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

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## Current Situation

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The death toll from the COVID-19 pandemic that originated in Wuhan, China was recorded at 207,860 as of April 27, while the total number of confirmed cases has reached 3,012,224 worldwide.

On April 19, the US Embassy in Kuwait indicated that Kuwait International Airport reopened to allow airlines to operate outbound flights only. Meanwhile, according to Lebanon's news official agency, the authorities decided to revise the times of the ongoing nationwide night curfew, introduced on March 26. From now until further notice, it will be implemented each day between 20:00 (local time) and 05:00. In Tunisia, the government also stated that the general lockdown, which has been in place since March 22, will be effective until May 3.

In Ghana, President Nana Akufo-Addo announced the extension of border closures for an additional two-week period, starting on April 20, due to the large amount of cases imported by travelers. Meanwhile in Kenya, authorities have announced that as of April 19, anyone found disobeying night curfew orders will be taken to government-run quarantine facilities and required to cover the cost of their two-week stay.

Iran reportedly opened shopping malls and bazaars on April 20. The Turkish government announced that a four-day lockdown on 31 cities, including Ankara, Istanbul, and Izmir, will be implemented from 00:01 (local time) on April 23 until 23:59 on April 26. In Qatar, the Ministry of Interior announced that all visitors on tourist visas can stay without extending their visas or paying any fee until conditions have returned to normal.

In Ghana, the Kumasi Metropolitan Assembly announced the closure of the central market following the traders' failure to comply with social distancing measures on April 20. In Uganda, the government has revised tentative reopening dates for educational institutions in line with lockdown extensions, however, the reopening dates remain unspecified.

Bangladesh will likely extend the nationwide shutdown of offices and workplaces until May 5, per April 22 reports. In India, five more containment zones were created in Delhi, while Chennai was placed under total lockdown from April 26-29.

In the DRC, on April 21, authorities announced that the confinement order in Gombe neighborhood in Kinshasa will be slightly relaxed with grocery stores, banks, and some firms expected to be open. However, in Nigeria, the Borno State government imposed a total lockdown of the state effective from April 22.

The US and UK embassies in Cairo, Egypt announced that AirCairo will be operating a direct commercial flight for US and UK citizens from Cairo to Paris (CDG) on April 29 at 10:00 (local time). In Israel, individuals will be permitted to leave their homes in order to visit graveyards of Israel Defense Forces (IDF) martyrs along with memorial sites from April 22 until 16:00 on April 27. Individuals will not be permitted to leave their residences after 16:00 on April 27, except in cases of emergency or to buy essential goods.

Schools in Burundi will reopen after vacation as planned. In Ethiopia, the Dire Dawa administration tightened border control over illegal migration via Ethio-Djibouti border on April 22. Authorities in Kenya announced a partial lockdown in Mandera country with movement in or out of the country banned effective April 22.

Egypt adjusted its curfews due to Ramadan. Jordan extended its border closures through the end of Ramadan. Morocco imposed a curfew for the month of Ramadan. Emirates Airline will operate flights to various destinations worldwide in the coming week, while Dubai will partially lift its lockdown from April 24.

Angola and DRC extended its states of emergency for an additional 15 days. Eritrea announced its lockdown order is extended indefinitely. In Nigeria, all 36 state governors agreed to implement a two-week ban on inter-state movement. South Africa announced a new phased withdrawal plan, with lockdown measures to begin easing on May 1.

On April 24, India's Ministry of Home Affairs permitted the reopening of all shops registered under the Shops and Establishments Act, except for those in shopping malls, stipulated by maintaining a 50 percent workforce and mandatory use of masks and social distancing norms.

Reports from April 25 indicate that the UAE's national air carrier, Etihad Airways, will resume passenger flights from May 16 on a limited basis.

The government of Chad extended on April 25 the suspension of all international flights, except for cargo flights, until May 15. On April 25, the government of Gabon announced the extension of the ongoing State of Emergency measures until May 9. Ivory Coast extended on April 25 its nationwide curfew until May 8.

Pakistan's Civil Aviation Authority extended the suspension on international flights to May 15, while the government in Sri Lanka revoked a previous order lifting nationwide restrictions and instead extended them to May 4.

Saudi Arabia's official news agency reported that the authorities announced the partial easing of the ongoing nationwide curfew from April 26 to May 13.

Chad declared a state of health emergency that is slated to last until May 16. As part of the state of health emergency measures, the movement of people and vehicles will be restricted throughout the country. In Kenya, President Uhuru Kenyatta announced that the curfew order and restriction of movement in and out of the Nairobi Metropolitan Area as well as Mombasa, Kilifi, and Kwale counties have been extended for an additional 21 days as of April 25.

Jordan's official news agency reported on April 27 the government's decision to suspend operations at all ministries, public institutions, bodies, and departments from May 2 until May 23.

Ghana extended the ban on public gatherings and social distancing directives for two weeks, effective as of April 27, while Guinea-Bissau President Umaro Sissoco Embaló has renewed the state of emergency for an additional 15

days until May 11. Kenya postponed the reopening of schools, originally scheduled for May 4, for an additional month.

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## Anti-Foreign Sentiment & Civil Unrest

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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:

<b>Sub-Saharan Africa</b>	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
<b>Middle East</b>	Bahrain, Egypt, Jordan, Kuwait, Lebanon, Morocco, Oman, Qatar, Saudi Arabia, Tunisia, Turkey, UAE
<b>Asia</b>	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 (20/04 to 27/04)	Total Deaths (Inclusive of New Cases)	Identified New Deaths (20/04 to 27/04)	Total Recovered	Active Cases
Angola	26	7	2	0	6	18
Benin	64	29	1	0	33	30
Botswana	22	7	1	0	0	21
Burkina Faso	632	67	42	7	453	137
Burundi	15	9	1	0	4	10
Cameroon	1,621	604	56	14	786	779
CAR	41	29	0	0	10	31
Cape Verde	106	50	1	0	1	104
Chad	46	13	0	0	19	31
Comoros	0	0	0	0	0	0
Congo	200	57	8	2	19	173
Djibouti	1,023	291	2	0	401	620
DRC	459	132	28	3	50	381
Equatorial Guinea	258	179	1	1	8	249
Eritea	39	0	0	0	13	26
eSwatini	56	37	1	0	10	45
Ethiopia	124	19	3	0	29	92
Gabon	176	67	3	2	30	143
Gambia	10	1	1	0	8	1
Ghana	1,550	716	11	2	155	1,384
Guinea	1,094	576	7	4	225	862
Guinea-Bissau	53	3	1	1	3	49
Ivory Coast	1,150	349	14	6	468	668
Kenya	355	91	14	2	106	235
Lesotho	0	0	0	0	0	0
Liberia	124	48	12	5	25	87
Madagascar	124	7	0	0	71	53
Malawi	34	17	3	1	4	27
Mali	389	173	23	10	112	254
Mauritania	7	0	1	0	6	0
Mauritius	332	8	9	0	2959	24




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Country	Total Cases (Inclusive of New Cases)	Identified New Cases (20/04 to 26/04)	Total Deaths (Inclusive of New Cases)	Identified New Deaths (20/04 to 26/04)	Total Recovered	Active Cases
Mayotte	401	156	4	1	144	253
Mozambique	76	41	0	0	9	67
Namibia	16	0	0	0	8	8
Niger	696	57	29	10	350	317
Nigeria	1,273	732	40	21	239	994
Reunion	417	15	0	0	300	117
Rwanda	191	47	0	0	92	99
Sao Tome & Principe	4	0	0	0	0	4
Senegal	671	304	9	6	283	379
Seychelles	11	0	0	0	6	5
Sierra Leone	93	67	4	4	10	79
Somalia	436	306	23	16	10	403
Somaliland	19	14	0	0	2	17
South Africa	4,56	1,530	87	35	1,473	3,004
South Sudan	6	2	0	0	0	6
Sudan	237	171	21	11	14	202
Tanzania	299	152	10	5	48	241
Togo	96	15	6	1	62	28
Uganda	79	24	0	0	46	33
Zambia	88	31	3	1	42	43
Zimbabwe	31	7	4	1	2	25

Country	Measures
<p><b>ANGOLA</b></p>  <p><b>NEW CASES:</b></p> <p>Confirmed Cases: 26 Confirmed Deaths: 2 Recovered Cases: 6</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The government suspended all international flights to and from Angola from March 20.</li> <li>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.</li> <li>Educational and religious institutions have suspended all activities.</li> <li>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.</li> <li>Authorities have announced that foreigners' expired visas will remain valid till May 15.</li> <li><b>UPDATE:</b> The government announced the extension of the ongoing state of emergency by 15 days on April 23. Additionally, movement in or out of Luanda province remains banned.</li> <li><b>UPDATE:</b> The government confirmed one additional case on April 26</li> </ul>








<p style="text-align: center;"><b>BENIN</b></p>  <p>Confirmed Cases: 64 Confirmed Deaths: 1 Recovered Cases: 33</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 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.</li> <li>• The Ministry of Health installed disinfection equipment and thermal scanners at Cotonou Cadjehoun Airport.</li> <li>• The government issued an extension of the health cordon around the zone composed of the municipalities of Cotonou, Abomey-Calavi, Allada, Ouidah, Seme-Podji, Porto-Novo, Akpro-Misserete and Adjarra till April 27. The government also included Kpomasse, Toffo, So Ava, Aguegues, and Atchoukpa municipalities.</li> <li>• The government extended the closure of all churches and other places of worship until April 19.</li> <li>• <b>UPDATE:</b> The government confirmed ten additional cases, with six more recoveries.</li> <li>• <b>UPDATE:</b> The government issued an extension of the health cordon around the zone composed of the municipalities of Cotonou, Abomey-Calavi, Allada, Ouidah, Seme-Podji, Porto-Novo, Akpro-Misserete and Adjarra till May 10. The government also included Kpomasse, Toffo, So Ava, Aguegues, and Atchoukpa municipalities.</li> </ul>
<p style="text-align: center;"><b>BOTSWANA</b></p>  <p>Confirmed Cases: 22 Confirmed Deaths: 1 Recovered Cases: 0</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 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.</li> <li>• The government has suspended all commercial flights effective March 29.</li> <li>• 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.</li> <li>• The government has prohibited all government or public meetings, with gatherings of more than 100 people banned.</li> <li>• The parliament approved the extension of the ongoing state of emergency, initially scheduled to end on April 30, to six months. The state of emergency stipulates that individuals can only leave their homes to work in essential services or procure necessities.</li> <li>• <b>UPDATE:</b> Five new cases confirmed by the authorities on April 19.</li> </ul>
<p style="text-align: center;"><b>BURKINA FASO</b></p>  <p>Confirmed Cases: 632 Confirmed Deaths: 42</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The government has suspended all international flights and closed all land borders until further notice with an exception for commercial traffic.</li> <li>• The Ministry of Transport has suspended road transport from March 23.</li> <li>• 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.</li> </ul>



<p>Recovered Cases: 453</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 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.</li> <li>• The city of Dano, Sud-Ouest Region has been quarantined after a positive case was detected in the city on March 30.</li> <li>• The government has postponed the opening of schools to April 28.</li> <li>• The village of Essakane and the Esskane mine in Gorom-Gorom, Sahel Region were quarantined on April 14.</li> <li>• The government announced several restrictions including the extension of the closure of Ouagadougou and Bobo-Dioulasso Airports, a ban on intercity rail transport and a fine for violating lockdown orders on April 15.</li> <li>• The government eased curfew timings by three hours, while ordering that wearing masks will be compulsory on April 17.</li> <li>• The Central Market and 35 other local markets in Ouagadougou are slated to reopen on April 20.</li> <li>• <b>UPDATE:</b> Authorities announced two markets to be reopened in the Centre Nord region on April 23.</li> <li>• <b>UPDATE:</b> The Minister of Justice announced the resumption of judicial activities on April 23 with courts and tribunals equipped with necessary hygiene equipment.</li> <li>• <b>UPDATE:</b> The government announced three additional cases, one death and 11 new recoveries on April 26.</li> <li>• <b>UPDATE:</b> The government announced the indefinite postponement of the reopening of schools on April 28.</li> </ul>
<p><b>BURUNDI</b></p>  <p>Confirmed Cases: 15 Confirmed Deaths: 1 Recovered Cases: 4</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• As of March 21, authorities have suspended all international flights.</li> <li>• The Foreign Ministry has suspended the issuance of visas. Additionally, all official missions abroad have been suspended until further notice.</li> <li>• On March 24, the government said that all travelers arriving from other countries will have a mandatory 14-day quarantine.</li> <li>• On April 4, authorities extended the closure of Bujumbura International Airport for an additional 14 days, and this was then extended indefinitely on April 17.</li> <li>• The government announced that Burundian nationals who hold a dual-nationality are allowed to leave the country.</li> <li>• The government announced one positive case, one death, and four recoveries on April 17.</li> <li>• The US Embassy organized a special repatriation flight scheduled to depart from Bujumbura on April 21.</li> <li>• <b>UPDATE:</b> On April 21 Burundi indicated that the closed borders to the north with Rwanda and to the west with the DRC have been reopened only for cargo trucks and other vehicles carrying the goods.</li> <li>• <b>UPDATE:</b> Schools reopen after vacation as planned per April 22 reports.</li> </ul>


