Confirmed Cases: 8 Confirmed Deaths: 1 Recovered Cases: 1</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The government has announced new restrictions to reduce public transport by 50 percent on March 23. The government declared a state of emergency effective as of 00:00 (local time) on March 29 until April 17.
<p>CHAD</p>  <p>Confirmed Cases: 11 Confirmed Deaths: 0 Recovered Cases: 2</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The government has announced the extension of the closure period for the Hassan Djamouss international airport in N'Djamena until April 10. The government has announced the closure of all restaurants, bars, gaming centers, and casinos. Additionally, all gatherings of more than 50 people are prohibited in public and private spaces. The government has announced the closure of all non-grocery stores. President Idriss Deby ordered the closure of the border with Cameroon on March 31. Government decrees curfew in N'Djamena city, Logone Occidental, Logone Oriental, Mayo-Kebbi Ouest, and Mayo-Kebbi Est provinces from 19:00 (local time) - 06:00, effective from April 2. UPDATE: Authorities confirm first recovered case on April 6.
<p>COMOROS</p>  <p>Confirmed Cases: 0 Confirmed Deaths: 0 Recovered Cases: 0</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> As of March 24, all commercial flights are banned with the exception of cargo. Sea travel between East Africa and Comoros is also banned. President Azali Assoumani announced reduction of duties and taxes on essential items and extension of tax filing period on March 30. Security forces will be deployed to ensure business compliance concerning reduction of taxes.
<p>CONGO</p>  <p>Confirmed Cases: 70 Confirmed Deaths: 5 Recovered Cases: 5</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> On March 21, the government closed all air, land, and sea borders, except for cargo. The government advised citizens to be vigilant and report to a health facility if they have any symptoms following a visit to virus-affected countries. The government has shut down all religious institutions for the next 30 days on March 23. President Denis Sassou N'Guesso declares a state of health emergency on March 29, which will go into effect on March 31 for 30 days. The directive includes the prohibition of movement apart from those providing essential services and a night curfew from 20:00 (local time) to 05:00. UPDATE: On April 8, the government announced the closure of markets and suspension of public transport on Wednesdays and Sundays during the emergency period. UPDATE: The government ordered the obligatory wearing of face masks in public markets.
<p>DJIBOUTI</p> 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The government has suspended all international travel in and out of Djibouti City, effective March 18. This applies only to passengers, not cargo. The government announced the suspension of the passenger trains linking Djibouti to Ethiopia, effective from March 20.

<p>Confirmed Cases: 187 Confirmed Deaths: 2 Recovered Cases: 36</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The government deployed the military in the capital, Djibouti City, to enforce the lockdown on March 25. UPDATE: The Minister of Public Health confirmed an additional 47 cases and eight more recoveries along with a second COVID-19 related death on April 10-11.
<p>DRC</p>  <p>Confirmed Cases: 234 Confirmed Deaths: 20 Recovered Cases: 16</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> On March 25, the government declared a state of emergency, closed all of the borders, and took measures to quarantine Kinshasa, suspending travel to the city from other provinces. President Felix Tshisekedi banned public gatherings of more than 20 people, shut down schools, and churches for four weeks, effective March 19. Kinshasa's governor announced the sealing of Gombe commune on April 2. North Kivu has isolated Goma, Beni, and Butembo as a preventative measure, while South Kivu isolated Bukavu. Lake traffic between Goma and Bukavu has been suspended. UPDATE: The government confirmed eight new cases and three more recoveries on April 10.
<p>EQUATORIAL GUINEA</p>  <p>Confirmed Cases: 18 Confirmed Deaths: 0 Recovered Cases: 3</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> On March 13, the Ministry of Health released a statement stating that all land and maritime borders would be closed, international flights restricted and that any passengers showing symptoms of the virus would be compulsorily quarantined for 14 days. The government announced the postponement of the Exhibition and Forum on Investment in African Oil that was scheduled for June 1-2. It is currently rescheduled for November. The government prohibited gatherings of more than 10 people on March 17. UPDATE: Authorities confirm first recovery case on April 5.
<p>ERITREA</p>  <p>Confirmed Cases: 34 Confirmed Deaths: 0 Recovered Cases: 0</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The Ministry of Health banned all travel within the country on March 16. The authorities banned public gatherings of more than 10 people on March 23. The government banned all commercial flights for two weeks effective from March 25. This was extended for another 21 days on April 8. On March 27 onwards, the government has shut down all educational institutions, and banned all public transport within cities as well as between cities and regions. The government announced the closure of all commercial service outlets for 14 days on March 30. The government has issued a stay at home order for everyone barring those working essential services effective from April 2 for 21 days. All trading activities and transactions will be banned during this period, however, entities working in the food supply, processing, and manufacturing business, as well as grocery stores, banks, and pharmacies will remain open till 20:00. UPDATE: The government announces the extension of a ban on passenger flights to and from the country for another 21 days on April 8.

<p>ESWATINI (SWAZILAND)</p>  <p>Confirmed Cases: 14 Confirmed Deaths: 0 Recovered Cases: 1</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Foreign nationals from high-risk COVID-19 countries are banned from entering, while Swazi citizens returning from these countries will be subjected to screening and mandatory self-isolation for 14 days. The government declared a state of emergency on March 17 over the pandemic. All educational institutions will remain shut indefinitely, while all public gatherings of more than 50 people are banned. The government announced a partial lockdown to take effect on March 27, with all unnecessary movements outside the home restricted, with exceptions for food, health, and essential workplaces. <p>The Minister of Public Works announces that as of March 30, public transport will operate on a reduced basis nationwide from 05:00 to 09:00 (local time) and from 15:00 to 19:00.</p>
<p>ETHIOPIA</p>  <p>Confirmed Cases: 71 Confirmed Deaths: 3 Recovered Cases: 10</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Ethiopian Airlines announces that it has suspended flights to over 80 international destinations as of March 29, but that its domestic operations will continue until further notice and that international cargo operations are still ongoing. Authorities have closed all borders. Additionally, they have banned large gatherings and overcrowding of public transport and mandated the practice of social distancing. Security forces are authorized to enforce these measures. The government announced the temporary closure of all university campuses on March 25. The state governments of Tigray, Amhara, SNNPR, Oromia, and Benishangul-Gumuz regions have imposed separate restrictions on movement, banned public transportation, and halted inter-region travel. Tigray extended the measures for three months on April 9. The Ethiopian Islamic Affairs Supreme Council suspended all major prayers and other services for an indefinite period on April 1. Additionally, all federal courts will remain partially closed for 23 days. UPDATE: The Tigray Regional State government extended the region's emergency measures declared on March 26 for a period of three months on April 9. UPDATE: The government issued directives for the state of emergency on April 11, including banning handshakes, restricting gatherings to a maximum of four people, reducing crowds on public transport, and halting all evictions and layoffs. Violations can result in up to three years in prison.
<p>GABON</p>  <p>Confirmed Cases: 49 Confirmed Deaths: 1 Recovered Cases: 1</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> On March 17, the government announced restrictions of international flights to and from Gabon to one per week, and one flight per airline. Additionally, all restaurants, bars, and places of worship will remain closed indefinitely. The government closed all land borders. Authorities also suspended tourist visa issuance to all passengers coming from affected countries, including Europe, China, South Korea, and the US.





	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • New surveillance teams have been deployed to Libreville International Airport to scan for the virus. • The government has instructed its diplomats and others employed by international organizations not to return to Gabon. • Authorities have imposed a curfew between 19:30 and 06:00 from March 22. • UPDATE: Schools and other educational institutions have been closed indefinitely on March 30. • UPDATE: On April 10, PM Julien Nkoghe Bekale announced that Libreville and its neighboring cities will be in total containment from April 13, for a period of two weeks.
<p>THE GAMBIA</p>  <p>Confirmed Cases: 9 Confirmed Deaths: 1 Recovered Cases: 2</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Authorities closed the Gambian airspace, except for medicinal cargo flights, as well as the border with Senegal from March 23. • On March 18, the government banned all public gatherings and closed all educational institutions. Additionally, the National Assembly suspended all its sessions indefinitely. • The government declared a state of emergency, which stipulates that all non-essential places, including bars, cinemas, events halls, be closed to the public. • UPDATE: France has organised a flight from Banjul to Paris for April 15. • UPDATE: The National Assembly approved extension of state of emergency for 45 days starting April 5
<p>GHANA</p>  <p>Confirmed Cases: 408 Confirmed Deaths: 8 Recovered Cases: 4</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The government announced that all air, land, and sea borders would be closed on March 22, except for goods and cargo. These closures were extended for an additional two weeks on April 5. • The government has also suspended all nonessential international travel for public officers and has placed several health measures at the Ghana-Togo border. All public gatherings have also been banned. • The tourism authority has shut down the country's beaches starting March 24. • The government announces partial lockdown of various cities across the country, including Accra, Kumasi, Ksoa, and Tema, effective 01:00 (local time) on March 30 for a two-week period. It also announced that no vehicle would be allowed to enter or leave those cities. • UPDATE: The National Assembly approved extension of state of emergency for 45 days starting April 5 On April 9, the government extended the partial lockdown for one week from April 13, while announcing that borders would remain closed indefinitely. • UPDATE: The National Assembly approved extension of state of emergency for 45 days starting April 5 The final repatriation flight organized by the US Embassy from Ghana is slated for the week of April 13.
<p>GUINEA</p> 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • All flights from countries with more than 30 cases have been suspended from March 21 for a month, except for cargo and humanitarian aid. • The government announced limitations on public transportation and shut down the Conakry-Gbessia International Airport on March 23.




