

CORONAVIRUS: DESTINATION RESTRICTIONS

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Countries around the globe have imposed various travel and in-country restrictions in an attempt to halt the spread of coronavirus. Many have essentially closed their borders except to citizens returning home and enforced controls on everyday life. Naturally, this poses obstacles when relocating employees; and as a relocation company, we have a duty to understand the current restrictions taking place. In the table below, we have provided travel and in-country restrictions for the top 10 countries by total move activity in 2019.

Additional resources for more locations can be found below the table.

COUNTRY	CURRENT SITUATION
1. United States	<p>Travel Restrictions: The U.S. has imposed travel restrictions into the country until December 31st. Only essential travel is permitted across the U.S.-Mexico and U.S.-Canada Land borders until at least December 21. There is no medical certificate or test requirement to enter the United States.</p> <p>In-Country Restrictions: Advice and restrictions differ by state. Some states have reinstated certain measures to prevent more waves of the virus. Most states are still advising to social distance. Citizens throughout the united states are still being encouraged to follow the below advice:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • To avoid large gatherings • Wear face coverings in public • Keep a physical distance from people • If anyone in a household tests positive for the virus, everyone who lives there should stay home <p>Time Limit: Entry to the United States is restricted until December 31.</p>
2. United Kingdom	<p>Travel Restrictions: There are no travel restrictions. Quarantine regulations have been implemented, requiring arrivals to British to stay at home for 14 days. Excluding countries listed here.</p> <p>In-Country Restrictions: Restrictions differ slightly depending on whether you are in Wales, Northern Irelands, Scotland or England. In England, they have implemented a tier system with the majority of regions in tier 2. General restrictions include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Citizens are required to keep a distance of 1 meter • Face coverings are mandatory within all indoor public spaces • Citizens are being encouraged to use the NHS track and trace app <p>Schools, universities, non-essential shops and gyms are open in all tiers.</p>
3. India	<p>Travel Restrictions: The Government of India has suspended international flights arriving and departing from India until December 31. However, domestic travel has been allowed to resume. All arrivals are required to quarantine for 14 days (7 days in a government facility and 7 days at home). In some areas, COVID tests are required upon arrival and all travelers are required to download their tracing app, Aarogya Setu app.</p>

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	<p>In-Country Restrictions: Specific restrictions vary depending on the City/area. However, the following restrictions remain consistent throughout India:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • People are still being encouraged to stay at home and social distancing is still required if they are to leave the house • It is now mandatory to wear a mask in public spaces • Large gatherings are still restricted
<p>4. Switzerland</p>	<p>Travel Restrictions: The Swiss have eased certain entry restrictions. The majority of non-EU nationals are still banned from entering Switzerland. There are no test or quarantine requirements.</p> <p>In-Country Restrictions: The following restrictions have been implemented:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Restaurants, bars, shops, markets, museums, libraries, and gyms must close between 7pm - 6am • Citizens are required to keep a distance of 1.5 meters • Face coverings are mandatory within all indoor public places • Gatherings of more than 15 people in public places are banned • Citizens may be asked to leave contact details when visiting bars and restaurants • Eating and drinking within restaurants is table service only
<p>5. Canada</p>	<p>Travel Restrictions: Entering Canada for non-essential purposes, such as tourism, has been banned until December 21 for those entering from the U.S., and until January 21 for all other countries. From 20 April, non-medical facemasks or face coverings are required for all flights to and from Canadian airports. All arrivals into Canada are required to stay at home for 14 days.</p> <p>In-Country Restrictions: Each province and territory has its own measures to prevent the spread of the virus, however general restrictions include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Keep a distance of at least 2 meters from others and limit contact with people at higher risk (e.g. older adults and those in poor health.) • Curfew or closure of bars/restaurants has been implemented in some regions • Closure of museums, cinemas and theatres has been implemented in some regions • Masks are now mandatory on public transport and indoor spaces • Large social gatherings are still banned <p>Time Limit: Entering Canada for non-essential purposes, such as tourism, has been banned until December 21 for those entering from the U.S., and until January 21 for all other countries.</p>
<p>6. Singapore</p>	<p>Travel Restrictions: All short-term visitors are denied entry into Singapore, unless they have a Reciprocal Green Lane travel pass or a Air Travel Pass. From June 2, travelers are now permitted to transit through Singapore Changi Airport. Any other traveler permitted entry into Singapore will need to stay at home for 14 days and required to show proof of access to a single dwelling during that period. Travelers from certain low risk counties are expected to quarantine for 7 days. COVID-19 tests are required for passengers showing a fever or displaying symptoms.</p>