	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>UPDATE:</b> The government announced three positive cases on April 25.</li> </ul>
<p><b>CAMEROON</b></p>  <p>Confirmed Cases: 1,621 Confirmed Deaths: 56 Recovered Cases: 786</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• All educational institutions will also remain closed indefinitely. The government also banned gatherings of more than 50 people.</li> <li>• The Port of Douala has implemented a 14-day quarantine for all vessels traveling from areas affected by the coronavirus.</li> <li>• 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.</li> <li>• The Douala II municipality ordered the closure of all markets from April 2.</li> <li>• The government has mandated the wearing of masks in all public spaces nationwide, starting on April 13.</li> <li>• The government announced that schools would reopen on June 1, subject to conditions related to the spread of the pandemic.</li> <li>• The government extended the closure of all borders, suspension of all flights, and restrictions on movement for an additional 15 days, on April 17. The measures were first imposed on March 17.</li> <li>• <b>UPDATE:</b> The US Embassy has arranged a repatriation flight to Washington DC on April 24 at 14:00 (local time).</li> <li>• <b>UPDATE:</b> The government announced 103 positive cases, three deaths, and 89 recoveries on April 26.</li> </ul>
<p><b>CAPE VERDE</b></p>  <p>Confirmed Cases: 106 Confirmed Deaths: 1 Recovered Cases: 1</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• On March 8, Cape Verde Airlines suspended its route to Washington, DC in the US through the end of May.</li> <li>• Cabo Verde Airlines (CVA) temporarily suspended all flights for 30 days on March 18.</li> <li>• The government has announced new restrictions to reduce public transport by 50 percent on March 23.</li> <li>• The government declared a state of emergency effective as of 00:00 (local time) on March 29 until April 17. This was further extended to May 2 on the islands of Boas Vista, Santiago and Sao Vicente. However, the state of emergency will last till 24:00 on April 26 on the islands of Santo Antao, Sao Nicolau, Sal, Maio and Fogo e Brava.</li> <li>• <b>UPDATE:</b> US Embassy announced on April 22 all repatriation flights to take place after May 2.</li> <li>• <b>UPDATE:</b> The government confirmed 16 additional cases on April 26.</li> </ul>
<p><b>CAR</b></p>  <p>Confirmed Cases: 41 Confirmed Deaths: 0</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 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.</li> <li>• 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.</li> </ul>

<p>Recovered Cases: 10</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The government suspended river navigation in several villages across borders with the DRC and Congo on April 8.</li> <li>• All restrictive measures including the closure of the airport were extended for another two weeks on April 11. Furthermore, inter- and intra- urban travel has been halted.</li> <li>• <b>UPDATE:</b> The US Embassy organized a flight from Bangui to Washington, D.C on April 21.</li> <li>• <b>UPDATE:</b> The government announced 22 additional cases on April 26.</li> <li>• <b>UPDATE:</b> President Jorge Carlos Fonseca issued a decree mandating the usage of face masks in all public places on April 26.</li> </ul>
<p><b>CHAD</b></p>  <p>Confirmed Cases: 46 Confirmed Deaths: 0 Recovered Cases: 15</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 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.</li> <li>• The government has announced the closure of all non-grocery stores.</li> <li>• President Idriss Deby ordered the closure of the border with Cameroon on March 31.</li> <li>• The government extended the closure period for the Hassan Djamous International airport in N'Djamena until April 25. Authorities also ordered the obligatory wearing of face masks nationwide in public from April 14.</li> <li>• The government extended a two week curfew in N'Djamena, Logone Occidental, Logone Oriental, Mayo-Kebbi Ouest, and Mayo-Kebbi Est, and Mandelia in Chari provinces from 20:00 (local time) to 05:00, effective from April 15.</li> <li>• The government suspended the mandatory wearing of masks given the scarce supply nationwide, on April 15.</li> <li>• <b>UPDATE:</b> The government extended the suspension of all international flights, with the exception of cargo, until May 15.</li> <li>• <b>UPDATE:</b> The government declared a state of health emergency for a period of three weeks, slated to last until May 16. As part of the state of health emergency measures, the movement of people and vehicles will be restricted throughout the country. Residents will be required to remain in their primary residence except for the purchase of essential goods or medical care. Pharmacies will remain open.</li> <li>• <b>UPDATE:</b> The government confirmed six additional cases on April 26.</li> </ul>
<p><b>COMOROS</b></p>  <p>Confirmed Cases: 0 Confirmed Deaths: 0 Recovered Cases: 0</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• As of March 24, all commercial flights are banned with the exception of cargo. Sea travel between East Africa and Comoros is also banned.</li> <li>• 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.</li> </ul>

<p><b>CONGO</b></p>  <p>Confirmed Cases: 200 Confirmed Deaths: 8 Recovered Cases: 19</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>On March 21, the government closed all air, land, and sea borders, except for cargo.</li> <li>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.</li> <li>The government has shut down all religious institutions for the next 30 days on March 23.</li> <li>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.</li> <li>On April 8, the government announced the closure of markets and suspension of public transport on Wednesdays and Sundays during the emergency period.</li> <li>The government ordered the obligatory wearing of face masks in public markets.</li> <li>The French Embassy organized a commercial flight from Brazzaville to Paris on April 21.</li> <li><b>UPDATE:</b> The government announced two deaths on April 25.</li> </ul>
<p><b>DJIBOUTI</b></p>  <p>Confirmed Cases: 1,0023 Confirmed Deaths: 2 Recovered Cases: 401</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The government has suspended all international travel in and out of Djibouti City, effective March 18. This applies only to passengers, not cargo.</li> <li>The government announced the suspension of the passenger trains linking Djibouti to Ethiopia, effective from March 20.</li> <li>The government deployed the military in the capital, Djibouti City, to enforce the lockdown on March 25.</li> <li>On April 14, President Ismail Omar Guelleh extended the state of emergency by seven to 10 days.</li> <li><b>UPDATE:</b> The government confirmed 15 additional cases, and 28 new recoveries on April 26.</li> </ul>
<p><b>DRC</b></p>  <p>Confirmed Cases: 459 Confirmed Deaths: 28 Recovered Cases: 50</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>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.</li> <li>President Felix Tshisekedi banned public gatherings of more than 20 people, shut down schools, and churches for four weeks, effective March 19.</li> <li>Kinshasa’s governor announced the sealing of Gombe commune on April 2.</li> <li>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.</li> <li>Government announced two flights to Addis Ababa, Ethiopia from Kinshasa and Lubumbashi on April 17 and from Goma on April 17-21.</li> <li>The government announced 20 positive cases and one recovery on April 18.</li> <li>The government has extended the isolation measures in Goma and Beni, North Kivu for one week, effective from April 20.</li> <li>The government announced the compulsory wearing of masks in Kinshasa starting on April 20, and that military troops will be deployed in addition to the security forces to ensure lockdown regulations in Kinshasa.</li> </ul>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>UPDATE:</b> On April 21, authorities announced that the confinement order in Gombe neighborhood in Kinshasa will be slightly relaxed with grocery stores, banks, and some firms expected to be open.</li> <li>• <b>UPDATE:</b> Government extended the ongoing state of emergency for 15 days on April 23.</li> <li>• <b>UPDATE:</b> The government announced 17 positive cases and one recovery on April 26.</li> </ul>
<p><b>EQUATORIAL GUINEA</b></p>  <p>Confirmed Cases: 258 Confirmed Deaths: 1 Recovered Cases: 8</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 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.</li> <li>• 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.</li> <li>• The government prohibited gatherings of more than 10 people on March 17.</li> <li>• The government extended restrictions on border crossing, international travel and quarantine measures till April 30.</li> <li>• <b>UPDATE:</b> The government confirmed 44 additional cases on April 26.</li> </ul>
<p><b>ERITREA</b></p>  <p>Confirmed Cases: 39 Confirmed Deaths: 0 Recovered Cases: 13</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The Ministry of Health banned all travel within the country on March 16.</li> <li>• The authorities banned public gatherings of more than 10 people on March 23.</li> <li>• The government banned all commercial flights for two weeks effective from March 25. This was extended for another 21 days on April 8.</li> <li>• 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.</li> <li>• 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.</li> <li>• <b>UPDATE:</b> The government extended the ongoing stay at home order until further notice on April 22 as the spread of the COVID-19 virus continues to be assessed.</li> <li>• <b>UPDATE:</b> The government reported two additional recoveries on April 25.</li> </ul>
<p><b>ESWATINI (SWAZILAND)</b></p>  <p>Confirmed Cases: 56 Confirmed Deaths: 1 Recovered Cases: 10</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 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.</li> <li>• 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.</li> <li>• 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.</li> <li>• 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.</li> </ul>

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The government announced a three week extension to partial lockdown protocols on April 15.</li> <li>• <b>UPDATE:</b> The government announced eight positive cases and two recoveries on April 23-24.</li> <li>• <b>UPDATE:</b> The government instituted a two week lockdown of Manzini effective from April 27.</li> </ul>
<p><b>ETHIOPIA</b></p>  <p>Confirmed Cases: 124 Confirmed Deaths: 3 Recovered Cases: 29</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Ethiopian Airlines announced that it 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.</li> <li>• 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.</li> <li>• The government announced the temporary closure of all university campuses on March 25.</li> <li>• 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.</li> <li>• 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.</li> <li>• 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.</li> <li>• The government announced resumption of cross-country public transport on April 16.</li> <li>• <b>UPDATE:</b> The Dire Dawa administration tightened border control over illegal migration via Ethio-Djibouti border on April 22.</li> <li>• <b>UPDATE:</b> The state government of Tigray Region relaxed the state of emergency measures by allowing business to reopen along with travel within the district on April 23.</li> <li>• <b>UPDATE:</b> Tigray Regional State authorities announced that restrictions will be partially lifted as of April 24 following a two-week lockdown in which no cases were detected in the area. The state will allow travel between districts and the reopening of various businesses, including restaurants, cafes, and barbershops, to ease economic strains.</li> <li>• <b>UPDATE:</b> The government confirmed one additional case on April 27.</li> </ul>

<p style="text-align: center;"><b>GABON</b></p>  <p>Confirmed Cases: 176 Confirmed Deaths: 3 Recovered Cases: 30</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>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.</li> <li>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.</li> <li>New surveillance teams have been deployed to Libreville International Airport to scan for the virus.</li> <li>The government has instructed its diplomats and others employed by international organizations not to return to Gabon.</li> <li>Authorities have imposed a curfew between 19:30 and 06:00 from March 22.</li> <li>Schools and other educational institutions have been closed indefinitely on March 30.</li> <li>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.</li> <li>The government announced that military forces will replace police in Libreville, Owendo, Akanda Ntoun, and Pointe Denis to enforce containment on April 13.</li> <li>The government announced the compulsory wearing of masks nationwide in public spaces on April 14.</li> <li><b>UPDATE:</b> The authorities announced that essential public sector workers will only work on Monday, Wednesday and Friday on April 22.</li> <li><b>UPDATE:</b> The government announced the extension of the ongoing State of Emergency measures until May 9, initially implemented on April 13. This includes the total confinement in Libreville and its neighboring cities Owendo, Akanda Ntoun, and Pointe Denis.</li> <li><b>UPDATE:</b> The government announced four positive cases and four recoveries on April 25.</li> </ul>
<p style="text-align: center;"><b>THE GAMBIA</b></p>  <p>Confirmed Cases: 10 Confirmed Deaths: 1 Recovered Cases: 8</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Authorities closed the Gambian airspace, except for medicinal cargo flights, as well as the border with Senegal from March 23.</li> <li>On March 18, the government banned all public gatherings and closed all educational institutions. Additionally, the National Assembly suspended all its sessions indefinitely.</li> <li>The government declared a state of emergency, which stipulates that all non-essential places, including bars, cinemas, events halls, be closed to the public. This was extended for an additional 45 days on April 5.</li> <li><b>UPDATE:</b> The government confirmed one additional case on April 19</li> <li><b>UPDATE:</b> The US Embassy has announced a repatriation flight from Banjul to Washington D.C. on April 29.</li> </ul>

**GHANA**



Confirmed Cases:  
1,550  
Confirmed Deaths:  
11  
Recovered Cases:  
155

- 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, with this ban extended for another two weeks on April 12.
- The tourism authority has shut down the country's beaches starting March 24.
- The government announced a 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.
- On April 9, the government extended the partial lockdown for one week from April 13, while announcing that borders would remain closed indefinitely.
- **UPDATE:** President Nana Akufo-Addo announced the extension of border closures for an additional two-week period, starting on April 20, due to the large amount of cases imported by travelers.
- **UPDATE:** The government has decided to lift the partial lockdown in the Greater Accra, Ksoa, and Kumasi regions as of 01:00 (local time) on April 20. However, social distancing measures and the ban on public gatherings of more than 25 people will remain in place, along with temporary closures of religious organizations and public and private schools.
- **UPDATE:** The Kumasi Metropolitan Assembly announced the closure of the central market following the traders' failure to comply with social distancing measures on April 20.
- **UPDATE:** The government has made the wearing of face masks in public places in the Greater Accra region on April 23.
- **UPDATE:** The Ghana Registered Nurses and Midwives Association announced that a sit-down strike is scheduled to start on April 27.
- **UPDATE:** The Cape Coast Metropolis announced the compulsory wearing of face masks as of April 27.
- **UPDATE:** The government confirmed 271 additional cases, and 21 recoveries and one death on April 27.
- **UPDATE:** The government has extended the ban on public gatherings and social distancing directives for two weeks, effective as of April 27.