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<p>Confirmed Cases: 250 Confirmed Deaths: 0 Recovered Cases: 17</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Authorities have implemented thermal cameras and other screening measures at all ports of entry, with particular focus on foreigners, missionaries, and students. • The government declared a State of Emergency on March 26. • The government has announced the isolation of Conakry and the imposition of a curfew from 21:00 (local time) to 05:00 on March 30. • UPDATE: The National Assembly approved extension of state of emergency for 45 days starting April 5 On April 9, President Alpha Conde extended the state of emergency for an additional 21 days. • UPDATE: 38 new cases were confirmed on April 11.
<p>GUINEA-BISSAU</p>  <p>Confirmed Cases: 39 Confirmed Deaths: 0 Recovered Cases: 2</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The government announced the closure of all borders into the country, effective March 18. • The government banned all public gatherings including mass and prayers for all religions. Additionally, all bars and restaurants are ordered to be shut along with all educational institutions. • The government declared a state of emergency on March 27, restricting movement and closing all nonessential business. • UPDATE: The National Assembly approved extension of state of emergency for 45 days starting April 5 The Minister of Public Health announced two new cases and the first two COVID-19 related recoveries on April 10.
<p>IVORY COAST</p>  <p>Confirmed Cases: 533 Confirmed Deaths: 4 Recovered Cases: 58</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Land, sea, and air borders are indefinitely closed from March 22. Goods traffic is still permitted across the borders. • On March 23, the authorities declared a state of emergency over the spread of the disease, announcing a 21:00 (local time) to 05:00 curfew, the closing of all restaurants and a restriction on travel between the capital and interior regions. The curfew was extended until April 24. • The government stated that all parks and beaches were to be closed for one-month, effective March 18. • All schools have been closed and all sporting and cultural events suspended. Additionally, religious leaders have announced the suspension of public worship. • The government banned all travel into and out of Abidjan on March 25. On March 31, authorities stated that any person with a fever is banned from leaving Abidjan even if they have a valid leave permit. • UPDATE: The National Assembly approved extension of state of emergency for 45 days starting April 5 The government announced new restrictions including the compulsory wearing of masks in public, limiting nonessential movement, and confinement of elderly people in Abidjan and surrounding areas on April 10. • UPDATE: The government confirmed 89 new cases on April 11.
<p>KENYA</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The authorities have announced the suspension of all international flights, barring cargo flights, to and from Kenya from March 25. Additionally, those coming into the country till



 <p>Confirmed Cases: 197 Confirmed Deaths: 7 Recovered Cases: 24</p>	<p>the suspension goes into effect have to undergo a mandatory 14-day quarantine at personal cost.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mombasa County ordered the indefinite closure of beaches and recreational areas. • The Central Bank of Kenya on March 16 has implemented emergency measures to limit the use of cash and to enhance mobile money transfers. • President Uhuru Kenyatta announced a daily curfew from 19:00 - 05:00 (local time) effective from March 27. The curfew for the coastal region was delayed to 20:30 after clashes were reported on March 27. • The Health Cabinet Secretary banned upcountry travel from Nairobi, ordered public transport commuters to wear masks, and the Nairobi Hospital announced that it will close satellite units to focus efforts on containing the disease as part of new measures announced on April 2. The Health CS further ordered everyone to wear masks when entering supermarkets and open-air markets as of April 4. • UPDATE: Authorities issued a directive for burial of coronavirus-related deaths, which includes the burial taking place within 24 hours of death with only 15 close family members allowed to attend the funeral. • UPDATE: Authorities extended the ban on all international flights for 30 days and extended the lockdown for 14 more days on April 5. • UPDATE: The government has banned all travel into and from the Nairobi metropolitan area for 21 days from April 6. A similar restriction of movement began in Mombasa, Kilifi, and Kwale from 19:00 on April 8. The movement of cargo, however, will continue.
<p>LESOTHO</p>  <p>Confirmed Cases: 0 Confirmed Deaths: 0 Recovered Cases: 0</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The government has imposed new screening measures at Maseru's Moshoeshoe I International Airport. • Travelers who arrive with a fever from any coronavirus-affected country may be transported to a quarantine facility. Those who enter without any symptoms will be instructed to self-quarantine for 14 days. • The government declared COVID-19 as a national emergency on March 19 and closed all educational institutions. • On March 26, the government announced a 21-day lockdown to take place from March 29 to April 21.
<p>LIBERIA</p>  <p>Confirmed Cases: 48 Confirmed Deaths: 5 Recovered Cases: 3</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • All commercial flights except cargo, chartered, and special flights have been suspended by the authorities. • The government suspended the issuance of passports to Liberian citizens with immediate effect on March 19. • The government announced the closure of its border with Sierra Leone on April 1. • Nimba County authorities have suspended all traditional activities, schools, and markets. • UPDATE: The government declared a three-week state of emergency effective April 10 and ordered all Liberian embassies abroad to close down on April 8.




	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • UPDATE: Three new cases confirmed along with two additional deaths on April 5.
<p>MADAGASCAR</p>  <p>Confirmed Cases: 102 Confirmed Deaths: 0 Recovered Cases: 11</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • All international flights to and from Madagascar have been suspended from March 20 for 30 days. • On March 21, the authorities ordered a lockdown of Antananarivo and Toamasina with only stores selling essentials and banks to be open to business. A curfew has been imposed from 20:00 to 5:00 for 15 days. • The government has announced that current travel restrictions are applicable to diplomatic missions on March 30. • The government extended the state of emergency for an additional 15 days on April 4. • UPDATE: The Minister of Public Health announced nine new cases on April 10.
<p>MALAWI</p>  <p>Confirmed Cases: 12 Confirmed Deaths: 2 Recovered Cases: 0</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Authorities announced that all international flights would be suspended as of April 1 for an unspecified duration. • The government has prohibited the entry of foreign nationals from countries that are highly affected by the virus. However, Southern African Development Community members are exempt from the restriction. • Authorities have announced that residents returning from countries with confirmed cases will be subject to quarantine. • The government has banned all international meetings and prohibited officials from attending meetings in countries that are affected by the virus. • The Mayor of Blantyre has announced a citywide lockdown, banned all commercial services and public gatherings on March 30. • UPDATE: On April 9, the government announced measures including a ban on bars and restaurants and the suspension of public events and all construction works. • UPDATE: The US Embassy has organized a repatriation flight from Lilongwe to the US after April 15.
<p>MALI</p>  <p>Confirmed Cases: 105 Confirmed Deaths: 9 Recovered Cases: 22</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The government suspended all flights from COVID-19 affected countries, effective from March 19. • The government ordered the closure of all land borders on March 25. • Additionally, all educational institutions were closed and public gatherings of more than 50 people were banned. • The government declared a night-time curfew from 21:00 - 05:00 (local time) on March 25. • The government suspended traditional gold panning activities nationwide on March 31. • UPDATE: The government confirmed 18 new cases on April 11.
<p>MAURITANIA</p> 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • On March 13, the government suspended all commercial flights to the country. • All land and sea borders were closed on March 22. • The government has imposed a nationwide curfew from 20:00 to 06:00 and banned all public gatherings.




<p>Confirmed Cases: 7 Confirmed Deaths: 1 Recovered Cases: 2</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The government isolated the cities of Nouakchott and Kaedi following the detection of COVID-19 cases on March 29. Additionally, the government has implemented restrictions on internal travel for citizens as of 12:00 (local time) on March 29 to further prohibit travel to and from Nouakchott and other urban centers. • The government announced the indefinite suspension of Friday prayers nationwide, and extended the closure of all schools until April 30. • UPDATE: The National Assembly has adopted a bill authorizing the government to take all measures necessary to fight the virus and its effects through ordinance on April 8.
<p>MAURITIUS</p>  <p>Confirmed Cases: 319 Confirmed Deaths: 9 Recovered Cases: 28</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The government suspended all flights into Sir Seewoosagur International Airport from 10:00 (local time) on March 19. • The country's lockdown extended till April 15 with all non-essential activities barred. • The government has instituted a curfew from 20:00 on March 23 to 20:00 on April 15. • UPDATE: The government confirmed four new cases and two deaths on April 10.
<p>MAYOTTE</p>  <p>Confirmed Cases: 196 Confirmed Deaths: 3 Recovered Cases: 59</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The authorities have imposed a curfew between 20:00 to 05:00 (local time). • All nonessential travel to and from the country has been banned including travel to France. • The government has closed all religious schools, colleges, nurseries, and other educational institutions as well as bars, restaurants, and cinemas until further notice with only the exception of grocery stores remaining functional. • UPDATE: The government confirmed six new cases, one additional death and nine recoveries on April 11.
<p>MOZAMBIQUE</p>  <p>Confirmed Cases: 20 Confirmed Deaths: 0 Recovered Cases: 2</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • President Filipe Nyusi announced the closure of the country to travelers from Europe, Reunion, and Mayotte for 30 days. • The government declared a state of emergency from April 1-30 and will restrict internal movement and entry at the borders on March 30. Violators of emergency measures face a six-month sentence and fine under charges of civil disobedience. • From March 23, the government will suspend the issuance of visas and cancel the visas already issued for 30 days. • All educational institutions have been temporarily closed and the government has banned events and gatherings with more than 50 people. • Long-distance trains have been canceled while only 50 passengers are allowed per carriage in short-distance trains. Authorities have also decreed that buses will only carry a maximum of 50 passengers from March 23 to April 23.