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	<p>In-Country Restrictions: Up to five people are now allowed to meet either inside homes or outside. Safe-Distancing Regulations are still in place to minimize the spread of COVID-19. These measures include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • It is mandatory to wear masks in public • A distance of 1 meter is required between people • Speaking is discouraged on public transport • Restaurants are banned from selling alcohol past 10:30 p.m. • Citizens are asked to record their visits to shops via app or registration • Activities involving a large amount of people are still banned, including conferences, concerts, bars and nightclubs, libraries, and religious congregations • Physical contact should be limited to household members
<p>7. China</p>	<p>Travel Restrictions: Entry is now allowed for Chinese citizens, foreign nationals with work permits, for reunions and permanent residents of Mainland China, and residents of Hong Kong, Macau and Taiwan. Travelers from higher risk countries are required to present a negative COVID-19 test result. All travelers will be screened upon arrival and be subject to 2-14 day quarantine (depending on origin and destination location.) Local quarantine requirements can vary significantly between cities.</p> <p>In-Country Restrictions: There are mandatory requirements to check temperatures and use check in health apps in hotels and restaurants. These apps are used to certify travel history. Movement within the country are subject to restrictions and potential quarantine requirements. Some areas require travelers to complete 14 days of isolation.</p>
<p>8. Germany</p>	<p>Travel Restrictions: Germany has reopened all land borders and has lifted their ban on people traveling from EU /UK/ Schengen Area countries. The majority of non-EU nationals are banned from entering Germany. All international arrivals are required to stay at home for 10 days if they have been away for over a few days in higher risk areas.</p> <p>In-Country Restrictions: Germany have halted/scaled back the lockdown easing due to a rise in infections (although restrictions do vary by region), including:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Citizens can only meet with members of their own and one additional household of up to 10 people • Beauty salons have closed, although hairdressers remain open • Cinemas and theaters have closed • All bars and restaurants are closed, although takeaways are permitted • Social distancing is required (1.5 meters) • Citizens are required to wear face coverings • Working from home is encouraged <p>However, schools have remained open.</p>
<p>9. France</p>	<p>Travel Restrictions: There are no longer any restrictions for people wishing to travel to France from within the EU. For travelers entering France from outside the EU, they must complete a travel certificate. For travelers entering from 'at risk' locations, they will need to provide evidence of a negative test result. International arrivals who test positive are required to stay at home for 7 days.</p>

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	<p>In-Country Restrictions: The following nationwide limitations apply:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Citizens can only leave their homes for work, school, essential shopping, exercise or medical appointments • Travel between regions is not allowed • Restaurants, non-essential businesses and cafes have closed • It is mandatory to wear a mask in all indoor and outdoor public space <p>However, schools have remained open.</p>
<p>10. Netherlands</p>	<p>Travel Restrictions: The majority of non-EU nationals are banned from traveling to the Netherlands until further notice. All travelers to the Netherlands are required by airlines to fill in a health form; and travelers entering from high risk areas are required to self-quarantine for 10 days.</p> <p>In-Country Restrictions: The following nationwide limitations apply:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Restaurants, cafes and bars have closed, although takeaways have are permitted • Citizens may receive no more than 3 visitors within their home • Citizens can only meet with 3 other people outdoors • Reduce travelling and limit the number of social interactions • No alcohol will be sold after 8pm. • Wear face coverings on public transport • Keep 1.5 meters away from each other • Singing and shouting has been banned in public spaces <p>However, schools, non-essential shops, cinemas, and gyms remain open.</p>

Additional Resources

- Fragomen: <https://www.fragomen.com/about/news/immigration-update-coronavirus>
- Centers for Disease Control and Prevention: <https://www.cdc.gov/>
- Coronavirus: Travel restrictions, border shutdowns by country: <https://www.aljazeera.com/news/2020/03/coronavirus-travel-restrictions-border-shutdowns-country-200318091505922.html>
- Lonely Planet: <https://www.lonelyplanet.com/articles/coronavirus-travel-bans>
- Lonely Planet (US states by state restrictions): <https://www.lonelyplanet.com/articles/us-coronavirus-closures-by-state>
- US Department of State: <https://travel.state.gov/content/travel/en/traveladvisories/COVID-19-Country-Specific-Information.html>
- Newland Chase Blog: https://blog.newlandchase.com/hubfs/CIBTvisas_Coronavirus_Global_Information%20SS%20UPDATES%201%20APRIL%20PM.pdf?hsCtaTracking=1c377eda-b501-47b7-ac9d-cda41fdc960d%7C261d73aa-0565-4f85-94b5-e94191126093