**GUINEA**






Confirmed Cases:  
1,094  
Confirmed Deaths: 7



- 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 Conakry-Gbessia International Airport on March 23.
- 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.








<p>Recovered Cases: 225</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 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.</li> <li>• On April 9, President Alpha Conde extended the state of emergency for an additional 21 days.</li> <li>• On April 13, the government announced the extension of the state of health emergency until May 15.</li> <li>• On April 13, the government announced the compulsory wearing of masks nationwide from April 18.</li> <li>• Authorities announced that markets must close by 16:00 (local time).</li> <li>• <b>UPDATE:</b> The government announced 98 new cases and 17 recoveries on April 26.</li> </ul>
<p><b>GUINEA-BISSAU</b></p>  <p>Confirmed Cases: 53 Confirmed Deaths: 1 Recovered Cases: 3</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The government announced the closure of all borders into the country, effective March 18.</li> <li>• 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.</li> <li>• The government declared a state of emergency on March 27, restricting movement and closing all nonessential business.</li> <li>• The government extended the state of emergency, scheduled to end on April 11, by an additional 15 days.</li> <li>• The government allowed movement of the public to purchase essentials between 07:00 - 12:00 (local time) on April 16.</li> <li>• The government announces four new cases, bringing the total to 50 as of April 18.</li> <li>• <b>UPDATE:</b> The government announced its first virus-attributed death on April 26, along with one additional case bringing the total number of cases to 53.</li> <li>• <b>UPDATE:</b> President Umaro Sissoco Embalo has renewed the state of emergency for an additional 15 days until May 11.</li> </ul>
<p><b>IVORY COAST</b></p>  <p>Confirmed Cases: 1,150 Confirmed Deaths: 14 Recovered Cases: 468</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Land, sea, and air borders are indefinitely closed from March 22. Goods traffic is still permitted across the borders.</li> <li>• 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.</li> <li>• The government stated that all parks and beaches were to be closed for one month, effective March 18.</li> <li>• All schools have been closed and all sporting and cultural events suspended until May 17. Additionally, religious leaders have announced the suspension of public worship.</li> <li>• 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.</li> </ul>



	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 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.</li> <li>• On April 17, the US Embassy issued a notice about a repatriation flight to leave Abidjan on April 21.</li> <li>• <b>UPDATE:</b> The government announced the extension of the nationwide curfew enforced from 21:00 (local time) to 05:00 until May 8. This includes the closing of all restaurants and a restriction on travel between the capital and interior regions.</li> <li>• <b>UPDATE:</b> The government announced 39 new cases and 19 recoveries on April 26.</li> </ul>
<p><b>KENYA</b></p>  <p>Confirmed Cases: 355 Confirmed Deaths: 14 Recovered Cases: 106</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The authorities have announced the suspension of all international flights, barring cargo flights, to and from Kenya from March 25.</li> <li>• Mombasa County ordered the indefinite closure of beaches and recreational areas.</li> <li>• The Central Bank of Kenya on March 16 has implemented emergency measures to limit the use of cash and to enhance mobile money transfers.</li> <li>• President Uhuru Kenyatta announced a daily curfew from 19:00 - 05:00 (local time) effective from March 27.</li> <li>• The Health Cabinet Secretary banned upcountry travel from Nairobi and ordered public transport commuters to wear masks. The Health CS further ordered everyone to wear masks when entering supermarkets and open-air markets as of April 4.</li> <li>• Authorities extended the ban on all international flights for 30 days and extended the lockdown for 14 more days on April 5.</li> <li>• 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.</li> <li>• 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.</li> <li>• Authorities have declared that face masks are to be mandatory in public, announcing that violators of the emergency regulations will be arrested.</li> <li>• The US Embassy in Nairobi announced that there will be a special commercial flight to repatriate US citizens on April 22. Flight tickets will be available for purchase until 23:59 (local time) on April 20.</li> <li>• <b>UPDATE:</b> The government has announced that as of April 19, anyone found disobeying night curfew orders will be taken to government-run quarantine facilities and required to cover the cost of their two-week stay.</li> <li>• <b>UPDATE:</b> The US Embassy announced a repatriation flight scheduled to depart from Nairobi to London on April 24.</li> <li>• <b>UPDATE:</b> The authorities announced partial lockdown in Mandera country with movement in or out of the county banned effective April 22.</li> </ul>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>UPDATE:</b> The governor of Garissa county announced the closure of its borders with Isiolo and Wajir Counties and partial lockdown of the county on April 23.</li> <li>• <b>UPDATE:</b> Government to launch mass testing of truck drivers from April 23.</li> <li>• <b>UPDATE:</b> President Uhuru Kenyatta announced that the curfew order and restriction of movement in and out of the Nairobi Metropolitan Area as well as Mombasa, Kilifi, and Kwale counties have been extended for an additional 21 days as of April 25. All travel in and out of these areas is banned, except for cargo, and security services have been placed on higher alert along the county land borders.</li> <li>• <b>UPDATE:</b> The government confirmed 12 new cases and eight recoveries on April 26.</li> <li>• <b>UPDATE:</b> The government has postponed the reopening of schools, originally scheduled for May 4, for an additional month.</li> </ul>
<p><b>LESOTHO</b></p>  <p>Confirmed Cases: 0 Confirmed Deaths: 0 Recovered Cases: 0</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The government has imposed new screening measures at Maseru's Moshoeshoe I International Airport.</li> <li>• 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.</li> <li>• The government declared COVID-19 as a national emergency on March 19 and closed all educational institutions.</li> <li>• On March 26, the government announced a 21-day lockdown to take place from March 29 to April 21.</li> <li>• PM Tom Thabane deployed the army nationwide to enforce the ongoing national lockdown on April 18.</li> <li>• <b>UPDATE:</b> The government extended a three-week nationwide lockdown by another 14 days until May 5.</li> </ul>
<p><b>LIBERIA</b></p>  <p>Confirmed Cases: 124 Confirmed Deaths: 12 Recovered Cases: 25</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• All commercial flights except cargo, chartered, and special flights have been suspended by the authorities.</li> <li>• The government suspended the issuance of passports to Liberian citizens with immediate effect on March 19.</li> <li>• The government announced the closure of its border with Sierra Leone on April 1.</li> <li>• Nimba County authorities have suspended all traditional activities, schools, and markets.</li> <li>• The government declared a three-week state of emergency effective April 10 and ordered all Liberian embassies abroad to close down on April 8.</li> <li>• The Parliament approved the state of emergency imposed by the government for a period of 90 days from when it came into effect on April 10.</li> <li>• The Parliament has further mandated the wearing of protective devices such as masks in public.</li> <li>• <b>UPDATE:</b> Judicial order notes that the government cannot arrest persons infected or suspected to be infected with the virus on April 23.</li> </ul>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>UPDATE:</b> The government confirmed four additional cases, including the Minister of Justice, and one additional death on April 26.</li> </ul>
<p><b>MADAGASCAR</b></p>  <p>Confirmed Cases: 124 Confirmed Deaths: 0 Recovered Cases: 71</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• All international flights to and from Madagascar have been suspended from March 20 for 30 days.</li> <li>• On March 21, the authorities ordered a lockdown of Antananarivo and Toamasina with only stores selling essentials and banks to be open to business.</li> <li>• The government has announced that current travel restrictions are applicable to diplomatic missions on March 30.</li> <li>• The government has extended the state of emergency for an additional 15 days on April 17. This is the second extension of the directive and all of the initial health restrictions are still valid.</li> <li>• <b>UPDATE:</b> The government announced the gradual lifting of restrictions on April 19. This includes the resumption of private sector activities from 06:00 to 13:00 (local time) and of exam-track school programs.</li> <li>• <b>UPDATE:</b> However, the state of emergency will continue with restrictions including the compulsory wearing of masks in public and a night curfew from 21:00 to 04:00 as well as social distancing restrictions.</li> <li>• <b>UPDATE:</b> The authorities announced the resumption of taxi services from 05:00 to 15:00 from April 21 as part of the gradual lifting of the state of emergency.</li> <li>• <b>UPDATE:</b> The French Embassy announced a repatriation flight operated by Air France scheduled to take off from Antananarivo for Paris on April 23. Additionally, the embassy announced the authorization by the Madagascar government of a flight to Saint-Denis, Reunion, on April 24.</li> <li>• <b>UPDATE:</b> Air Madagascar announced that flights to France and Reunion would remain suspended until May 11 and to Mauritius until May 4 due to the restrictions in place in the respective countries. Additionally, the airline announced that flights to Guangzhou, China, will remain suspended until June 30.</li> <li>• <b>UPDATE:</b> The government declared one new case and nine recoveries on April 26.</li> </ul>
<p><b>MALAWI</b></p>  <p>Confirmed Cases: 34 Confirmed Deaths: 3 Recovered Cases: 4</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Authorities announced that all international flights would be suspended as of April 1 for an unspecified duration.</li> <li>• 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.</li> <li>• Authorities have announced that residents returning from countries with confirmed cases will be subject to quarantine.</li> <li>• The government has banned all international meetings and prohibited officials from attending meetings in countries that are affected by the virus.</li> </ul>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The Mayor of Blantyre has announced a citywide lockdown, banned all commercial services and public gatherings on March 30.</li> <li>• On April 9, the government announced measures including a ban on bars and restaurants and the suspension of public events and all construction works.</li> <li>• President Peter Mutharika declared a 21-day lockdown from April 18 till May 9, which was halted when a high court issued an injunction on April 17.</li> <li>• The US Embassy announced a repatriation flight scheduled to depart from Lilongwe on or around April 24.</li> <li>• <b>UPDATE:</b> The government declared one new case on April 27.</li> </ul>
<p><b>MALI</b></p>  <p>Confirmed Cases: 389 Confirmed Deaths: 23 Recovered Cases: 112</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The government suspended all flights from COVID-19 affected countries, effective from March 19.</li> <li>• The government ordered the closure of all land borders on March 25.</li> <li>• Additionally, all educational institutions were closed and public gatherings of more than 50 people were banned.</li> <li>• The government declared a night-time curfew from 21:00 - 05:00 (local time) on March 25.</li> <li>• The government suspended traditional gold panning activities nationwide on March 31.</li> <li>• The US Embassy is organizing a repatriation flight from April 21 from Bamako's Modibo Keita International Airport to Washington Dulles International Airport.</li> <li>• <b>UPDATE:</b> On April 23, the United Nations Multidimensional Integrated Stabilization mission in Mali (MINUSMA) renewed its flight suspension for 15 days with exceptions for cargo and medical emergencies.</li> <li>• <b>UPDATE:</b> The government announced 26 new cases, two deaths, and 21 recoveries on April 26.</li> </ul>
<p><b>MAURITANIA</b></p>  <p>Confirmed Cases: 7 Confirmed Deaths: 1 Recovered Cases: 6</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• On March 13, the government suspended all commercial flights to the country.</li> <li>• All land and sea borders were closed on March 22.</li> <li>• The government has imposed a nationwide curfew from 20:00 to 06:00 and banned all public gatherings.</li> <li>• 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.</li> <li>• The government announced the indefinite suspension of Friday prayers nationwide, and extended the closure of all schools until April 30.</li> <li>• 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.</li> <li>• On April 18, the Mauritanian government said that all remaining patients had recovered and the country was coronavirus-free.</li> </ul>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>UPDATE:</b> On April 21, the government announced a relaxation of the nationwide curfew to observe religious ceremonies associated with Ramadan for one month, stating that curfew time will be from 21:00 to 06:00 slated to begin from April 23.</li> <li>• <b>UPDATE:</b> The government announced the extension of closure of educational institutes until May 25.</li> <li>• <b>UPDATE:</b> The government lifted the lockdown on Kaedi town on April 26.</li> </ul>
<p><b>MAURITIUS</b></p>  <p>Confirmed Cases: 332 Confirmed Deaths: 9 Recovered Cases: 299</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The government suspended all flights into Sir Seewoosagur International Airport from 10:00 (local time) on March 19.</li> <li>• The government imposed a lockdown with all nonessential activities barred and a curfew to stay indoors, both of which were extended until May 4.</li> <li>• <b>UPDATE:</b> The government confirmed one new case and four recoveries on April 26.</li> </ul>
<p><b>MAYOTTE</b></p>  <p>Confirmed Cases: 401 Confirmed Deaths: 4 Recovered Cases: 144</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The authorities have imposed a curfew between 20:00 to 05:00 (local time).</li> <li>• All nonessential travel to and from the country has been banned including travel to France.</li> <li>• 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.</li> <li>• <b>UPDATE:</b> The government declared 47 new cases on April 26.</li> </ul>
<p><b>MOZAMBIQUE</b></p>  <p>Confirmed Cases: 76 Confirmed Deaths: 0 Recovered Cases: 9</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• President Filipe Nyusi announced the closure of the country to travelers from Europe, Reunion, and Mayotte for 30 days.</li> <li>• 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.</li> <li>• From March 23, the government will suspend the issuance of visas and cancel the visas already issued for 30 days.</li> <li>• All educational institutions have been temporarily closed and the government has banned events and gatherings with more than 50 people.</li> <li>• 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.</li> </ul>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The government shut down the Port of Pemba in Cabo Delgado Province on April 5 as part of the state of emergency measures.</li> <li>• <b>UPDATE:</b> The US Embassy announced the scheduled departure of an Ethiopian Airlines flight on April 29 for citizens looking for repatriation options.</li> <li>• <b>UPDATE:</b> The government confirmed five new cases in the Cabo Delgado Province on April 25.</li> <li>• <b>UPDATE:</b> The government declared six new cases on April 26.</li> </ul>
<p><b>NAMIBIA</b></p>  <p>Confirmed Cases: 16 Confirmed Deaths: 0 Recovered Cases: 8</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 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.</li> <li>• On March 15, the government announced the closure of all schools.</li> <li>• The government announced a 21-day lockdown on March 27.</li> <li>• President Hage Geingob announced the extension of the lockdown until May 5 on April 14.</li> <li>• <b>UPDATE:</b> Government authorities launch a testing campaign for highly-exposed workers, including the mining, fishing and media industries as of April 20.</li> <li>• <b>UPDATE:</b> The government announced relaxation of border control with Angola for Angolans seeking medical attention.</li> <li>• <b>UPDATE:</b> The government confirmed one new recovery on April 24.</li> </ul>
<p><b>NIGER</b></p>  <p>Confirmed Cases: 696 Confirmed Deaths: 29 Recovered Cases: 350</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• On March 17, the government announced the closure of all borders and international airports for an indefinite period.</li> <li>• 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.</li> <li>• 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.</li> <li>• The government announced that all citizens will have to wear masks in public spaces, including grocery stores and on the street from April 11.</li> <li>• The government extended the closure of all educational institutions until May 3.</li> <li>• <b>UPDATE:</b> The US Embassy confirmed that authorities are organizing one additional repatriation flight, requesting citizens to declare their interest by April 22.</li> <li>• <b>UPDATE:</b> On April 22, the government announced a relaxation in curfew timings from 21:00 - 05:00 (local time) to take effect from April 23 for observance of religious ceremonies associated with Ramadan.</li> <li>• <b>UPDATE:</b> On April 22, the US Embassy announced the organization of a repatriation flight scheduled for April 29.</li> <li>• <b>UPDATE:</b> The government declared 12 new cases, two deaths, and 25 recoveries on April 26.</li> </ul>