	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • UPDATE: The government shut down the Port of Pemba in Cabo Delgado Province on April 5 as part of the state of emergency measures.
<p>NAMIBIA</p>  <p>Confirmed Cases: 16 Confirmed Deaths: 0 Recovered Cases: 3</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The government imposed a partial lockdown order on March 24 and banned all travel to the country. Namibians are banned from leaving and if they return from abroad, they face mandatory quarantine. Commercial traffic is not affected. • On March 15, the government announced the closure of all schools. • The government announced a 21-day lockdown on March 27.
<p>NIGER</p>  <p>Confirmed Cases: 491 Confirmed Deaths: 11 Recovered Cases: 50</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • On March 17, the government announced the closure of all borders and international airports for an indefinite period. • All educational institutions, along with bars, nightclubs, cinema theaters, and entertainment venues will also remain closed. Religious leaders have announced the temporary closure of all places of worship. • The government has declared a state of emergency and nationwide lockdown from March 28. It also announced a night-time curfew for Niamey from 19:00 to 06:00 (local time) from March 28. • UPDATE: The government announced that all citizens will have to wear masks in public spaces, including grocery stores and on the street from April 11. • UPDATE: The government confirmed 43 new cases on April 11, all in Niamey.
<p>NIGERIA</p>  <p>Confirmed Cases: 318 Confirmed Deaths: 10 Recovered Cases: 70</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Authorities have halted all international flights to take effect on March 23. • The government has shut down all land borders and announced a one-month lockdown on March 23. • All tertiary institutions and unity colleges are closed as per the order of the federal government. • The authorities have ordered police personnel to only detain suspects for the most serious offenses. • Dana Air, Air Peace, and Arik Air suspended operations. Dana Air suspended flights from March 25 for two weeks, while Air Peace suspensions began on March 27 for 23 days. • The government announced the cessation of all movement in Lagos, and Abuja Federal Capital Territory for a period of 14 days effective from March 30. • The petroleum regulator has ordered all oil and gas companies to reduce non-essential staff and move to 28-day staff rotations on March 29. • UPDATE: 18 new cases with an additional death and eight recoveries confirmed by the government on April 5. • UPDATE: The Chief Justice of Nigeria extended the suspension of all court sittings for 14 days on April 6.

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • UPDATE: The Plateau State government announced a six-day total lockdown in order to carry out fumigation efforts effective April 9.
<p>REUNION</p>  <p>Confirmed Cases: 388 Confirmed Deaths: 0 Recovered Cases: 40</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • All nonessential travel to and from the country has been banned including travel to France. • Health checks have been implemented at Roland Garros airport. • The prefect of the island requested that all Reunionese stay home. • All public gatherings of more than 100 people are banned and schools closed. • The government following repeated violations of lockdown orders imposed a seven-day curfew from 20:00 to 5:00 in Possession town on March 29. • UPDATE: On April 9, the government extended the mandatory confinement period beyond April 15. • UPDATE: Authorities have closed beaches and coastal paths until April 15.
<p>RWANDA</p>  <p>Confirmed Cases: 120 Confirmed Deaths: 0 Recovered Cases: 18</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • All passenger flights to and from the country will be suspended for 30 days, effective March 20. • The government imposed a ban on all public gatherings in Kigali as a precaution, which includes concerts, conferences, and other events. Subsequently, they closed schools and houses of worship. • Authorities announced new restrictions on movement, to be kept to essential needs only, work from home except for essential personnel, and closure of all nonessential shops. This took effect on March 21, with the lockdown extended by an additional 15 days and scheduled to end on April 19. • The government has closed all borders with only goods and cargo and returning Rwandan residents allowed entry. Any returning citizen is subject to a mandatory 14-day quarantine.
<p>SAO TOME & PRINCIPE</p>  <p>Confirmed Cases: 4 Confirmed Deaths: 0 Recovered Cases: 0</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Authorities banned all air travel on March 22. • The government declared a state of emergency. Foreign nationals will be prevented from entering, travelers will have a mandatory quarantine, all public gatherings are banned, and schools are closed, to take effect on March 20. The state of emergency was extended until April 18. • PM Jorge Bam announced that the first four cases were detected on April 6, four travelers from Portugal who arrived on March 21. • UPDATE: On April 7, the government announced a suspension of air and sea connections between islands of Sao Tome and Principe, in addition to the closure of restaurants and bars, effective from April 8. Public gatherings of more than ten people are also banned.
<p>SENEGAL</p> 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The government suspended international commercial flights on the night of March 20, intended to last until at least April 17. • Air Senegal suspended all flights until May 17. • Port authorities have announced increased screening and health checks of those arriving in Senegal by boat from countries affected by coronavirus.

<p>Confirmed Cases: 278 Confirmed Deaths: 2 Recovered Cases: 152</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • President Macky Sall banned public demonstrations and events for 30 days and suspended schools for three weeks. The reopening of schools was delayed until May 4. • On March 23, the authorities declared a state of emergency over the spread of the disease, announcing a 20:00 (local time) to 06:00 curfew, the closing of all restaurants and a restriction on travel between the capital and interior regions. • UPDATE: The state of emergency and curfew were extended until May 4. • UPDATE: France has organized flights from Dakar to Paris on April 8, 13, and 15. • UPDATE: The government announced that the presence of security forces will be reinforced in public spaces, and notably along beaches in Dakar.
<p>SEYCHELLES</p>  <p>Confirmed Cases: 11 Confirmed Deaths: 0 Recovered Cases: 0</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The government announced the suspension of all international flights effective on March 27. Only Seychellois citizens will be allowed to enter the country and face mandatory quarantine upon arrival. • The Attorney General announced restrictions including limiting the number of public gatherings to four on March 30. Retail shops have to remain closed between 18:30 to 06:00 (local time) while food shops must remain closed between 20:00 to 06:00 (local time). • UPDATE: The government will shut non-essential services and restrict movement of people from April 8 for 21 days.
<p>SIERRA LEONE</p>  <p>Confirmed Cases: 10 Confirmed Deaths: 0 Recovered Cases: 0</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • All international flights have been suspended from March 21 until further notice. • President Julius Maadia Bio declared a 12-month state of emergency, though said that it does not constitute a lockdown. • The government has closed all of its land borders for 30 days effective March 27. • The government announced a second case on April 1, a doctor living in Freetown with no connection to the index case. • UPDATE: The government announced two new cases on April 11.
<p>SOMALIA</p>  <p>Confirmed Cases: 19 Confirmed Deaths: 2 Recovered Cases: 2</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The government suspended all travel in and out of the country, effective March 18. • The government has implemented health screening measures at Mogadishu's Aden Adde International Airport as of February 5. A quarantine unit has reportedly been established at the airport. • The authorities have suspended all domestic flights effective March 28. Planes carrying food and medicines would have to give 24 hours' notice of their flight schedule. • Puntland authorities closed its borders with Ethiopia and Somaliland, as well as implemented a night curfew as of April 1. All public gatherings are banned and mosque attendance reduced • UPDATE: All land borders with Kenya and Ethiopia were closed on April 11. • UPDATE: The Turkish Hospital in Mogadishu closed after three of its staff tested positive. • UPDATE: The government confirmed the second coronavirus death, a Hirshabelle State MP.

<p>SOMALILAND</p>  <p>Confirmed Cases: 2 Confirmed Deaths: 0 Recovered Cases: 2</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The government barred incoming passengers from Europe and North America from entering the territory on March 30. • The government ordered the closure of borders and seaports apart from Berbera for three weeks on March 30. However, essential cargo and fuel shipments will continue. • The Somaliland authorities announced that all schools would be closed and all public gatherings banned for one month, starting March 17.
<p>SOUTH AFRICA</p>  <p>Confirmed Cases: 2,028 Confirmed Deaths: 25 Recovered Cases: 410</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • On March 23, President Cyril Ramaphosa announced a 21-day nationwide lockdown starting from March 26 to April 16. Essential supplies and medical treatment will be available, while public transit will be closed. Security forces have been authorized to enforce these measures. The lockdown was extended for another two weeks on April 9. • The government has banned the entrance of foreign nationals from high-risk countries including France, Germany, Iran, Italy, South Korea, Spain, the US, and the UK. Authorities have canceled visa issuance to these countries and thus revoked previously-granted visas. • South African Airways (SAA) has suspended all international flights till May 31. • 35 out of 53 land ports will be closed as of March 16, as well as two of eight seaports for passenger and crew exchanges. • The government has suspended schools from March 18 and prohibited all gatherings of more than 100 people. • Parliament will be closed indefinitely and all non-essential official travel abroad has been suspended. • The government announced that the South African National Defence Force (SANDF) will be deployed nationwide to assist police on March 26. • UPDATE: Authorities confirmed an additional 89 positive cases on April 9. • UPDATE: The President announced a two-week extension to the current lockdown on April 9.
<p>SOUTH SUDAN</p>  <p>Confirmed Cases: 4 Confirmed Deaths: 0 Recovered Cases: 0</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The government closed all airports and land borders on March 23, with exceptions for humanitarian aid. • On March 16, the government banned all public events and imposed a self-quarantine on senior government officials arriving from countries with COVID-19 cases. • The government ordered the closure of all schools and universities and banned all religious and sporting events. • A nighttime curfew was imposed from 20:00 to 06:00 as of March 24, with security forces authorized to use any means to enforce it. • Upper Nile State, including the Maban, Renk, and Melut counties, are in lockdown after hundreds of people escaped a quarantine center in Renk on March 27. The government will also prosecute any individuals defying virus screening orders effective March 27. • UPDATE: The government announced one new case in Juba on April 10.

<p>SUDAN</p>  <p>Confirmed Cases: 19 Confirmed Deaths: 2 Recovered Cases: 2</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> On March 16, the government announced the closure of all airports and border crossings except for humanitarian aid and commercial shipments of goods. On March 13, the government closed its land border with Egypt. On March 24, the authorities declared a partial nationwide curfew from 20:00 (local time) to 06:00. The government suspended the movement of public, and private transport between states on March 26. The government reinforced troop deployment along the border with Ethiopia, with military monitoring persons stranded near the border on March 29. UPDATE: Authorities closed the Ashkeet border between Sudan and Egypt except for the movement of Sudanese exports on April 5.
<p>TANZANIA</p>  <p>Confirmed Cases: 32 Confirmed Deaths: 3 Recovered Cases: 5</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The government has implemented screening measures at Dar es Salaam's Julius Nyerere International Airport, Kilimanjaro Airport, and Mwanza Airport, as well as at other ports and land entry points. All passengers arriving from high-risk countries will be quarantined at their own expense at government-designated facilities. On March 17, the government banned all public gatherings, closed schools, and suspended sports leagues. Air Tanzania and Precision Air have suspended all international flights from March 25. Only one route via Ethiopian Airlines remains to access Dar es Salaam. The Unguja Magharib "A" District authorities announced the closure of beaches and the prohibition of gatherings on beaches on April 1. UPDATE: Dar es Salaam authorities banned gatherings in beaches and bars ahead of Easter festivities on April 9.
<p>TOGO</p>  <p>Confirmed Cases: 76 Confirmed Deaths: 3 Recovered Cases: 25</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> On March 17, the government banned the entry of any persons returning from COVID-19 affected nations, excluding Togolese citizens. Authorities have imposed health screenings and isolation facilities at Lome's Gnassingbe Eyadema International Airport. All cultural or sporting events are suspended, with a prohibition on public gatherings of more than 100 people. The government declared a state of health emergency until July 2020 and has imposed a night curfew from 19:00 to 06:00.



<p>UGANDA</p>  <p>Confirmed Cases: 53 Confirmed Deaths: 0 Recovered Cases: 4</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Effective on March 22, all borders have been closed and all air travel has been banned. • The government announced a 14-day lockdown effective March 30, night-time curfew and a ban on public gatherings. Only cargo vehicles and aircraft are permitted to travel. Those violating lockdown are liable to be charged with attempted murder. • The government announced that all political and religious gatherings would be suspended and schools will be closed for one month starting on March 20. All Ugandans returning to the country from abroad will face a mandatory quarantine. • President Yoweri Museveni ordered the immediate suspension of all public transport nationwide for 14 days on March 25. • The government announced the suspension of reception of refugees and asylum seekers with immediate effect for a period of 30 days on March 25. • The government has reduced working hours of banking institutions which will now operate from 09:00 to 15:00 on March 27. • The government announced relief measures for foreign nationals overstaying visas due to COVID-19 on April 3. • UPDATE: The government banned citizens from venturing outside for exercise on April 9.
<p>ZAMBIA</p>  <p>Confirmed Cases: 40 Confirmed Deaths: 2 Recovered Cases: 25</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The government announced that international airports in Ndola, Livingstone, Mfuwe will suspend international flights until further notice from March 26. • From March 16, all visitors who have recently traveled to countries affected by coronavirus will have to spend 14 days in quarantine. • The government closed all schools and universities as of March 20. • The government announced widespread restrictions to close bars, casinos, and other leisure venues. Restaurants will be takeaway only.
<p>ZIMBABWE</p>  <p>Confirmed Cases: 14 Confirmed Deaths: 3 Recovered Cases: 0</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • On March 23, President Emmerson Mnangagwa closed all borders to inbound and outbound traffic except for cargo and returning Zimbabwean citizens, who would be quarantined. All bars, restaurants, and other entertainment venues are closed. • Authorities announced a 21-day lockdown effective March 30, with only essential services open at this time. Security forces will be deployed to monitor the lockdown and enforce government directives. • All schools and tertiary institutions are closed as of March 24. • Authorities have cancelled public services during the Easter holiday.


MIDDLE EAST


Updated Statistics on COVID-19 for Middle East



Country	Total Cases (Inclusive of New Cases)	Identified New Cases (06/04 to 12/04)	Total Deaths (Inclusive of New Cases)	Identified New Deaths (06/04 to 12/04)	Total Recovered	Active Cases
Bahrain	1,040	3526	6	2	555	479
Egypt	1,939	869	146	75	426	1,367
Jordan	381	58	7	2	177	197
Kuwait	1,234	678	1	0	142	1,091
Lebanon	630	103	20	2	76	534
Morocco	1,617	657	113	47	153	1,351
Oman	599	301	3	1	109	487
Qatar	2,979	1,654	7	4	275	2,697
Saudi Arabia	4,033	1,854	52	23	720	3,261
Tunisia	685	132	28	9	43	614
Turkey	52,167	28,233	1,101	600	2,965	48,101
UAE	1,505	2,231	10	10	588	907



Country	Measures
<p>BAHRAIN</p>  <p>Confirmed Cases: 1,040 Confirmed Deaths: 6 Recovered Cases: 555</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> On February 21, the authorities announced that all foreign visitors who have visited China, Iran, Thailand, Singapore, Malaysia, and South Korea in the past 14 days will be denied entry into Bahrain. On February 27, Bahrain's Civil Aviation Agency (CAA) confirmed the suspension of all flight operations to and from Iraq and Lebanon, until further notice. On March 7, the Ministry of Health (MoH) asked individuals returning to the Kingdom from Lebanon, Egypt, Italy, and South Korea to self-quarantine for two weeks and register for an examination via the MoH website. The US Embassy in Manama reported on the closure of the King Fahd Causeway, which connects Bahrain to Saudi Arabia, to non-commercial traffic as of March 14. According to the statement, neither commuters nor tourists will be permitted to use the causeway to travel between Bahrain and Saudi Arabia until further notice. According to reports from March 22, gatherings at public parks and beaches have been prohibited until further notice. In general, public gatherings of more than five individuals have been banned in the country.

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The MoH announced that only individuals who completed their quarantine on April 1 and thereafter will be required to be tested for coronavirus. Individuals who finished their quarantine prior to this date are not required to undergo a test for the virus. • Reports from April 4 indicate that transit through Bahrain International Airport is open again for international travelers. Entry to the country is reportedly still limited to Bahrainis and other residents. • UPDATE: On April 7, the MoH announced that it is mandatory for citizens and residents to wear face masks at all times when they are outside of their homes. • UPDATE: According to the MoH, the Minister of Industry, Commerce and Tourism (MOICT) permitted the reopening of stores, provided that customers and employees wear face masks and respect measures of social distancing. • UPDATE: The MoH reported on April 12 that 42 new coronavirus cases have been recorded in the country.
<p>EGYPT</p>  <p>Confirmed Cases: 1,939 Confirmed Deaths: 146 Recovered Cases: 426</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • On March 29, the Central Bank of Egypt reportedly announced a temporary limit on withdrawal and deposits. The daily limit for individuals is 10,000 EGP (636 USD) and for companies is 50,000 EGP (3,180 USD). Enterprises are exempt from this limit if the money is used to pay salaries. At ATMs, withdrawals and deposits will be limited to 5,000 EGP (318 USD) per day. The time frame for the measure has not been specified. • Egypt will suspend all congregational religious activities for the upcoming month of Ramadan, which is slated to begin on April 23, per April 7 reports. Reports quoting the Ministry of Religious Endowments indicate that "mosques are to remain closed until no new coronavirus cases are registered across the nation and until the Ministry of Health certifies that gatherings would no longer pose a threat to public health". • Reports indicate that Prime Minister Dr. Mostafa Madbouly extended the ongoing partial nationwide curfew until April 23, during a press conference held on April 8. The curfew, which is to be implemented between 20:00 (local time) and 06:00, was initially announced on March 25 and was meant to last until April 8. Further reports indicate that the government has extended the suspension of all domestic and international flight operations across Egypt until April 23. Flight operations were originally slated to be suspended until April 15. • UPDATE: According to the Ministry of Health (MoH), 145 new coronavirus cases and 11 coronavirus-related deaths were recorded in the country on April 11.
<p>JORDAN</p>  <p>Confirmed Cases: 381 Confirmed Deaths: 7</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • All international flights to and from Jordan have been canceled from March 17 until further notice. All land and sea border crossings have been closed to passenger traffic but will remain open for commercial traffic. The staff of diplomatic missions and international organizations are exempted from the travel ban, however, they will need to quarantine for 14 days.

<p>Recovered Cases: 177</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> On March 18, the Jordanian Armed Forces (JAF) announced the closure of all crossing points from and to Amman, starting from 07:00 (local time) on March 19, until further notice. Relevant bodies known to the JAF, including security services, and people whose “nature of work” requires them to enter the capital, will be exempt from this decision. UPDATE: On April 5, the MoH reportedly announced an extension on the closure of Jordan’s land borders and airports until after Ramadan, which is expected to conclude around May 23. UPDATE: The Jordanian Minister of Information reportedly stated that a nationwide curfew will be imposed from 00:01 (local time) on April 10, effective until 23:59 on April 11. The curfew includes the closure of all commercial stores and establishments as well as a complete ban on all travel within the country. The measure will also be applicable to permit holders. Only medical professionals working in private or public sectors, and a limited number of individuals working in vital institutions will be excluded from complying with the curfew. Authorities reportedly announced that essential supplies will be available from April 12 and that residents will be allowed to leave their homes for such purposes between the hours of 10:00 (local time) to 18:00, given that a nightly curfew between 18:00 to 10:00 continues to remain in place. UPDATE: On April 11, The Ministry of Health (MoH) reported on nine new coronavirus cases, raising the total number of infected individuals in the country to 381.
<p>KUWAIT</p>  <p>Confirmed Cases: 1,234 Confirmed Deaths: 1 Recovered Cases: 142</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Reports from March 11 indicate that the MoI and the Ministry of Foreign Affairs have been instructed to stop issuing all visas, except for travelers holding a diplomatic passport who have received prior authorization to enter the country from the Ministry of Health (MoH). Furthermore, all citizens arriving in Kuwait will have to undergo compulsory quarantine at their private residence or in an authorized center for a period determined by the MoH as a precautionary measure. According to Kuwait’s official news agency, all commercial flights in and out of the Kuwait International Airport have been suspended from March 13 onwards. Flight arrivals will be restricted to Kuwaitis and their “first-degree relatives”. On March 10, the Kuwaiti government announced the closure of its land borders with Saudi Arabia and Iraq. According to reports from March 18, authorities announced a ban on social gatherings, including weddings, across the country. The ban extends to both public and private venues. The MoI announced that individuals in violation of the ban will be subject to imprisonment of up to three months or a fine ranging from 160 to 643 USD. The statement further indicated that police personnel has been tasked with enforcing the ban. UPDATE: According to Kuwait’s official news agency, on April 6, the authorities announced an extension of the hours of the ongoing nationwide curfew. Effective immediately and until further notice, it will be implemented between 17:00 (local time) and 06:00.