### NIGERIA






Confirmed Cases:  
1,27



Confirmed Deaths:  
40


Recovered Cases:  
239



- 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.
- The Chief Justice of Nigeria extended the suspension of all court sittings for 14 days on April 6.
- President Muhammadu Buhari announced a two week extension to the lockdown in Lagos, Abuja, and Ogun states on April 13 due to the unexpected spike in cases.
- The government announced that southwestern states, including Ekiti, Lagos, Ogun, Ondo, Osun and Oyo, jointly closed borders and announced the mandatory wearing of masks in all public spaces, effective from April 24.
- Imo State's governor imposed an indefinite curfew from 18:00 (local time) to 06:00 across the state, on April 18.
- **UPDATE:** The Ebonyi State authorities imposed a curfew between 19:00-07:00 on April 19.
- **UPDATE:** The government announced that airports would remain closed until May 7.
- **UPDATE:** The Borno State government imposed a total lockdown of the state effective from April 22. Additionally, Nasarawa State banned congregational prayers ahead of the religious month of Ramadan, and Ondo State authorities announced the wearing of masks mandatory from April 24.
- **UPDATE:** On April 23, Gombe State authorities declared a curfew from 18:00 to 07:00 (local time) to take effect from April 23.
- **UPDATE:** On April 22, 36 State Governors agreed to implement inter-state lockdown for two weeks, restricting movement between states.
- **UPDATE:** On April 23, Kwara State authorities extended lockdown for an additional 14 days. Akwa Ibom State authorities extended the lockdown until April 27.
- **UPDATE:** The government announced that on Monday and Thursday, the lockdown in Borno State will be eased, allowing residents to purchase food.
- **UPDATE:** The government announced the lifting of the lockdown in Anambra State on April 25. Movement within the state is open, while restaurants and bars are slated to open. The wearing of masks within Anambra remains compulsory.





	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>UPDATE:</b> The government declared 91 new cases, five deaths, and 17 recoveries on April 26.</li> <li>• <b>UPDATE:</b> Authorities extended the lockdown in Kaduna State for an additional 30 days on April 26.</li> </ul>
<p><b>REUNION</b></p>  <p>Confirmed Cases: 417 Confirmed Deaths: 0 Recovered Cases: 300</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• All nonessential travel to and from the country has been banned including travel to France.</li> <li>• Health checks have been implemented at Roland Garros airport.</li> <li>• The prefect of the island requested that all Reunionese stay home.</li> <li>• All public gatherings of more than 100 people are banned and schools closed.</li> <li>• 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.</li> <li>• On April 9, the government extended the mandatory confinement period beyond April 15.</li> <li>• Authorities have closed beaches and coastal paths until April 15.</li> <li>• French President Emmanuel Macron announced the extension of containment measures in Reunion from April 15 to May 11, but noted that schools will gradually reopen.</li> <li>• <b>UPDATE:</b> The government declared five new cases and a total of 300 recoveries on April 25.</li> </ul>
<p><b>RWANDA</b></p>  <p>Confirmed Cases: 191 Confirmed Deaths: 0 Recovered Cases: 92</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• All passenger flights to and from the country will be suspended for 30 days, effective March 20.</li> <li>• 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.</li> <li>• 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.</li> <li>• 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.</li> <li>• The government announced the extension of the ongoing lockdown until April 30.</li> <li>• The government announced the compulsory wearing of masks in public spaces nationwide, effective from April 20.</li> <li>• <b>UPDATE:</b> The government declared eight new cases and four recoveries on April 26.</li> </ul>
<p><b>SAO TOME &amp; PRINCIPE</b></p>  <p>Confirmed Cases: 4 Confirmed Deaths: 0</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Authorities banned all air travel on March 22.</li> <li>• 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.</li> <li>• PM Jorge Bam announced that the first four cases were detected on April 6, four travelers from Portugal who arrived on March 21.</li> </ul>



<p>Recovered Cases: 0</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>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.</li> <li><b>UPDATE:</b> The government imposed 'mandatory confinement' between the islands of Sao Tome and Principe, with residents of either territory being able to move between each region.</li> <li><b>UPDATE:</b> The authorities announced a daily curfew set to begin at 19:00 on April 24.</li> </ul>
<p><b>SENEGAL</b></p>  <p>Confirmed Cases: 671 Confirmed Deaths: 9 Recovered Cases: 283</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The government suspended international commercial flights on the night of March 20, intended to last until May 31.</li> <li>Air Senegal suspended all flights until May 17</li> <li>Port authorities have announced increased screening and health checks of those arriving in Senegal by boat from countries affected by coronavirus.</li> <li>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.</li> <li>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. The state of emergency and curfew were extended until May 4.</li> <li>The government announced that the presence of security forces will be reinforced in public spaces, and notably along beaches in Dakar.</li> <li><b>UPDATE:</b> The government made the wearing of face masks mandatory in administrative buildings, business places, and all public transport on April 19.</li> <li><b>UPDATE:</b> The government confined Thiékène and Darou Salam villages in Nioro Department following the emergence of a case on April 24.</li> <li><b>UPDATE:</b> The government announced 57 new cases and two deaths on April 26.</li> </ul>
<p><b>SEYCHELLES</b></p>  <p>Confirmed Cases: 11 Confirmed Deaths: 0 Recovered Cases: 6</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>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.</li> <li>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).</li> <li>The government will shut non-essential services and restrict movement of people from April 8 for 21 days.</li> <li>The government announced a new curfew from 19:00 to 06:00 (local time), effective April 17.</li> <li><b>UPDATE:</b> The authorities extended the ongoing restriction on outdoor movement, scheduled to last until April 30, until May 4.</li> </ul>

<p><b>SIERRA LEONE</b></p>  <p>Confirmed Cases: 93 Confirmed Deaths: 4 Recovered Cases: 10</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• All international flights have been suspended from March 21 until further notice.</li> <li>• President Julius Maadia Bio declared a 12-month state of emergency, though said that it does not constitute a lockdown.</li> <li>• The government has closed all of its land borders for 30 days effective March 27.</li> <li>• <b>UPDATE:</b> The government mandated the wearing of masks in public spaces on April 21.</li> <li>• <b>UPDATE:</b> The government confirmed 11 new cases and two deaths on April 26.</li> <li>• <b>UPDATE:</b> The government indefinitely extended the ongoing lockdown, which includes a nationwide curfew between 21:00 and 06:00 and restrictions on travel, retail, and gatherings.</li> </ul>
<p><b>SOMALIA</b></p>  <p>Confirmed Cases: 436 Confirmed Deaths: 23 Recovered Cases: 10</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The government suspended all travel in and out of the country, effective March 18.</li> <li>• 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.</li> <li>• 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</li> <li>• All land borders with Kenya and Ethiopia were closed on April 11.</li> <li>• The Turkish Hospital in Mogadishu closed after three of its staff tested positive.</li> <li>• The government imposed an overnight curfew in Mogadishu from 20:00 to 05:00 (local time) effective as of April 15, during which all business and movement will cease throughout the city apart from health and essential services.</li> <li>• The government announced 20 new cases and three deaths on April 15.</li> <li>• The Southwest State government banned all public and private transport to and from Mogadishu, effective as of April 16 until further notice. The state has further prohibited the raising of prices of commodities by traders.</li> <li>• The Jubaland State government implemented a night curfew from 18:00 to 06:00 (local time) on April 14 after the state recorded its first two virus cases in Kismayo.</li> <li>• The Puntland State government extended the night curfew for an additional two weeks on April 15.</li> <li>• The Hirshabelle State authorities banned all domestic flights in the region on April 18, apart from humanitarian and emergency flight operations, to curb the spread of the virus.</li> <li>• <b>UPDATE:</b> The government revised the daily curfew in Mogadishu to 20:00-07:00 (local time) due to Ramadan on April 22. During curfew hours all business and movement remain closed throughout the city apart from health and essential services</li> <li>• <b>UPDATE:</b> The government revised the daily curfew in Mogadishu to 19:00-05:00 (local time) due to Ramadan on April 23. During curfew hours all business and movement remain closed throughout the city apart from health and essential services.</li> <li>• <b>UPDATE:</b> Authorities also announced that restaurants are allowed to remain open between 17:00 and 19:00 while minibuses with a capacity of 20 passengers are allowed to carry only 10.</li> </ul>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>UPDATE:</b> The police services announced that due to public demand the night curfew will be pushed back to its original time from 20:00 to 05:00 (local time) on April 25.</li> <li>• <b>UPDATE:</b> The government confirmed 43 new cases and five deaths on April 26.</li> </ul>
<p><b>SOMALILAND</b></p>  <p>Confirmed Cases: 19 Confirmed Deaths: 0 Recovered Cases: 2</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The government barred incoming passengers from Europe and North America from entering the territory on March 30.</li> <li>• 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.</li> <li>• The Somaliland authorities announced that all schools would be closed and all public gatherings banned for one month, starting March 17.</li> <li>• On April 13, State President Muse Bihi Abdi announced the closure of Mosques for four weeks.</li> <li>• <b>UPDATE:</b> Authorities announced 14 new cases on April 23.</li> </ul>
<p><b>SOUTH AFRICA</b></p>  <p>Confirmed Cases: 4,564 Confirmed Deaths: 87 Recovered Cases: 1,473</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 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.</li> <li>• 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.</li> <li>• South African Airways (SAA) has suspended all international flights till May 31.</li> <li>• 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.</li> <li>• The government has suspended schools from March 18 and prohibited all gatherings of more than 100 people.</li> <li>• Parliament will be closed indefinitely and all non-essential official travel abroad has been suspended.</li> <li>• The government announced that the South African National Defence Force (SANDF) will be deployed nationwide to assist police on March 26.</li> <li>• <b>UPDATE:</b> President Cyril Ramaphosa announced the partial lifting of lockdown restrictions from May 1, and transition from Level-5 to Level-4 restrictions. He stated that Level-4 restrictions allow for some economic activity to resume under multiple and strong precautions to limit community transmission of the COVID-19 virus.</li> <li>• <b>UPDATE:</b> Businesses permitted to resume operations would have to do in a phased manner with only one-third of the workers initially allowed to return to the workplace.</li> <li>• <b>UPDATE:</b> Civilians will be allowed to exercise under strict public health conditions. There will also be a phased re-opening of educational institutions to be announced at a later date.</li> <li>• <b>UPDATE:</b> The government announced 203 new cases and one death on April 26.</li> </ul>

<p><b>SOUTH SUDAN</b></p>  <p>Confirmed Cases: 6 Confirmed Deaths: 0 Recovered Cases: 0</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The government closed all airports and land borders on March 23, with exceptions for humanitarian aid.</li> <li>• 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.</li> <li>• The government ordered the closure of all schools and universities and banned all religious and sporting events.</li> <li>• 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.</li> <li>• 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.</li> <li>• On April 13, the COVID-19 Task Force suspended interstate movement from April 15 to 29, including the suspension of domestic flights.</li> <li>• <b>UPDATE:</b> The government announced one new case on April 26.</li> </ul>
<p><b>SUDAN</b></p>  <p>Confirmed Cases: 237 Confirmed Deaths: 21 Recovered Cases: 14</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• On March 16, the government announced the closure of all airports till May 20 and border crossings except for humanitarian aid and commercial shipments of goods.</li> <li>• On March 13, the government closed its land border with Egypt.</li> <li>• On March 24, the authorities declared a partial nationwide curfew from 20:00 (local time) to 06:00.</li> <li>• The government suspended the movement of public, and private transport between states on March 26.</li> <li>• The government reinforced troop deployment along the border with Ethiopia, with military monitoring persons stranded near the border on March 29.</li> <li>• Authorities closed the Ashkeet border between Sudan and Egypt except for the movement of Sudanese exports on April 5.</li> <li>• The government banned all private and public transport between cities as of April 12 and has enacted emergency measures to enforce restrictions of movement.</li> <li>• On April 13, PM Abdalla Hamdok announced a three-week lockdown in Khartoum from April 18.</li> <li>• The government issued an urgent bill intended to criminalize attacks on health personnel, smuggling, illegal hoarding of goods or medicines on April 13.</li> <li>• The Ministry of Religious Affairs and Endowments announced the suspension of Friday prayers and all congregational services at Mosques and Churches throughout Khartoum State for a three week period on April 15.</li> <li>• <b>UPDATE:</b> The government extended the closure of all airports until May 20.</li> <li>• <b>UPDATE:</b> The Red Sea State closed state borders on April 23, El-Gezira state will block all entry to the state from April 26.</li> <li>• <b>UPDATE:</b> The authorities announced 24 new cases and five deaths on April 26.</li> </ul>

<p><b>TANZANIA</b></p>  <p>Confirmed Cases: 299 Confirmed Deaths: 10 Recovered Cases: 48</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Tanzania Civil Aviation Authority announced the suspension of all scheduled and non-scheduled international flights on April 11 until further notice. Cargo operations will continue but crew members will be required to quarantine at designated places and to cover the cost of their stay.</li> <li>• 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.</li> <li>• All passengers arriving from high-risk countries will be quarantined at their own expense at government-designated facilities.</li> <li>• On March 17, the government banned all public gatherings, closed schools, and suspended sports leagues.</li> <li>• 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.</li> <li>• The Unguja Magharib "A" District authorities announced the closure of beaches and the prohibition of gatherings on beaches on April 1.</li> <li>• The government reported one additional virus-related death on April 17.</li> <li>• The Regional Commissioner of Dar es Salaam announced that all residents will be required to wear masks as of April 20 and are expected to adhere to previous social distancing directives.</li> <li>• <b>UPDATE:</b> The government confirmed 15 cases and 37 recoveries on April 24.</li> </ul>
<p><b>TOGO</b></p>  <p>Confirmed Cases: 96 Confirmed Deaths: 6 Recovered Cases: 62</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• On March 17, the government banned the entry of any persons returning from COVID-19 affected nations, excluding Togolese citizens.</li> <li>• Authorities have imposed health screenings and isolation facilities at Lome's Gnassingbe Eyadema International Airport.</li> <li>• All cultural or sporting events are suspended, with a prohibition on public gatherings of more than 100 people.</li> <li>• The government declared a state of health emergency until July 2020 and has imposed a night curfew from 19:00 to 06:00.</li> <li>• <b>UPDATE:</b> The authorities announced two new deaths on April 26.</li> </ul>
<p><b>UGANDA</b></p>  <p>Confirmed Cases: 79 Confirmed Deaths: 0 Recovered Cases: 46</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Effective on March 22, all borders have been closed and all air travel has been banned.</li> <li>• The government announced a night-time curfew and a ban on public gatherings effective March 30. Only cargo vehicles and aircraft are permitted to travel. Those violating lockdown are liable to be charged with attempted murder.</li> <li>• 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.</li> <li>• President Yoweri Museveni ordered the immediate suspension of all public transport nationwide until further notice.</li> </ul>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The government announced the suspension of reception of refugees and asylum seekers with immediate effect for a period of 30 days on March 25.</li> <li>• The government has reduced working hours of banking institutions which will now operate from 09:00 to 15:00 on March 27.</li> <li>• The government announced relief measures for foreign nationals overstaying visas due to COVID-19 on April 3.</li> <li>• The government banned citizens from venturing outside for exercise on April 9.</li> <li>• The government announced an additional 21-day lockdown effective April 15.</li> <li>• The Kitgum District authorities announced that all cross-border truck drivers are prohibited from stopping in the territory as of April 18 as a preventative measure.</li> <li>• <b>UPDATE:</b> The government revises tentative reopening dates for educational institutions in line with the extension of the lockdown. Reopening dates remain unspecified.</li> <li>• <b>UPDATE:</b> The Lamwo and Kisoro district authorities have prohibited stopovers by long-distance truck drivers as of April 25 as a preventative measure in border regions.</li> <li>• <b>UPDATE:</b> The National COVID-19 Taskforce announced that as of April 25, all trucks entering Uganda must only have one operator and that drivers are required to stop at designated truck stops for COVID-19 testing under supervision of security forces. These regulations will be in place for four weeks, during which a relay system will go into effect where Ugandan drivers will take over cargo shipments at the border while drivers await test results.</li> <li>• <b>UPDATE:</b> The government announced four new cases on April 26.</li> </ul>
<p><b>ZAMBIA</b></p>  <p>Confirmed Cases: 88 Confirmed Deaths: 3 Recovered Cases: 42</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The government announced that international airports in Ndola, Livingstone, Mfuwe will suspend international flights until further notice from March 26.</li> <li>• From March 16, all visitors who have recently traveled to countries affected by coronavirus will have to spend 14 days in quarantine.</li> <li>• The government closed all schools and universities as of March 20.</li> <li>• The government announced widespread restrictions to close bars, casinos, and other leisure venues. Restaurants will be takeaway only.</li> <li>• President Edgar Lungu ordered the total lockdown of Kafue, Lusaka Province, for mass COVID-19 testing on April 15.</li> <li>• <b>UPDATE:</b> The government announced four new cases on April 26.</li> </ul>
<p><b>ZIMBABWE</b></p>  <p>Confirmed Cases: 31 Confirmed Deaths: 4 Recovered Cases: 2</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 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.</li> <li>• 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.</li> <li>• All schools and tertiary institutions are closed as of March 24.</li> </ul>



- The government announced a new strategy to increase active screening, including expanding the criteria for those who require compulsory testing.
- **UPDATE:** The government has cut down the quarantine period to seven days due to a lack of resources to care for the isolated for 14 days.
- **UPDATE:** Ethiopian Airways is operating a limited number of international flights from Zimbabwe as of April 24.
- **UPDATE:** The government announced three new cases on April 25.




## MIDDLE EAST

### Updated Statistics on COVID-19 for Middle East

Country	Total Cases (Inclusive of New Cases)	Identified New Cases (20/04 to 27/04)	Total Deaths (Inclusive of New Cases)	Identified New Deaths (20/04 to 27/04)	Total Recovered	Active Cases
Bahrain	2,708	935	8	1	1,218	1,482
Egypt	4,534	1,502	317	93	1,176	3,041
Jordan	447	34	7	0	337	103
Kuwait	3,288	1,373	22	15	1,012	2,254
Lebanon	710	37	24	3	145	541
Morocco	4,115	1,295	161	23	669	3,285
Oman	2,049	783	10	4	364	1,675
Qatar	11,244	5,796	10	2	1,066	10,168
Saudi Arabia	17,522	9,248	139	47	2,357	15,026
Tunisia	949	83	38	1	216	695
Turkey	110,130	27,801	2,805	915	29,140	78,185
UAE	10,349	3,568	76	35	1,978	8,295

Country	Measures
<p><b>BAHRAIN</b></p>  <p>Confirmed Cases: 2,708 Confirmed Deaths: 8 Recovered Cases: 1,218</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>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.</li> <li>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.</li> <li>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.</li> <li>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.</li> <li>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.</li> </ul>

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The Ministry of Health (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.</li> <li>• 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.</li> <li>• 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.</li> <li>• 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.</li> <li>• <b>UPDATE:</b> Bahrain's state-owned news agency reported on April 24 that all non-essential stores in Manama have been mandated to remain closed until May 7. Pharmacies, banks, bakeries, cold stores, and super markets will continue to remain open. Restaurants will continue to provide delivery services.</li> <li>• <b>UPDATE:</b> The Nationality Passports and Residence Affairs (NPRA) announced on April 23 the extension of the validity of all valid as well as expired visit visas for an additional three months. The statement indicated that no fees would be taken to correct any type of resident permits until the end of the year.</li> <li>• <b>UPDATE:</b> On April 27, the MoH reported 76 new coronavirus cases and 32 new cases of recovery from the virus. This brings the total number of confirmed cases to 2,708 and recovered cases to 1,218.</li> </ul>
<p style="text-align: center;"><b>EGYPT</b></p>  <p>Confirmed Cases: 4,534</p> <p>Confirmed Deaths: 317</p> <p>Recovered Cases: 1,176</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 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.</li> <li>• 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".</li> <li>• 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.</li> <li>• On April 16, the UK's Foreign and Commonwealth Office (FCO) announced that Air Cairo will be operating a flight from Cairo to Frankfurt on April 23. It further advised travellers</li> </ul>



that they will be responsible for making their own arrangements for onward travel to the UK.

- The US Embassy in Cairo announced on April 17 that an Air Cairo flight heading to London Heathrow will depart from Cairo on April 22 at 10:15 (local time). The SM 2105 Air Cairo flight is scheduled to arrive in Heathrow at 14:15 (local time) the same day. US-bound travelers are further advised to arrange their travel to the US separately. Those wishing to travel on this flight are advised to visit the Air Cairo website as soon as possible.
- **UPDATE:** On April 20, the UK's Foreign and Commonwealth Office (FCO) announced that Air Cairo will be operating a flight from Cairo to Frankfurt on April 26. It further advised travelers that they will be responsible for making their own arrangements for onward travel to the UK.
- **UPDATE:** The US and UK embassies in Cairo announced that AirCairo will be operating a direct commercial flight for US and UK citizens from Cairo to Paris (CDG) on April 29 at 10:00 (local time). Passengers will be responsible for making their own onward arrangements to the US and the UK and will not be admitted to France. US permanent residents or Green Card holders will not be permitted to book this flight. Bookings can be made via the AirCairo website.
- **UPDATE:** Prime Minister Dr. Mostafa Madbouly reportedly extended the ongoing nationwide night curfew until the end of Ramadan (May 23). The curfew timings for the month of Ramadan have been revised. They will now be implemented between 21:00 (local time) and 06:00 every night. Public transport will be available for citizens outside of the curfew hours. All shops and malls, except for entertainment venues, will be allowed to open on the weekends until 17:00. Restaurants will be allowed to offer takeout services until 21:00 everyday. Bakeries, pharmacies, and grocery stores continue to be completely exempt from the curfew measures. Paid leave for public sector workers has been extended by two weeks (until May 7), while government bodies will continue to function at minimum capacity. Sectors such as construction and industry will be allowed to remain operational during this period.
- **UPDATE:** The US Embassy in Cairo reported on two flights that are available to the US from Cairo directly to Washington DC (Dulles) on EgyptAir on May 1 and May 3. Both flights are flight number MS 981 and both depart Cairo at 11:00 (local time) each day and arrive at Washington DC (Dulles) at 16:50 EDT the same day. These are private commercial flights for which US citizens who wish to depart Egypt will be able to purchase tickets directly by calling the EgyptAir call centers 24 hours a day. This flight is only available to US citizens and Legal Permanent Residents (LPRs).
- **UPDATE:** On April 26, the MoH reported on 215 new coronavirus cases, ten new coronavirus-related deaths, and 62 new cases of recovery from the virus. This brings the total number of confirmed cases to 4,534, deaths to 317, and recovered cases to 1,176.