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • UPDATE: The authorities extended an ongoing suspension of work in all “ministries, government agencies, bodies and institutes” until April 25. “Employees essential to certain operations” will continue working and will be paid “in accordance with overtime rates”. • UPDATE: On April 12, Kuwait’s Health Minister stated that 80 new coronavirus cases were recorded. This raises the number of confirmed cases to 1,234. Nine individuals recovered from the virus, bringing the total number of recoveries to 142.
<p>LEBANON</p>  <p>Confirmed Cases: 630 Confirmed Deaths: 20 Recovered Cases: 76</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • According to Lebanon’s official news agency, the authorities declared a national emergency on March 15 due to the spread of coronavirus. They have requested citizens to minimize nonessential movement across the country and have imposed a two-week closure on public and private institutions from March 15. These measures exclude public institutions that perform vital tasks and private firms related to “food security”, as well as the medical sector, banks, money exchange services, and import and export companies. The measure, which was earlier slated to last until April 12, will now end on April 26. • According to the official news agency, the Lebanese Cabinet decided on March 26 to impose an indefinite nationwide night curfew, which requires all businesses to be closed from 19:00 (local time) to 05:00. • Beirut’s Rafik Hariri International Airport closed to all passenger traffic until April 26 in line with the extension of the national emergency. The airport will remain open only for cargo planes and passenger planes carrying United Nations Interim Force in Lebanon (UNIFIL) members, diplomatic crews, the staff of international organizations, and employees of firms linked to partial oil and gas drilling in Lebanon’s Exclusive Economic Zone (EEZ). • Per March 30 reports, Lebanese banks have halted withdrawals of money in USD due to the ongoing closure of Beirut’s Rafik Hariri International Airport. • UPDATE: On April 9, the government announced the amendment of the working hours of public administration employees from April 23 until May 23. The working hours on Mondays, Tuesdays, Wednesdays, and Thursdays are from 09:00-14:00. On Fridays, the working hours are from 09:00-12:00. • UPDATE: On April 9, the US Embassy in Lebanon announced the operation of limited flights by Middle East Airlines (MEA) from Beirut. On April 13, the flights will land in London and Paris. The statement indicates that those wishing to board the aforementioned flights will be responsible for making their own travel arrangements to their destination in the US before leaving Beirut. • UPDATE: The UK’s Foreign and Commonwealth Office (FCO) announced on April 10 that Middle East Airlines (MEA) will operate one commercial flight (ME203) from Beirut to London at 13:25 (local time) on April 13 for British nationals and their direct dependants. Those wishing to return to the UK can book the flight by directly contacting MEA via telephone at +961 1 629 999 or via email at http://www.mea.com.lb/. Upon booking the ticket, the individual must send a scan or clear photograph of the photo page of their

	<p>British passport, along with a copy of their booking confirmation, to the Embassy using the email address beirut.consular@fco.gov.uk. The statement further indicated that the booking and the following correspondence to the embassy cannot be made post 09:00 on April 13.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • UPDATE: On April 12, 11 new coronavirus cases were recorded in the country.
<p>MOROCCO</p>  <p>Confirmed Cases: 1,617 Confirmed Deaths: 113 Recovered Cases: 153</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • According to a statement released by the Ministry of Foreign Affairs on March 15, all incoming and outgoing international flights will be suspended until further notice. • Authorities imposed a “state of health emergency” from 18:00 (local time) on March 20 to 18:00 on April 20. Those wishing to leave their homes will be required to obtain an official document from the relevant authorities. Only citizens working in vital sectors, such as banks, gas stations, the food industry, pharmacies, hospitals and clinics, telecommunication firms and shops that sell cleaning materials, are allowed to carry these documents. Moreover, mobility will be limited to those employees who must be present in their workplaces, provided that they carry a certificate signed by their employers. Citizens will reportedly be allowed outside only for essential purposes such as purchasing supplies, food, getting medicine, and treatment. The MoI reportedly stated that those found in violation of the aforementioned restrictions will be penalized. • On March 21, the Ministry of Interior (MoI) announced that its national air carrier, Royal Air Maroc, has suspended all domestic flights in line with the state of emergency, until further notice. • UPDATE: The MoI reportedly issued a statement on April 7 indicating that all individuals leaving their places of residence are required to wear a mask. • UPDATE: The Ministry of Health (MoH) reported on April 12 that the number of coronavirus cases stands at 1617, out of which, a total of 153 individuals have recovered and 113 have died.
<p>OMAN</p>  <p>Confirmed Cases: 599 Confirmed Deaths: 3 Recovered Cases: 109</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Oman’s Ministry of Transport reportedly announced on March 18 that all public transport facilities in the Sultanate will be suspended from March 19 until further notice. This includes buses, ferries, and taxis, except for public transport facilities running to and from Musandam and Masirah governorates. • On March 18, the Royal Oman Police (ROP) announced the suspension of the issuance of all types of visas. In addition, the Ministry of Tourism reportedly urged all tourists who are currently in Oman to leave the Sultanate and return to their respective home countries. • On March 22, the MoH banned all gatherings in public areas, while indicating that violations of the order would be punished. In addition, the number of workers in workplaces in the government sector has been limited to 30 percent of the normal capacity.

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Royal Oman Police announced on March 22 that its service halls will be closed from March 23 until further notice. All police services related to civil status, passports, residence, and traffic will be suspended. • According to Oman’s official news agency, all international and domestic passenger flights to and from the country’s airports have been suspended from March 29 until further notice. Cargo flights and all flights to Musandam Governorate have been exempt from the directive. • The Ministry of Transport (MoT) has ordered that from March 24 and until further notice, no more than two passengers will be allowed to travel in taxis. • UPDATE: According to Oman’s official news agency, a lockdown will be imposed on Muscat Governorate from 10:00 (local time) on April 10 until 10:00 on April 22. Movement in and out of the governorate will be banned during this period. • UPDATE: On April 12, the Omani Ministry of Health (MoH) announced that 53 new coronavirus cases were recorded in Oman, bringing the total number of confirmed cases in the country to 599.
<p>QATAR</p>  <p>Confirmed Cases: 2,979 Confirmed Deaths: 7 Recovered Cases: 275</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • On March 21, the authorities banned “all forms of gatherings by law, including but not limited to the Corniche, public parks, beaches, and social gatherings”. According to the MoH, “pharmacies and food stores will operate as normal and delivery services, including restaurants, remain available. Mobile patrols will be deployed to arrest violators. Security checkpoints will be established nationwide. The measures are valid until further notice. • On March 26, the Ministry of Interior (MoI) announced that both visa on arrival and visitor visas can be extended electronically for a period of 30 days through the MoI’s website, without visiting the General Directorate of Passports or MoI Service Centres. • According to the official Qatari news agency, Qatar has announced an extension on its decision to suspend all incoming flights to Doha, except for transit and air freight, on April 2 until further notice. The suspension was previously slated to end on April 1. However, authorities clarified that Qatari citizens abroad, close family relatives of Qatari nationals, or those with permanent residency, may return to the country at any time, subject to a 14-day self quarantine. • UPDATE: On April 12, Qatar's MopH announced 251 new cases of coronavirus and 28 recoveries from the virus. This brings the total number of cases to 2,979, of which 275 have recovered. Additionally, one individual has died from the disease.
<p>SAUDI ARABIA</p>  <p>Confirmed Cases: 4,033</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The US Embassy in Manama reported on the closure of the King Fahd Causeway, which connects Bahrain to Saudi Arabia, to non-commercial traffic as of March 14. According to the statement, neither commuters nor tourists will be permitted to use the causeway to travel between Bahrain and Saudi Arabia until further notice. • On March 15, the Saudi Ports Authority suspended maritime passenger traffic between Saudi Arabia and the EU, Syria, Lebanon, Bahrain, Kuwait, UAE, Oman, Iraq, China, Egypt,

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Confirmed Deaths: 52
Recovered Cases: 720

South Korea, Turkey, Pakistan, India, Switzerland, Sri Lanka, Kenya, Ethiopia, Sudan, Eritrea, Philippines, Somalia, Djibouti, and South Sudan.