**JORDAN**



Confirmed Cases: 447  
 Confirmed Deaths: 7  
 Recovered Cases: 337

- 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.
- 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.
- On April 5, the Ministry of Health (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.
- A night curfew between 18:00 and 10:00 continues to remain in place across Jordan until further notice.
- Jordan’s official news agency reported on April 12 that ministries, official departments, public institutions, and bodies have been mandated to suspend all work from April 15 until April 30. This decision excludes vital government bodies, banks, vital private organizations, and public and private health centers.
- **UPDATE:** According to an announcement by the US Embassy in Amman on April 21, Jordanian authorities have announced an extension of the ongoing suspension of commercial flights until at least May 11. The advisory indicates that the government had previously issued a notice that commercial flights would be suspended until April 27, due to which certain airlines had sold tickets for air travel from April 28. The US Embassy advisory indicates that the extension is likely to affect all commercial flights through May 11, and result in the cancellation of any tickets purchased for travel during the period between April 28 and May 11.
- **UPDATE:** The US Embassy reported on April 23 that all Jordanian borders and airports will remain closed until after Ramadan, which is expected to conclude around May 23. This follows an April 21 advisory, which indicated that all commercial flight operations will remain suspended until May 11.
- **UPDATE:** On April 26, the MoH reported three new coronavirus cases and five new cases of recovery from the virus. This brings the total number of confirmed cases to 447 and recovered cases to 341.
- **UPDATE:** Jordan’s official news agency reported on April 27 the government’s decision to suspend operations at all ministries, public institutions, bodies, and departments from May 2 until May 23. This excludes vital government sectors and private organizations supplying essential services such as, healthcare, electricity, water, food, security, and banking services. These bodies will be allowed to employ 30 to 50 percent of the workforce, while observing government-mandated health directives. The statement indicated that public transport services will be partially resumed across the country from May 6.



**KUWAIT**



Confirmed Cases:


3,288


Confirmed Deaths: 22

Recovered Cases:


1,012

- 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.
- 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.
- 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”.
- The US Embassy in Kuwait announced on April 15 that Qatar Airways has started operating two daily outbound flights at 14:00 (local time) and 15:30 from Kuwait International airport to Doha with connections to select US cities, including Dallas, Chicago, and Washington DC, until May 30. These flights are available for US citizens and US Permanent Residents (LPRs).
- On April 15, Kuwait’s Ministry of Interior automatically extended all tourist visas and residency permits until May 31, 2020. This extension applies to individuals in Kuwait whose visitor visa expired or will expire between March 1 and May 30. No action needs to be taken for the extension to be applied.
- On April 19, the US Embassy in Kuwait indicated that Kuwait International Airport re-opened to allow airlines to operate outbound flights only. There are a limited number of Kuwait Airways special flights departing from Kuwait to London Heathrow airport on April 20 and 21, with onward flights to multiple destinations in the US. Only one-way tickets are available and passengers must book connecting flights from Heathrow Airport in order to be allowed to transit through London. The reservation can be made on [kuwaitairways.com](http://kuwaitairways.com).


	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>UPDATE:</b> On April 20, the US Embassy in Kuwait announced that the Kuwait International Airport has re-opened to allow airlines to operate outbound flights only. Between April 19 and May 30, Qatar Airways will operate only one daily outbound flight at 15:30 (local time) from Kuwait International Airport to Doha, with connections to several US destinations including Dallas, Chicago, and Washington D.C.</li> <li>• <b>UPDATE:</b> On April 21, Kuwait's Center for Government Communication announced that the authorities decided to change the timing of the ongoing nationwide curfew beginning from April 23, which coincides with the slated beginning of the Islamic month of Ramadan. The curfew will be implemented each day between 16:00 (local time) and 08:00. Delivery services from "restaurants and food centers" are permitted between 17:00 and 13:00 of the following day.</li> <li>• <b>UPDATE:</b> On April 21, the authorities extended an ongoing suspension of work in all ministries, government agencies, bodies and institutes until May 28. They are slated to resume work on May 31.</li> <li>• <b>UPDATE:</b> On April 27, the MoH reported 213 new coronavirus cases, two coronavirus-related deaths, and 206 cases of recovery from the virus. This brings the total number of confirmed cases to 3,288, deaths to 22, and recovered cases to 1,012.</li> </ul>
<p><b>LEBANON</b></p>  <p>Confirmed Cases: 710 Confirmed Deaths: 24 Recovered Cases: 145</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 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 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.</li> <li>• 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.</li> <li>• 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).</li> <li>• 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.</li> <li>• 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.</li> </ul>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>UPDATE:</b> On April 19, according to Lebanon’s news official agency, the authorities decided to revise the times of the ongoing nationwide night curfew, introduced on March 26. From now until further notice, it will be implemented each day between 20:00 (local time) and 05:00.</li> <li>• <b>UPDATE:</b> The official news agency reported on April 24 the government’s decision to extend the ongoing national emergency until May 10. The measure was previously slated to end on April 26, having been extended from the April 12 deadline. A daily curfew will be observed between 21:00 (local time) and 05:00 during this period. This measure excludes 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.</li> <li>• <b>UPDATE:</b> The UK’s FCO reported on April 25 that there are a limited number of seats available on a commercial flight (ME203) operated by Middle East Airlines (MEA) from Beirut to London on April 30, May 4, and May 8, all at 13:25 (local time). Only British nationals and their direct dependents can board the aforementioned flights. Those wishing to return to the UK can directly book tickets on <a href="http://www.mea.com.lb">www.mea.com.lb</a>. or via telephone on +961 1 629 999.</li> <li>• <b>UPDATE:</b> On April 27, Lebanon reported three new coronavirus cases. This brings the total number of confirmed cases to 710.</li> </ul>
<p><b>MOROCCO</b></p>  <p>Confirmed Cases: 4,115</p> <p>Confirmed Deaths: 161</p> <p>Recovered Cases: 669</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 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.</li> <li>• 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.</li> <li>• The MoI reportedly issued a statement on April 7 indicating that all individuals leaving their places of residence are required to wear a mask.</li> <li>• On April 18, the Moroccan Ministry of Interior (MoI) announced an extension of an ongoing “state of health emergency until May 20. The ongoing measures have been in place since March 20, and were slated to expire on April 20. These stipulate that 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.</li> <li>• <b>UPDATE:</b> The US Embassy in Morocco announced an evacuation flight from Casablanca’s Mohammed V. International Airport (CMN) to London’s Heathrow Airport (LHR) at 16:00 (local time) on May 1. Passengers will be responsible for booking their own onward travel arrangements from London, including hotels and onward flights to the US or another</li> </ul>

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	<p>destination. Passengers wishing to return to the US will likely need to book a hotel in London on May 1 and a flight to the US on May 2. The price of any hotel and onward flight(s) is not included in the cost of this flight. The flight will be available only to US citizens and to Lawful Permanent Residents (LPRs) on a space available basis. LPRs must have a valid Green Card. To initiate booking for the evacuation flight, US citizens and Lawful Permanent Residents must email the following information for each passenger to ACSCasablanca@state.gov: Full name (as shown in passport); U.S. Passport Number; Or, U.S. Green Card Number AND Passport Number; Date of Birth; Gender; Email; Telephone number(s); and Location in Morocco.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>UPDATE:</b> According to the Moroccan news agency, the government has announced a nationwide night curfew for the holy month of Ramadan, starting from April 25 until May 25. The curfew will be implemented every night between 19:00 (local time) and 05:00. Any form of public gatherings or travel are banned during curfew. Individuals working in vital sectors, such as food and medical sectors, are exempt from the measure. All public and private sector work is also banned during the curfew, except through a special license issued by the local authorities.</li> <li>• <b>UPDATE:</b> On April 27, the MoH reported 50 new coronavirus cases, one coronavirus-related death, and 76 cases of recovery from the virus. This brings the total number of confirmed cases to 4,115, deaths to 161, and recovered cases to 669.</li> </ul>
<p><b>OMAN</b></p>  <p>Confirmed Cases: 2,049 Confirmed Deaths: 10 Recovered Cases: 364</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 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.</li> <li>• 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.</li> <li>• On March 22, the Ministry of Health (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.</li> <li>• 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.</li> <li>• 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.</li> <li>• 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.</li> </ul>



	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 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.</li> <li>• <b>UPDATE:</b> On April 20, the government announced an extension of the ongoing lockdown on Muscat Governorate until 10:00 (local time) on May 8. Movement in and out of the governorate will be banned during this period. The lockdown was initially imposed on April 10 and was slated to last until April 22.</li> <li>• <b>UPDATE:</b> On April 27, the MoH reported 51 new coronavirus cases and 31 new cases of recovery from the virus. This brings the total number of confirmed cases to 2,049 and recovered cases to 364.</li> </ul>
<p><b>QATAR</b></p>  <p>Confirmed Cases: 11,244 Confirmed Deaths: 10 Recovered Cases: 1,066</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 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.</li> <li>• 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.</li> <li>• 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.</li> <li>• The UK’s Foreign and Commonwealth Office (FCO) announced that British nationals currently in Qatar on on-arrival visas will be able to extend their visa entries twice, by 30 days on each occasion. Overstaying the 90-days period in Qatar will result in fines.</li> <li>• <b>UPDATE:</b> On April 20, The Ministry of Interior (MoI) announced that all visitors in Qatar on tourist visas (on-arrival and in-advance) can stay in the country without extending their visas or paying any fee, taking into account their inability to return to their home countries due to the closure of airports. Once conditions have returned to normal and flight operations are resumed, such individuals will be granted a grace period to return to their home countries.</li> <li>• <b>UPDATE:</b> On April 27, the MoPH reported 957 new coronavirus cases and 54 cases of recovery from the virus. This brings the total number of confirmed cases to 11,244 and recovered cases to 1,066.</li> </ul>



### SAUDI ARABIA




Confirmed Cases:  
17,522


Confirmed Deaths:  
139

Recovered Cases:  
2,357

- 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, South Korea, Turkey, Pakistan, India, Switzerland, Sri Lanka, Kenya, Ethiopia, Sudan, Eritrea, Philippines, Somalia, Djibouti, and South Sudan.
- 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.
- 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, Medina Tabuk, Dammam, Dhahran, Hofuf, the provinces of Jeddah, Qatif, Taif, and Khobar, and al-Ahsa Governorate's Faisaliah and Fadhliyah districts, 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.
- Per April 13 reports, Saudi Arabia's Ministry of Islamic Affairs announced that the suspension of prayers at mosques would remain in force during the upcoming Ramadan month.
- **UPDATE:** On April 18, the Ministry of Interior (MoI) announced that the authorities adopted a unified model to issue special travel and working permits for individuals who will be considered exempt from the travel restrictions.
- **UPDATE:** On April 21, Saudi Arabia's official news agency reported that the authorities decided to change the ongoing nationwide curfew times during the month of Ramadan, which is slated to be observed from April 23 until May 23. The curfew had been enforced daily between 15:00 (local time) until 06:00. The curfew will be henceforth implemented from 17:00 until 09:00, with the exemption of the cities of Riyadh, Mecca, Medina Tabuk, Dammam, Dhahran, Hofuf, and the provinces of Jeddah, Qatif, Taif, and Khobar, which are