- According to a statement released by the Ministry of Interior (MoI) on March 23, individuals who violate the provisions of the ongoing curfew will have to pay a fine of approximately 2,662 USD. Moreover, in the case of a second violation, the fine will be doubled by the authorities.
- On March 28, the authorities in Saudi Arabia extended the suspension of all international flights to and from the country, until further notice. All domestic flights, as well as trains, buses, and taxis will also continue to be suspended until further notice.
- According to reports from March 29, operations have been suspended in all government agencies, except for the health, security, and military sectors, until further notice. Across the private sector, all workplace attendance has been suspended until further notice. Private businesses may continue operations under the work-from-home policy. Businesses that require staff to be physically present, particularly in vital sectors such as water and electricity, must limit the number of staff to 40 percent of the company's total capacity. The measure does not apply to pharmacies, supermarkets, and their suppliers.
- King Salman announced on March 30 that all citizens and residents as well as those individuals residing in the country in violation of its residency laws will be provided with free medical treatment in all government and private health facilities across Saudi Arabia.
- **UPDATE:** Saudi Arabia's Ministry of Interior (MoI) announced on April 6 that a lockdown has been imposed in Riyadh, Tabuk, Dammam, Dhahran, Hofuf, Jeddah, Qatif, Taif, and Khobar. The measure will be effective from April 7 until further notice. Entry to or exit from the aforementioned areas will not be allowed. Vital members of the workforce, such as health workers, remain exempt from this regulation. Residents of these areas will be permitted to leave their homes between 06:00 (local time) and 15:00 only to meet essential needs such as grocery shopping and health care. However, they will need to remain within their respective neighborhoods.
- **UPDATE:** On April 9, the official Saudi news agency reported that the deadline for submitting online requests for Saudi citizens to return to the Kingdom has been extended until April 14.
- **UPDATE:** The MoH reported on April 10 that 364 new coronavirus cases and three new coronavirus-related deaths have been recorded in the country, bringing the total number of confirmed cases to 3,651 and deaths to 47. At present, a total of 685 patients have recovered from the virus.
- **UPDATE:** On April 10, the MoI announced a ban of all non-essential movement in Medina's Sharbat, Bani Dhafar, Qurban, al-Jumuah, and Bani Khudrah neighborhoods from April 10 until further notice.
- **UPDATE:** Saudi Arabia's King announced on April 12 the extension of the ongoing nationwide curfew until further notice. The curfew will henceforth be implemented daily from 15:00 (local time) until 06:00, with the exception of the cities of Riyadh, Mecca,

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	<p>Medina Tabuk, Dammam, Dhahran, Hofuf, and the provinces of Jeddah, Qatif, Taif, and Khobar, which are under 24-hour lockdown. Residents of these locales are permitted to leave their homes between 06:00 and 15:00 only for essential needs, such as health care, within their respective neighborhoods only.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • UPDATE: On April 11, Saudi Arabia’s MoH announced 382 new cases of the coronavirus, five coronavirus-related deaths, and 35 new cases of recovery from the virus in the country. This brings the total number of cases to 4,033, of which 720 have recovered, while the coronavirus-related death toll stands at 52.
<p>TUNISIA</p>  <p>Confirmed Cases: 685 Confirmed Deaths: 28 Recovered Cases: 43</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • On March 13, the Tunisian government decided to close the country’s maritime borders until further notice. • According to the state news agency, during the evening hours of March 16, Prime Minister Elyes Fakhfakh announced the suspension of all international passenger flights to and from Tunisia as well as the closure of all land borders, until further notice. • According to the state news agency, President Kais Saied declared a nationwide curfew every night from 18:00 (local time) to 06:00 to contain the spread of coronavirus. The directive came into effect on March 18 and will last until further notice. • The state news agency reported that the authorities will start to seize all means of transport, whose drivers do not have “a justification for moving”, from March 27 as part of the nationwide general lockdown. • According to the state news agency, the government has decided to extend the ongoing nationwide lockdown from April 5 until April 19 to contain the spread of the COVID-19 pandemic. The nationwide lockdown was initially imposed on March 22 and was slated to last until April 4. During the lockdown period, travel between cities has been prohibited, except for necessary cases. Furthermore, citizens and residents have been advised to self-quarantine and minimize non-essential movement, except for healthcare or purchase of basic commodities. The report further indicated that the state will continue to provide public services such as “food, health, administration, judiciary, energy, security, water, transportation, communications, media, hygiene, and vital industrial activities”, while also stating that “necessary professional activity in the private sector will also continue in the aforementioned fields.” • UPDATE: The state news agency announced the opening of daily municipal markets everyday between 07:00 and 02:00 from April 11 onwards to ensure that the minimum level of food and essential items are available to citizens. • UPDATE: The Ministry of Health (MoH) reported on April 11 that 14 new coronavirus cases were recorded in Tunisia, bringing the total number of confirmed cases to 685, out of which, a total of 43 individuals have recovered. The MoH also announced that the number of coronavirus-related deaths stands at 28. • UPDATE: The official news agency reported on April 12 that the Kasserine Governor announced the closure of all access points in Kasserine Governorate to and from Gafsa

	<p>Governorate. Only in exceptional cases will individuals be able to travel between the two regions, and those who enter from the latter will be subject to a 14-day quarantine period.</p>
<p>TURKEY</p>  <p>Confirmed Cases: 52,167</p> <p>Confirmed Deaths: 1,101</p> <p>Recovered Cases: 2,965</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Turkish government closed its land border with Iran as well as the Dilucu land border crossing with Azerbaijan. • On February 29, the Ministry of Health (MoH) reportedly announced the closure of all border crossings with Iraq's Kurdistan Regional Government (KRG)-administered territories. • Authorities reportedly closed down Uzumlu custom gate in Hakkari's Cukurca district on March 1. • On March 15, Turkey's official news agency reported that all border crossings with Georgia have been closed for passenger traffic but remain open to cargo traffic. • On March 17, Turkey announced that the issuance of passports, identification cards, and drivers' licenses will be suspended from March 18 onwards, except in case of an emergency. In such a situation, a prior appointment will need to be made with the relevant authority. • On March 18, the Turkish authorities announced the closure of Turkey's land border gates with Greece and Bulgaria to passenger traffic. Passengers will not be permitted to enter or leave Turkey's border with Greece at the Pazarkule and Ipsala border gates, as well as the Uzunkopru railway border gate. Additionally, passenger travel will be suspended via the Derekoy, Hamzabeyli and Kapikule border gates at the Bulgaria-Turkey frontier. Moreover, starting from March 19, entrance into Turkey via either land or sea is prohibited for Greek and Bulgarian citizens, as well as nationals of other countries who were in these countries for the past 14 days. Freight transportation across the borders will be allowed. • On March 21, the MoI imposed a nationwide lockdown on individuals over 65 years as well those suffering from chronic medical conditions. It prohibits them from leaving their residences until further notice. District governments have been instructed to assist individuals to cover basic needs, such as the provision of groceries and medicine. Hotlines have been established for such needs. • Turkey's official news agency reported on March 24 that the MoI announced new restrictions on public transport and shopping for groceries. All public transport vehicles will now only be allowed to carry half their capacity and grocery stores will be open between 09:00 (local time) and 21:00 every day. The number of people allowed to shop in a store will be limited according to its size and the number of customers inside. • On March 27, Turkish President Recep Tayyip Erdogan reportedly announced the indefinite suspension of all international flights to and from Turkey. Erdogan also called on people to "self-isolate" if they do not feel well.



- On March 28, Turkey suspended all intercity trains and limited domestic flights in the country. Pegasus Airlines reportedly suspended all domestic flights, while Turkish Airlines indicated that it would only operate flights to and from 14 cities: Ankara, Istanbul, Izmir, Samsun, Trabzon, Erzurum, Diyarbakir, Malatya, Van, Gaziantep, Konya, Adana, Antalya, and Kayseri.
- Authorities in Istanbul announced the suspension of all ferry services in the city starting from March 30.
- On March 30, checkpoints were reportedly set up at roads leading into Istanbul. Traffic police are checking vehicle occupants for body temperature and compliance with the curfew for those over 65 years-old. Moreover, occupants of inter-city buses were checked for the possession of travel permits.
- According to the US Embassy, all passengers on domestic flights in Turkey are required to submit a travel permit obtained from the Travel Permit Council. All individuals with e-devlet accounts (Turkish citizens) can request those permits online. The process for those without e-devlet accounts has not yet been established.
- On April 2, Turkey's national flag carrier, Turkish Airlines, announced the suspension of all international flights until May 1.
- The President also announced on April 3 that it is mandatory for all the people in Turkey to wear face masks in crowded areas, including stores.
- A curfew restricting those below the age of 20 from leaving their residences, except for necessary purposes, was imposed on April 3 until further notice.
- **UPDATE:** On April 5, the MoI announced exceptions to the newly imposed curfew on individuals below the age of 20. This includes individuals employed in state institutions and organizations as civil servants, contracted personnel or workers; individuals who work in the private sector and can prove this with social security registration; and seasonal agricultural workers. These exceptions will not apply to those born after January 1, 2002.
- **UPDATE:** On April 6, the Turkish national news agency reported that Turkish Airlines will suspend all domestic flights within the country until April 20.
- **UPDATE:** On April 6, the UK's FCO announced that, at present, there are "extremely limited commercial options to return to the UK from Turkey". The statement indicated that UK citizens "should not assume that UK special charter flights [flights in partnership between the government and airlines to fly home British travellers from "priority" countries], will become available in countries where commercial routes are operating."
- **UPDATE:** On April 7, according to the UK's FCO, Turkish authorities have confirmed that any foreign nationals who outstay their visit visas due to COVID-19-related travel restrictions will not face any fines or penalties.
- **UPDATE:** On April 10, the MoI announced a complete ban on all movement within 30 cities across Turkey from 00:01 (local time) on April 11 until 23:59 on April 12. These include the cities of Adana, Ankara, Antalya, Aydin, Balikesir, Bursa, Denizli, Diyarbakir,



Erzurum, Eskisehir, Gaziantep, Hatay, Istanbul, Izmir, Kahramanmaras, Kayseri, Kocaeli, Konya, Malatya, Manisa, Mardin, Mersin, Mugla, Ordu, Sakarya, Samsun, Sanliurfa, Tekirdag, Trabzon, and Van as well as all cities within Zonguldak Province. Essential services, such as public and private hospitals, pharmacies, postal services, and bakeries, will remain open in these cities during this time period. Large businesses operating in the natural gas, petroleum, and electricity sectors, including thermal and natural gas conversion plants, are exempt from the measure. Only individuals working in the telecommunications sector, rehabilitation and care centers, and involved in the supply and distribution of electricity, water, gas, and essential food products, such as bread, will be allowed to travel during the 48-hour lockdown period.

- **UPDATE:** On April 10, the MoI extended the closure of 31 provincial borders to vehicles in: Adana, Ankara, Antalya, Aydin, Balikesir, Bursa, Denizli, Diyarbakir, Erzurum, Eskisehir, Gaziantep, Hatay, Istanbul, Izmir, Kahramanmaras, Kayseri, Kocaeli, Konya, Malatya, Manisa, Mardin, Mersin, Mugla, Ordu, Sakarya, Samsun, Sanliurfa, Tekirdag, Trabzon, Van, and Zonguldak provinces. This measure was initially announced on April 3 and was meant to last until April 19. It will now be implemented until April 26. Only vehicles supplying essential goods, such as food, medicines, cleaning supplies, freight, and logistics, will be allowed to enter and exit the aforementioned provinces for the duration of the newly imposed restrictions.
- **UPDATE:** The US Embassy in Turkey announced on April 10 that the US Embassy in Ankara and the US Consulate General in Istanbul can issue passports of limited validity for adults and minors, for cases requiring emergency travel to the US.
- **UPDATE:** On April 11, Turkey reported 5138 new coronavirus cases, and 95 coronavirus-related deaths, bringing the total number of confirmed cases to 52,167, and the death toll to 1,101.

UAE



Confirmed Cases:
3,736
Confirmed Deaths: 20
Recovered Cases: 588

- On February 27, the authorities announced the suspension of ferry services with Iran until further notice.
- From February 27 and until further notice, commercial ships arriving in the UAE are obliged to submit a statement on the health status of their crews 72 hours prior to arrival.
- On March 30, the government reportedly announced a free automatic three-month extension for residency visas and Emirates IDs that expired after March 1. The government also agreed to waive administrative fines associated with infractions on any services provided by the Federal Authority of Identity and Citizenship, starting from April 1 and lasting a renewable period of three months.
- According to the Ministry of Interior (MoI), on April 2, the suspension of the entry of valid residence holders who are currently residing outside the country has been extended for two weeks, until April 16.




- On April 2, Emirates Airlines stated that authorities had granted the airline permission to restart some international passenger flights from Dubai, starting from April 6. The destinations are London Heathrow, Frankfurt, Paris, Zurich, and Brussels.
- On April 3, Etihad Airways stated its intention to relaunch a limited number of international passenger flights from April 5, pending permission by authorities. According to an April 4 statement by Etihad, a limited number of repatriation flights will be offered by Etihad from April 5, serving Seoul, Singapore, Manila, and Jakarta. At the time of writing, there is no indication when regular passenger flights will be resumed.
- On April 4, authorities decided to extend the nationwide sterilization program, and in turn, the nightly curfew between 20:00 (local time) and 06:00, until further notice. Residents are advised to stay at home between the aforementioned hours “unless absolutely necessary to obtain essential food supplies or medicine or perform essential jobs in vital sectors”. Special job categories include the energy sector, as well as those working in communication, health, education, security, the police, and the military. According to the Ministry of Interior (Moi), local authorities in each Emirate will be able to implement the disinfection plans as per the requirements of their facilities and establishments.
- On April 4, the government reportedly instructed all residents to wear face masks whenever they leave their homes.
- **UPDATE:** According to the UAE’s state news agency, the emirate of Dubai has imposed a complete lockdown from April 5 for a period of two weeks as part of an effort to mitigate the spread of the coronavirus. Individuals will not be allowed to leave their residences, except for essential purposes or if they are working in vital sectors that are exempted from the restrictions. Essential needs include grocery shopping or medical emergencies. Only one family member is permitted to leave the house for this purpose. Dubai’s media office has released a statement indicating that all individuals will be required to obtain a permit prior to leaving the house from dxbpermit.gov.ae. According to the statement, the curfew may be subject to renewal.
- **UPDATE:** Per April 7 reports, the emirate of Dubai has extended the temporary closure of all commercial activities until April 18.
- **UPDATE:** On April 11, the Emirati Ministry of Health and Community Protection announced that 376 new coronavirus cases were recorded on April 11, bringing the total number of confirmed cases in the country to 3,736. Meanwhile, 170 additional individuals infected with the virus recovered, while four additional individuals were declared to have died from contracting the disease.

ASIA

Updated Statistics on COVID-19 for Asia

Country	Total Cases (Inclusive of New Cases)	Identified New Cases (06/04 to 12/04)	Total Deaths (Inclusive of New Cases)	Identified New Deaths (06/04 to 12/04)	Total Recovered	Active Cases
Bangladesh	621	533	34	25	39	548
India	8,504	5,474	289	212	972	7,243
Pakistan	5,170	2,352	88	47	1,026	4,056
Sri Lanka	203	33	7	2	55	141

Country	Measures
<p>BANGLADESH</p>  <p>Confirmed Cases: 621 Confirmed Deaths: 34 Recovered Cases: 39</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Health authorities have advised individuals to avoid public gatherings and stay at home. On March 19, authorities in Bangladesh banned all religious, political, social, and cultural events, while the army took charge of quarantine centers. Authorities directed individuals to avoid all mosques and to have prayers at home. Authorities urged Bangladeshi citizens abroad to refrain from traveling. On March 12, health authorities urged Bangladeshi citizens abroad not to return home. From March 23 until further notice, authorities barred the entry of all foreigners from its land borders. On March 26, Bangladesh suspended flights to all countries until April 14 except China. All sporting events were suspended indefinitely from April 4. The ongoing shutdown has been extended until April 14; all public and private offices, except for essential services, will remain closed and public transportation suspended. All superstores in Dhaka are required to close by 18:00 (local time). UPDATE: All entry and exit, except for those involved in providing emergency services, in Chittagong was stopped as of April 7. UPDATE: Authorities in Bangladesh restricted movement in 12 additional neighborhoods of Dhaka, Gazipur City, Narayanganj, and Barisal City. UPDATE: Cox's Bazar District was placed under indefinite lockdown on April 8 while Jamalpur District was locked down from 21:00 (local time) on the same day. UPDATE: Australia and the UK announced that they have taken initiatives to repatriate their citizens from Bangladesh. A chartered flight will be taking off on April 16 for Australian citizens. The UK has yet to announce a flight time. UPDATE: Authorities announced a lockdown in Chandpur District in Chittagong Division from April 9. Until further notice, residents are prohibited from leaving the district, while individuals from elsewhere in the country are prohibited from entering.

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- **UPDATE:** Bangladesh Bank, the country's central bank, has ordered the closure of branches of stores in lockdown areas from April 12.
- **UPDATE:** Authorities imposed restrictions on travel in Khulna as of April 9 until further notice. No vehicle will be allowed to enter or leave the district during the lockdown, while shops and markets will be opened from 07:00-19:00.
- **UPDATE:** Authorities extended the ongoing closure of all public and private offices, educational institutions, shopping malls, and garment factories until April 25. During this time, individuals will not be allowed to leave their homes after 18:00 (local time) while emergency and essential services will remain outside the purview of this directive.
- **UPDATE:** The districts of Comilla, Gaibandha, and Naokhali were placed under lockdown, effective from April 10.
- **UPDATE:** Authorities extended its ban on passenger flights to April 30 for 16 places, specifically Bahrain, Bhutan, Hong Kong, India, Kuwait, Malaysia, the Maldives, Oman, Qatar, Saudi Arabia, Sri Lanka, Singapore, Thailand, Turkey, the UAE, and the UK.
- **UPDATE:** Authorities restricted outdoor celebrations for the Bengali New Year, known as Pohela Boishakh and observed on April 14. Authorities also warned that no big gathering would be held for Mujibnagar Day in Meherpur district, observed on April 17.

INDIA



Confirmed Cases: 8,504
 Confirmed Deaths: 289
 Recovered Cases: 972

- Air India extended flight cancellations for Shanghai and Hong Kong until June 30; canceled flights to South Korea, Italy, France, Germany, Kuwait, and Spain until April 30.
- GoAir suspended international operations effective until April 15.
- SpiceJet temporarily suspended the majority of its international operations between March 21 and April 30. The Mumbai-Dubai flights will resume from April 16.
- Passenger trains and buses over the Indo-Bangladesh border have been suspended until April 15. Authorities closed all passenger movement, except for nationals of India, Nepal, and Bhutan, through all land check posts at its borders with Bangladesh, Myanmar, Nepal, and Bhutan, effective from March 15 and with Pakistan from March 16.
- A nationwide lockdown went into effect from 00:01 (local time) on March 25 for 21 days.
- The Ministry of Railways announced on March 25 that passenger trains are canceled until April 14.
- India's Civil Aviation Authority extended its suspension of international commercial flights to April 14.
- The Central Government requested all states to restrict the movement of migrant workers and provide food and shelter, as thousands of local migrant workers have been attempting to move back to their native place of residence following the imposition of the 21-day lockdown. Those who traveled during the lockdown will be placed in quarantine in a government facility for at least 14 days.