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	<p>under 24-hour lockdown. Residents of these locales will be permitted to leave their homes between 09:00 and 17:00 for essential purposes, such as grocery shopping and health care, and within their respective neighborhoods only. Traveling in a private vehicle is limited to the driver and an additional passenger only.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>UPDATE:</b> On April 26, Saudi Arabia’s official news agency reported that the authorities announced the partial easing of the ongoing nationwide curfew from April 26 to May 13. During this period, the curfew will be lifted daily from 09:00 (local time) until 17:00, with the exemption of Mecca, which will remain under 24-hour lockdown. Furthermore, some businesses are permitted to resume operations from April 29 until May 13; this includes wholesale and retail trade stores, as well as malls. Contracting companies and factories are allowed to resume activities without time restrictions. Restaurants, gyms, beauty salons, cinemas, and cafes will remain closed. Social distancing measures must be observed at all times and social gatherings of more than five people, including weddings and condolence ceremonies, remain prohibited.</li> <li>• <b>UPDATE:</b> According to the US Embassy in Saudi Arabia, Saudia Airlines has announced that a flight will depart on April 26 from Jeddah’s King Abdulaziz International Airport (JED) at 10:30 (local time). It will arrive at Washington-Dulles International Airport (IAD) at 16:50 (local time) on April 26. Tickets will be available to US citizens, lawful permanent residents (LPRs), and foreign nationals. Those interested can book tickets by visiting the Saudi website or by contacting its call center.</li> <li>• <b>UPDATE:</b> On April 26, the MoH reported 1,223 new coronavirus cases, three new coronavirus-related deaths, and 142 new cases of recovery from the virus. This brings the total number of confirmed cases to 17,522, deaths to 139, and recovered cases to 2,357.</li> </ul>
<p><b>TUNISIA</b></p>  <p>Confirmed Cases: 949 Confirmed Deaths: 38 Recovered Cases: 216</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• On March 13, the Tunisian government decided to close the country’s maritime borders until further notice.</li> <li>• On 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.</li> <li>• 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.</li> <li>• 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.</li> <li>• The state news agency announced the opening of daily municipal markets every day 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.</li> <li>• <b>UPDATE:</b> According to the state news agency, Prime Minister Elyes Fakhfakh announced on April 19 that the timings of the overnight curfew, which has been in place since March</li> </ul>

	<p>18, will be revised for the month of Ramadan. The night curfew during this period will be implemented between 20:00 (local time) and 06:00. In Tunisia, Ramadan will be celebrated from April 23 to May 23.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>UPDATE:</b> The government also stated that the general lockdown, which has been in place since March 22, will be effective until May 3. 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 nonessential movement, except for healthcare or purchase of basic commodities. The measure will reportedly be alleviated from May 4 onwards, by opting for targeted confinement. Targeted confinement will be based on three main considerations: extent of the spread of the virus in different regions; different age groups and the health situation; the strategic nature of sectors such as food, health products, textiles, automotive components, infrastructure, and professions.</li> <li>• <b>UPDATE:</b> On April 27, the Minister of Health (MoH) reported ten new coronavirus cases and nine new cases of recovery from the virus. This brings the total of confirmed cases to 949 and recovered cases to 216.</li> </ul>
<p><b>TURKEY</b></p>  <p>Confirmed Cases: 110,130 Confirmed Deaths: 2,805 Recovered Cases: 29,140</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The Turkish government closed its land border with Iran as well as the Dilucu land border crossing with Azerbaijan.</li> <li>• 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.</li> <li>• Authorities reportedly closed down Uzumlu custom gate in Hakkari's Cukurca District on March 1.</li> <li>• 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.</li> <li>• 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.</li> <li>• 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.</li> </ul>



- 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.
- 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.
- 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.
- 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.
- 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.
- According to Turkey's official news agency, on April 14, Turkey's national flag carrier, Turkish Airlines, announced an extension of the suspension of all international flights

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until May 20. The suspension was earlier slated to last until May 1. The company further announced the suspension of all domestic flights until May 1.

- According to the UK's Foreign and Commonwealth Office (FCO) statement from April 19, Pegasus Airlines will be operating a flight from Izmir to London Stansted, via Dalaman, on April 28,
- On April 19, the US Embassy in Ankara reported that Turkish Airlines has announced three direct flights to the U.S. departing next week to Los Angeles, New York, and Washington D.C.
- **UPDATE:** On April 18, the Turkish MoI announced the extension of ongoing restrictions on the entry and exit into and from 31 provinces by "land, air and sea" until May 3 at 23:59 (local time). This affects the capital Ankara, as well as the provinces of Adana, 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. This measure was initially announced on April 3, and meant to last until April 19. As determined in the original April 3 provisions, only vehicles supplying essential goods, such as food, medicines, cleaning supplies, freight, and logistics, will be allowed to enter and exit the aforementioned provinces.
- **UPDATE:** On April 21, the government announced that a four-day lockdown on 31 cities, including Ankara, Istanbul, and Izmir, will be implemented from 00:01 (local time) on April 23 until 23:59 on April 26. The following cities will be included: 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. Bakeries, hospitals, pharmacies, and workplaces producing health products and medical supplies will continue to operate during this period. Furthermore, the working hours of markets and grocery stores will be extended to between 08:00 and 23:00 on April 21 and April 22 in preparation for Ramadan. On April 23 and April 24, residents will be allowed to visit their nearest markets and grocery stores only between 09:00 and 14:00. Markets and grocery stores will be closed on April 25 and April 26.
- **UPDATE:** The UK's FCO reported on April 24 that Pegasus Airlines will be operating a commercial flight from Izmir to London's Stansted International Airport via Dalaman on April 28 and from Antalya to Manchester via Dalaman on May 5. Tickets can be directly booked on the Pegasus Airlines website. All normal airline policies on baggage allowances will apply.
- **UPDATE:** Turkey's national air flag carrier, Turkish Airlines, announced that the Istanbul Airport Taxi Coop (Phone: +90 850 780 7734 or +90 533 315 7133) and the HAVAIST bus service are providing local transit to the Istanbul International Airport during the curfew. Travelers must arrive at the airport at least four hours before their scheduled flight time, and should review all information on the Turkish Airlines website.
- **UPDATE:** On April 27, Turkey reported 2,357 new coronavirus cases, 99 new coronavirus-related deaths, and 3,558 new cases of recovery from the virus. This brings the total number of confirmed cases to 110,130, deaths to 2,805 and recovered cases to 29,140.

**UAE**


Confirmed Cases:  
10,349

Confirmed Deaths: 76

Recovered Cases:  
1,978

- 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 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 night 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.
- According to the UK’s Foreign & Commonwealth Office (FCO), the UAE announced on April 13 that all visas and entry permits that have expired after March 1 will now be valid until the end of December 2020. This includes visit visas, residency visas, and ID cards. For residents, the extension applies to those both inside and outside the UAE. For visitors, it applies only to those who are still in the UAE.
- On April 17, authorities announced the extension of the lockdown in the emirate of Dubai for a one-week period until April 25 on account of the ongoing nationwide sterilization program to mitigate the spread of the coronavirus. The measure initially came into effect on April 4, and was imposed for a two-week period. All individuals are required to obtain a permit from the relevant authorities to leave their residences, including for buying essential supplies, and health requirements. Only individuals working in vital sectors are exempted from the restrictions, in accordance with previous directives.
- **UPDATE:** On April 21, the official Emirati news agency reported 490 new coronavirus cases, three coronavirus-related deaths, and 83 cases of recovery from the virus. This brings the total number of confirmed cases to 7,755, deaths to 46, and recovered cases to 1,443.
- **UPDATE:** UAE’s official news agency on April 23 reported that UAE’s national flag air carrier Emirates Airlines will operate flights to various destinations next week. These include flights from Dubai to Frankfurt on April 25 and 27, to Jakarta on April 29, to

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Johannesburg on April 26, to Lagos on April 25, to Heathrow Airport in London on April 26, to Madrid on April 24, 28, and 30, to Manila on April 29, and to Tunisia on April 24, 28, and 30. Those wishing to travel to Johannesburg, Lagos, and Tunisia must contact the diplomatic institutions of their countries in the UAE. For individuals wishing to travel to the other destinations, tickets can be directly booked on the airlines' website. Passengers are required to reach Terminal 3 of the Dubai International Airport three hours prior to the departure time.


- **UPDATE:** According to the state news agency, the government has revised nationwide curfew timings from April 24 for Ramadan, slated to end on May 23-24. The revised timings are between 22:00 (local time) and 06:00.
- **UPDATE:** In Dubai, the complete lockdown will be partially lifted from April 24, with residents allowed to leave homes without a permit from 06:00 to 22:00, while wearing masks, subject to fines, and following social distancing measures. Public transport services, including Dubai metro services, will be resumed from April 26. Only two passengers will be allowed in one taxi. Water transport, tram, limousine, and car-sharing services will continue to be suspended. Restaurants, cafes, retail, wholesale sectors, and maintenance shops will be allowed to operate at a maximum capacity of 30 percent while maintaining social distancing measures. Hotels will also be allowed to operate. However, swimming pools, gyms, sauna and massage parlors will remain closed. A maximum of 30 percent of the workforce of all organizations are allowed to work from offices. Meetings may only be held at the office with a maximum attendance of five individuals.
- **UPDATE:** Working hours for private sector employees will be reduced by two hours during the month of Ramadan. Public sector hours will also be reduced, from 09:00 to 14:00.
- **UPDATE:** Reports indicate that the UAE's national air carries, Etihad Airways, will resume passenger flights from May 16 on a limited basis. Flights to and from several destinations are now open for booking online. All offers are currently on Flex, offering a free date change and cancellation policy.
- **UPDATE:** Etihad reportedly also announced repatriation flights until May 15 to several places. These include: to Amsterdam on April 27, April 29, May 2, May 9, May 9, and May 13; to Barcelona on April 30, May 7, May 10, May 14; to Brussels on Fridays and Sundays from until May 15; to Frankfurt on May 3 and May 10; to London Heathrow on April 29, April 30, May 3, May 6, May 9, and May 13; to Zurich on Fridays and Sundays until May 15.
- **UPDATE:** On April 26, reports citing the Ministry of Health and Prevention (MoHAP) indicated that 536 new coronavirus cases, five deaths, and 91 cases of recovery from the coronavirus were recorded in the UAE. This brings the total number of confirmed cases to 10,349, the death toll to 76, and recovered cases to 1,978.
- **UPDATE:** The Dubai authorities lifted a complete curfew in al-Ras and Naif areas on April 26. A night curfew from 22:00-06:00 will remain in place as with the rest of the emirate.




# ASIA

## Updated Statistics on COVID-19 for Asia

Country	Total Cases (Inclusive of New Cases)	Identified New Cases (20/04 to 27/04)	Total Deaths (Inclusive of New Cases)	Identified New Deaths (20/04 to 27/04)	Total Recovered	Active Cases
Bangladesh	<b>5,913</b>	3,457	<b>152</b>	61	<b>121</b>	5,640
India	<b>27,977</b>	11,612	<b>884</b>	363	<b>6,523</b>	20,570
Pakistan	<b>13,441</b>	5,448	<b>281</b>	122	<b>3,029</b>	10,131
Sri Lanka	<b>567</b>	311	<b>7</b>	0	<b>126</b>	434

Country	Measures
<p><b>BANGLADESH</b></p>  <p>Confirmed Cases: 5,913 Confirmed Deaths: 152 Recovered Cases: 121</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>From March 23 until further notice, authorities barred the entry of all foreigners from its land borders.</li> <li>Authorities extended the ban on passenger flights to April 30 for Bahrain, Bhutan, Hong Kong, India, Kuwait, Malaysia, the Maldives, Oman, Qatar, Saudi Arabia, Sri Lanka, Singapore, Thailand, Turkey, the UAE, and the UK.</li> </ul> <p><b>District Updates</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>All entry and exit, except for those involved in providing emergency services, in Chittagong was stopped as of April 7.</li> <li>Authorities in Bangladesh restricted movement in 12 additional neighborhoods of Dhaka, Gazipur City, Narayanganj, and Barisal City.</li> <li>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.</li> <li>Lockdowns are in effect for Bazar, Barisal, Chandpur, Comilla, Gaibandha, Gopalganj, Jamalpur, Mymensingh, Naokhali, Netrokona, Nilphamari, Pirojpur, Rajshahi, Rangpur, Shariatpur, Sunamganj, and until further notice.</li> <li>Partial lockdowns are in place in parts of Kurigram and Noakhali.</li> <li><b>UPDATE:</b> Seven villages in Brahmanbaria District were locked down on April 19 following a cleric's funeral that was attended by thousands of individuals, while Manikganj and Patuakhali districts were locked down as well.</li> <li><b>UPDATE:</b> In Bangladesh, COVID-19 has impacted at least 50 districts across the country, per April 20 reports, with the highest number of cases recorded in Gazipur.</li> <li><b>UPDATE:</b> Bogra district was placed under lockdown on April 21 while retail activities at Karwan Bazar in Dhaka were stopped.</li> </ul>