- The Chhattisgarh Health Department extended testing criteria for all individuals who have traveled to Delhi, Mumbai, Pune, and Kerala since March 10 and are showing COVID-19-related symptoms.
- Per April 4 reports, the government has started blacklisting over 360 additional foreign Tablighi Jamaat participants, on top of the 960 already blacklisted for visa violations after a large cluster of cases linked to the event was discovered.
- On April 2, the Punjab Chief Minister banned all gatherings and congregations, including religious ones.
- Authorities extended the implementation of Section 144 in Noida, located approximately 20 km from New Delhi, to April 30.
- In Pune, areas located in the vicinity of Swargate, Khadak, Faraskhana, and Kondhwa police stations have been sealed until April 14.
- The Uttar Pradesh government sealed 15 districts on April 18, allowing only doorstep delivery.
- In Gurgaon, the administration is set to undertake door-to-door surveys in urban and rural areas to find COVID-19 positive cases.
- The Indian Council of Medical Research updated its COVID-19 testing strategy to include testing for all symptomatic individuals who traveled internationally in the two weeks prior, symptomatic healthcare workers, and asymptomatic individuals between the fifth and fourteenth day of coming into contact with those who have tested positive.
- Authorities declared nine containment zones in Gurgaon.
- **UPDATE:** Per April 5 reports, all 22,000 attendees of the Tablighi Jamaat congregation in Delhi and their contacts have been placed in quarantine.
- **UPDATE:** Wearing masks when outdoors was made compulsory on April 8 in Mumbai, Delhi, and Uttar Pradesh. Further, the Supreme Court of India directed the central government on April 8 to make all COVID-19 tests free of cost, even those conducted by private agencies.
- **UPDATE:** 20 hotspots – including South Moti Bagh, Dilshad Garden and Nizamuddin – in Delhi, and Madhya Pradesh’s major cities of Indore, Ujjain, and Bhopal were ordered to be sealed off completely on April 8 until April 13.
- **UPDATE:** On April 9, the state of Odisha extended its lockdown until April 30.
- **UPDATE:** The central government asked all states to test at least 250,000 people across the country for the novel coronavirus (COVID-19) by April 14; as per April 10 reports, approximately 100,000 people have been tested.
- **UPDATE:** The Bapuji Nagar and Padarayanapura wards of Bangalore were sealed off as of April 10 for two weeks; residents of the two wards are prohibited from leaving their homes during this time and only medical facilities will remain open.
- **UPDATE:** Reports on April 11 indicate that PM Modi has decided to extend the nationwide lockdown until April 30.
- **UPDATE:** Punjab extended its lockdown and curfew until May 1.

- **UPDATE:** On April 11, the government declared the Dilshad Garden area of Delhi, previously designated a coronavirus hot-spot, as being free of the virus, after recording zero cases for 10 days. On the same day, however, the capital recorded 183 new cases, a single-day record.
- **UPDATE:** Four towns in Maharashtra's Thane district, including Ambernath, Kulgaon-Badlapur, Murbad, and Shahapur, shut their borders on April 11.
- **UPDATE:** Telangana and Maharashtra have reportedly extended their lockdowns until April 30, while reports on April 11 indicate that Prime Minister Narendra Modi may elect for the same approach nationwide.
- Prime Minister Modi asked his council of ministers to resume work from ministerial offices starting April 14, while maintaining social distancing rules.
- Three infection hotspots were identified in Delhi on April 11; Mansarovar Garden in Rajouri Garden, West Delhi; Jahangirpuri in the northeast; and Deoli in South Delhi.

PAKISTAN



Confirmed Cases: 5,170
 Confirmed Deaths: 88
 Recovered Cases: 1,026

Nationwide/general measures

- Authorities have banned gatherings of more than 10 people from March 19.
- March 28 reports indicate that Pakistan's borders with Iran, Afghanistan, and India will remain closed for two more weeks.
- Per April 3 reports, authorities announced that 17 repatriation flights would be sent to a number of countries between April 4-11.
- Meanwhile, the country's COVID-19 task force directed provincial authorities to reopen airports in order to accept repatriation flights.
- **UPDATE:** On April 5, Minister for Railways Sheikh Rasheed announced that Pakistan Railways intended to resume train services from April 15.
- **UPDATE:** On April 5, screening protocols for incoming passengers were tightened at airports while authorities introduced a 24-hour quarantine for all passengers and flight crew at government-designated facilities.
- **UPDATE:** The Civil Aviation Authority (CAA) extended the suspension of all incoming international flights and most domestic flights until April 11, except for those given special approval from the authorities in advance. Domestic flights between Islamabad and the Gilgit and Skardu airports will continue as normal. The suspension on international flights has been extended to April 21.

Sindh (including Karachi)

- Authorities announced that gatherings of four or more people will not be allowed, including within vehicles, starting March 20.
- Sindh Province was placed on lockdown for 15 days from March 23. Pakistan announced on March 25 that no person will be allowed out on the streets in Sindh province after 20:00 (local time) on a daily basis.




- Daily congregations and Friday prayers at mosques have reportedly been banned as of March 27.
The Chief Minister told a gathering of industrialists and exporters that the lockdown in the province will be eased from April 14.
- **UPDATE:** On April 6, Pakistan International Airlines (PIA) grounded its flight operations from Karachi after four pilots were suspected of contracting COVID-19. The flights were meant to repatriate Pakistani citizens in the UK.
- **UPDATE:** Authorities once again are declaring a complete lockdown in Sindh on April 10 from 12:00-15:00 (local time) to prevent people gathering for Friday prayers.
- **UPDATE:** The provincial government decided to cancel celebrations of Lal Shahbaz Qalandar, per April 11 reports.

Islamabad & Rawalpindi

- Starting March 20, several major public dealing offices and businesses were closed for 15 days in Islamabad.
- As of March 23, all activities in mosques in Islamabad are banned under Section 144.
- In Islamabad, the authorities imposed a partial lockdown of the city as of March 24. All public gatherings and nonessential services are closed. Metro service will be available from 08:30-10:30 (local time) and 15:00-17:30 daily.
- Parts of Sadiqabad, Dhoke Kashmirian, and B Block of Satellite Town in Rawalpindi have been closed to public access.
- **UPDATE:** On April 6, Pakistan International Airlines (PIA) grounded its flight operations from Karachi after four pilots were suspected of contracting COVID-19. The flights were meant to repatriate Pakistani citizens in the UK.
- **UPDATE:** While authorities lifted its restriction of movement from and to Bhara Kahu and Shahzad Town areas of Islamabad on April 9, Section 144 remains in place in both areas.

Punjab (including Lahore)

- A medical emergency was declared in Punjab on March 12; this includes enhanced measures, while authorities are advising individuals to avoid public gatherings.
- Provincial authorities decided to lockdown Punjab from April 1. All stores, including grocery shops, will remain open from 09:00-17:00 (local time). Meanwhile, the entire city of Raiwind will be under quarantine; stores will be closed and residents are not permitted to leave their home.
- On April 2, the provincial government placed restrictions on the number of people allowed to attend Friday prayers. Only three to five individuals affiliated with the mosque will be allowed.
- **UPDATE:** Per April 6 reports, the Punjab Home Department has extended the provincial-wide lockdown for a further seven days.

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • UPDATE: The government extended the lockdown until April 21. Over 10 regions in Lahore, including Bhatta Chowk, Sikandria Colony, and Mughalpura were put in complete lockdown as of April 11. <p>Other provincewide measures</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Balochistan government-imposed medical emergency measures in all districts bordering Iran after reports of deaths in the neighboring country. The Balochistan provincial government ordered the closure of shopping malls and markets, while suspending intercity transport for three weeks from March 20. Daily congregations and Friday prayers at mosques have reportedly been banned as of March 27. • Per March 5 reports, the Khyber Pakhtunkhwa government declared a health emergency. • Per April 4 reports, authorities opened the first isolation hospital equipped to deal with COVID-19 cases in Pakistan-administered Kashmir. • UPDATE: The Gilgit-Baltistan government extended its lockdown until April 19.
<p>SRI LANKA</p>  <p>Confirmed Cases: 203 Confirmed Deaths: 7 Recovered Cases: 55</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Sri Lankan Airlines has suspended services to Kuwait, China, and Saudi Arabia. • Sri Lanka temporarily suspended visa on arrival services for all foreigners. Travelers from Iran, Italy, and South Korea will be barred from entry from March 14. • Authorities extended visas for Maldivians residing in the country until April 14, while urging residents with recent travel history to Iran, South Korea, and Europe to register at the closest police station. • Akurana Town, Kandy has been placed under lockdown as of March 29, while indefinite curfews have been raised in the greater Kandy area as well as Puttalam. • The curfew in Colombo, Gampaha, and Kalutara will continue until further notice. Sri Lankan police also warned on March 25 that curfew violators may be arrested without a warrant. Travel between districts has been banned. • Easter services have been canceled in Colombo. • Per March 31 reports, the Police Special Task Force (STF) has set up 16 roadblocks covering all roads entering the capital city of Colombo. • Visas for foreigners residing in Sri Lanka will be extended until May 12 as SriLankan Airlines announced the suspension of all flights from April 8-21. • UPDATE: As of April 5, authorities extended the ban on incoming flights until further notice. • UPDATE: On April 5, Sri Lanka extended its work-from-home policy to April 10. • UPDATE: On April 6, authorities decided to extend in-place restrictions until April 14 • UPDATE: Police announced on April 7 that nearly 15,000 arrests have been made for curfew violations since March 20.



- **UPDATE:** Per April 10 reports, pharmacies nationwide will remain open from 09:00-14:00 (local time), except in districts that have been identified as high-risk. Services in high-risk areas will be conducted by phone, while medications will be delivered.
- **UPDATE:** The curfew imposed on 16 districts was extended to April 16. In Colombo, Gampaha, Kalutara, Kandy, Jaffna, and Puttalam, the curfew has been extended until further notice.

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