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>UPDATE:</b> Bangladesh will likely extend the nationwide shutdown of offices and workplaces until May 5, per April 22 reports.</li> <li>• <b>UPDATE:</b> Meanwhile, authorities banned Iftar gatherings, which are held to break the daily fast during the month of Ramadan.</li> <li>• <b>UPDATE:</b> With 503 new cases reported on April 24, Bangladesh witnessed its steepest single-day increase in cases of COVID-19.</li> <li>• <b>UPDATE:</b> According to April 27 reports, all educational institutions will remain closed until September. Meanwhile, authorities extended the ban on flight operations from various countries until May 7.</li> </ul>
<p><b>INDIA</b></p>  <p>Confirmed Cases: 27,977</p> <p>Confirmed Deaths: 884</p> <p>Recovered Cases: 6,523</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 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. Per reports on April 18, Air India will resume bookings for domestic flights on May 4 and international flights from June 1.</li> <li>• Reports indicate that visas will be extended until April 30 through an online application for foreign nationals who have been stranded in the country.</li> <li>• Prime Minister Narendra Modi announced the extension of the ongoing nationwide lockdown to prevent the spread of COVID-19 until May 3.</li> <li>• According to India's Ministry of Home Affairs' April 15 notification, all agricultural and horticultural activities will remain fully functional during the extended lockdown period until May 3 while all educational institutions, shopping complexes, theaters, and sports facilities will remain closed. Domestic and international air travel, rail, and public transport services will remain prohibited across the nation.</li> <li>• On April 14, IndiGo announced that it will resume domestic operations in a limited capacity from May 4.</li> <li>• Starting April 20, some sectors, including agricultural, horticultural, fishing as well as the financial, social, and public utilities will be permitted to return to full capacity. This list is not applicable to areas declared "containment zones," which include Delhi, parts of Kolkata, Bangalore, Mumbai, Chennai, and Hyderabad as of April 19.</li> <li>• On April 19, the Indian government issued guidelines for the movement of migrant workers across districts in order to take up employment in reopened industries; inter-state movement is prohibited until May 3.</li> <li>• <b>UPDATE:</b> India's Health Ministry reported on April 20 that the time for coronavirus infections to double in the country stands at 7.5 days, up from 3.4 days prior to the nationwide lockdown.</li> <li>• <b>UPDATE:</b> Following clashes in Chennai against medical personnel, the Indian Medical Association released a statement seeking a law to protect health workers. \</li> <li>• <b>UPDATE:</b> On April 24, the Ministry of Home Affairs permitted the reopening of all shops registered under the Shops and Establishments Act, except for those in shopping malls, with 50 percent workforce as well as the mandatory use of masks and social distancing</li> </ul>




norms. The exemption does not apply to establishments in COVID-19 hotspots. The sale of liquor and other non-essential items continues to be prohibited.

- **UPDATE:** On April 26, Prime Minister Narendra Modi urged citizens to comply with the nationwide lockdown and social distancing measures. The following day, he stated that the nationwide lockdown may continue in areas that remain to be considered high-risk.

#### ***State/City updates***

- Wearing masks when outdoors was made compulsory on April 8 in Mumbai, Delhi, and Uttar Pradesh.
- The West Bengal state government made it mandatory to wear masks in public places starting April 12.
- Section 144 of the Code of Criminal Procedure, prohibiting the assembly of more than four individuals, has been imposed in Bangalore.
- Per April 15 reports, 170 districts across the country have been listed as COVID-19 hotspots. In Kerala, authorities allowed inter-state travel for individuals with special permission. Meanwhile, starting April 20, states are permitted to ease specific restrictions.
- A curfew was imposed in Gujarat's Surat city from 00:00 (local time) on April 17 until April 22.
- On April 18, authorities announced that government offices in Goa will reopen beginning April 20 with restricted staff.
- Chandigarh city has been declared a containment zone on April 19.
- Authorities also noted that the sale of non-essential goods via e-commerce remains prohibited.
- In the Greater Area of Hyderabad, in the state of Telangana, as of April 19, there are 146 containment areas identified in the city.
- In Mumbai, in the state of Maharashtra, there are 452 such areas.
- In Kolkata, multiple areas in the north and in the center of the city were sealed to access.
- **UPDATE:** Pune has been declared a containment area until April 27.
- **UPDATE** Delhi's containment zones reached 79 on April 20. Restrictions are unlikely to be relaxed before May 3.
- **UPDATE:** Authorities in Karnataka announced that the lockdown restrictions would continue until May 3, while some industrial sectors will open, with specifics to be released over the coming days.
- **UPDATE:** On April 21, authorities in Delhi sealed the territory's borders with Noida and Ghaziabad while movement of individuals and vehicles involved in providing essential services will be permitted.
- **UPDATE:** The Maharashtra government revoked lockdown relaxations for Mumbai and Pune, and urged the central government to operate special trains for transporting migrant workers to their native places.

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>UPDATE:</b> Authorities announced on April 21 that all offices and establishments will remain closed in and around the Howrah Municipal Corporation area.</li> <li>• <b>UPDATE:</b> Five more containment zones were created in Delhi on April 23, bringing the city's total number of such areas to 92. The number of containment zones in Haryana's Gurgaon District were increased to 24.</li> <li>• <b>UPDATE:</b> Per April 24 reports, private hospitals in West Bengal which have been requisitioned by the government for the treatment of the novel coronavirus (COVID-19) will be providing free treatment to patients.</li> <li>• <b>UPDATE:</b> The Karnataka government has partially relaxed COVID-19 lockdown norms and allowed IT and IT-enabled services to operate with essential minimum staff.</li> <li>• <b>UPDATE:</b> Per April 24 reports, the Tamil Nadu Chief Minister announced the total lockdown of Chennai, Coimbatore and Madurai from April 26 until April 29. He also announced the lockdown of Salem and Tirupur from April 26 until April 28. Only essential services will be allowed.</li> <li>• <b>UPDATE:</b> The Indian state of Goa made the use of masks compulsory when outdoors while the central government approved the pool testing and plasma therapy strategies for treating COVID-19 patients in Maharashtra.</li> <li>• <b>UPDATE:</b> Assam authorities extended traveling between districts to April 30.</li> <li>• <b>UPDATE:</b> Per April 25 reports, authorities in Delhi decided to reopen residential and stand-alone shops outside of the containment zones.</li> </ul>
<p><b>PAKISTAN</b></p>  <p>Confirmed Cases: 13,441 Confirmed Deaths: 281 Recovered Cases: 3,029</p>	<p><b><i>Nationwide/general measures</i></b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Pakistan railways extended their suspension of services until April 24.</li> <li>• The authorities extended closures at the Kartarpur Corridor and Wagah border for two more weeks, per April 14 reports.</li> <li>• On April 14, Pakistan extended its nationwide lockdown until April 30.</li> <li>• On the same day, the government announced the resumption of business activities of "low-risk" industries like construction, agriculture, e-commerce, and paper and packaging during the extended lockdown.</li> <li>• On April 18, the Civil Aviation Authority extended the suspension of all domestic and international flights to April 30.</li> <li>• Commercial airlines will be allowed to bring citizens home from countries where PIA wasn't allowed to previously operate, per April 18 reports.</li> <li>• Per April 19 reports, the government announced that all mosques will remain open for Taraweeh prayers in Ramadan and urged individuals to take preventive measures.</li> <li>• <b>UPDATE:</b> Per April 19 reports, a new health policy has been implemented by the Pakistan Civil Aviation Authority (PCAA). All passengers traveling between April 18-30 have to submit a health form. Authorities may compel passengers to quarantine, while false information will be penalized. The PCAA also allowed Sri Lanka and South Africa to initiate repatriation flights, per April 20 reports.</li> </ul>



- **UPDATE:** On April 24, Pakistan extended its nationwide lockdown until May 9. However, some industries will be allowed to open under safety guidelines. Prayer congregations for Ramadan will nonetheless continue to be allowed, except in the Sindh Province, where most mosques remain closed as of writing.
- **UPDATE:** Per April 26 reports, Pakistan's Civil Aviation Authority extended the suspension on international flights to May 15.

#### ***Sindh (including Karachi)***

- Authorities announced that gatherings of four or more people will not be allowed, including within vehicles, starting March 20.
- Daily congregations and Friday prayers at mosques have reportedly been banned as of March 27.
- 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.
- Per April 18 reports, the Karachi Commissioner mandated wearing face masks in public.
- According to April 19 reports, the Sindh government will seal off Karachi until the incubation period of the virus is over.
- **UPDATE:** A ban has been issued on motorcycle riding in Sindh province, without any exceptions, per April 20 reports.
- **UPDATE:** The Civil Aviation Authority residential colony has been reopened after being quarantined for the past 14 days, per April 20 reports.
- **UPDATE:** After 15 policemen tested positive for COVID-19 in Karachi, the authorities will begin testing all officers and their family members, per April 20 reports.
- **UPDATE:** Per April 24 reports, Ramadan prayers will be held in Sindh for limited numbers, while authorities declared that taraweeh prayers and Friday prayers by the community at large must be held at people's homes.
- **UPDATE:** Six traders were sent to jail by a city court in Sindh Province for opening shops during the COVID-19 lockdown on April 23.
- **UPDATE:** Authorities finalized on April 25 their new guidelines, to be implemented during the month of Ramadan. Online businesses and food delivery are allowed to operate until 17:00 (local time). Shopping centers will remain closed. Only three to five individuals will be allowed to participate in prayers at mosques at a time. Congregations at marriage halls and other open places remain banned.

#### ***Islamabad & Rawalpindi***

- As of March 23, all activities in mosques in Islamabad are banned under Section 144.
- Parts of Sadiqabad, Dhoke Kashmirian, and B Block of Satellite Town in Rawalpindi have been closed to public access.
- While authorities lifted 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.
- **UPDATE:** Per April 24 reports, authorities in Islamabad have announced that mosques violating virus prevention measures can be forcibly sealed.



***Punjab (including Lahore)***

- 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.
- 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.
- The provincial government announced on April 17 that it will conduct random testing across the province, while stating its daily testing capacity now stood at 4,200 tests.

***Other provincewide measures***

- 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.
- The partial lockdown in Khyber Pakhtunkhwa Province was extended until April 30.
- From April 18, it is mandatory to wear masks in public in Balochistan.
- **UPDATE:** Authorities extended the lockdown in Pakistan-administered Kashmir until April 24.
- **UPDATE:** Per April 23 reports, the Azad Jammu and Kashmir (AJK) territory has eased lockdown restrictions for five days barring Tuesday and Friday. All shops have been permitted to remain open from 08:00-16:00. Restaurants have also been permitted to remain open from 16:00 for the Ramadan period, but only to fulfil takeout orders.

**SRI LANKA**



Confirmed Cases: 567  
 Confirmed Deaths: 7  
 Recovered Cases: 126

- 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.
- 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.
- 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.
- As of April 5, authorities extended the ban on incoming flights until further notice.
- 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.
- On April 13, authorities announced that the declared work from home period would be extended to April 20 for both private and public sectors. Schools will commence on May 11.
- **UPDATE:** The government has decided to ease curfew restrictions beginning April 20. Restrictions in 18 districts will be eased daily from 05:00 until 20:00 (local time). Measures in place in Colombo, Gampaha, Kulatara, Puttalam, Kandy, Kegalle and Ampara will remain unchanged.
- **UPDATE:** Sri Lanka's Election Commission has postponed parliamentary elections until June 20.
- **UPDATE:** Per April 22 reports, the Indian army is preparing to send a team to Sri Lanka in order to help boost capabilities in the face of the virus outbreak.
- **UPDATE:** Per April 23 reports, private hospitals to be involved in PCR testing.
- **UPDATE:** The presidential task force decided on April 23 to permit around 250,000 individuals currently in Western Province to leave for their hometowns in other provinces.
- **UPDATE:** Authorities extended the nationwide curfew until April 27, following widespread defiance of social distancing rules in districts where restrictions were recently eased. Interprovincial movement remains prohibited. However, clinics and surgeries in government hospitals are allowed to resume.
- **UPDATE:** Sri Lankan Airlines prolonged the temporary suspension of its flights until May 15.
- **UPDATE:** Meanwhile, the army has conducted random temperature checks in Colombo since April 24.
- **UPDATE:** Authorities also announced that the transit time at the Bandaranaike International Airport is limited to a maximum of 12 hours.
- **UPDATE:** Per April 26 reports, the authorities arrested 1,211 individuals for violating the curfew in the previous 24 hours.
- **UPDATE:** Authorities revoked a previous order lifting nationwide restrictions and instead extended them to May 4.



- **UPDATE:** A curfew was reimposed in Sri Lanka for April 27 to facilitate the return of security personnel to their respective bases after leave was canceled following a spike in cases in the navy. Meanwhile, the overnight curfew has been extended in Colombo, Gampaha, Kalutara, and Puttalam until May 4, and the rest of the country until May 1, with relaxed rules regarding the functioning of the private and public sectors.

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