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Several nations in South Asia have advised citizens to avoid travel to countries with significant coronavirus disease (COVID-19) outbreaks, and have implemented enhanced health screenings for incoming passengers. Travel restrictions on impacted countries have been expanded to include additional areas, especially in Nepal, as of March 14. Screening measures and entry restrictions, though variable, have expanded as in-country cases increase across the region.

As of March 14, the following restrictions were in place, modified, or planned:

- Afghanistan: Enhanced health screenings are underway at all entry points - mainly land border crossings with Iran and Pakistan. Authorities briefly enforced a travel ban and land border closures between Afghanistan and Iran Feb. 25-26; such restrictions could recur intermittently in the coming weeks. Commercial disruptions due to the closure of the Chaman border with Pakistan are likely to continue through at least March 30, as Pakistani officials will close the crossing point until at least that date. Extended school closures until April and restrictions on public gatherings are underway in Herat Province and other border areas.

- Bhutan: Effective March 6, Bhutan has banned all incoming foreign tourists through at least March 20; non-local manpower availability may be affected in the coming days. Other elevated measures introduced include quarantine of suspected cases, as well as school closures and restrictions on public gatherings in Thimphu, Paro, and Punakha districts. Authorities had earlier mandated thermal scanning at all entry points, with health checks at land ports with India. Bhutan has advised its citizens against non-essential travel to countries with reported COVID-19 cases.

- Bangladesh: Indian officials have limited land border crossings with Bangladesh as of March 14; passenger trains and buses to Bangladesh will be suspended from March 15 until further notice. Bangladesh has also suspended flights to India due to suspension of visa issuance by Indian authorities through April 15. Enhanced health screenings are underway at other ports of entry, mainly airports and other land crossings between Bangladesh and India. Authorities have suspended on-arrival and electronic visa issuance for travelers from Iran, Italy, Japan, and South Korea. Similar restrictions are ongoing for travelers from mainland China, Hong Kong, Macau, and Taiwan since Feb. 3. In addition, officials are barring entry for passengers from Italy, South Korea, Japan, and Kuwait who do not have medical certificates indicating that they are not infected with COVID-19. Authorities are advising Bangladeshi citizens to avoid non-essential international travel, and for returning travelers to minimize participation in public gatherings for at least the first 14 days of their stay in Bangladesh.

- Maldives: Authorities have suspended direct flights to and from China since Jan. 30, and banned cruise ships from Maldivian waters from Feb. 28. Officials are also temporarily banning entry for all foreign travelers and crew arriving from Spain, South Korea, Bangladesh, Italy, mainland China, and Iran, as an origin or transit point; the restrictions also apply to those from France's Île-de-France and Grand Est, as well as Germany's Bavaria, North Rhine-Westphalia and Baden-Württemberg. Authorities may quarantine Maldivian citizens arriving from affected territories for at least 14 days. The Health Protection Agency has advised Maldivian citizens to exercise caution when traveling abroad; authorities are limiting extracurricular activities in schools and enforcing temporary movement and exit restrictions in tourist resorts with confirmed or suspected COVID-19 cases. Foreign tourists cannot check in to hotels and guesthouses in Greater Male effective 2359 March 15.

- Nepal: Nepal has temporarily suspended on-arrival and electronic visa issuance for all foreign nationals and non-resident Nepalese through April 30; travelers with an existing visa must contact their local Nepali diplomatic mission and submit results of a swab test conducted within 7 days of intended travel date. New applicants will also have to submit medical certification at consulates. Officials have advised Nepali citizens against non-essential international travel, and warned that authorities may quarantine upon return. The Kimathanka, Rasuwagadhi, and Tatopani land border crossings remain closed indefinitely. Health checks are mandatory at all entry points, especially land crossings with India, though authorities' effectiveness in enforcing checks remains unclear. Foreign nationals, except Indians, will have to enter only through the Tribhuvan International Airport (KTM). All travelers will be advised to self-quarantine for 14 days upon arrival; symptomatic passengers may be subject to enhanced checks and mandatory quarantine. Himalaya Airlines (H9) suspended flight operations to and from China starting Feb. 7. The flight suspension will continue until at least March 28.

- Pakistan: Pakistani authorities will seal off all border crossings with Iran and Afghanistan from March 16 through at least March 30. All educational institutions will remain closed as a precaution through at least April 4. Authorities have indefinitely banned all flights to and from Iran. Additionally, authorities plan to restrict all international flights to just three airports - those serving Karachi (KHI), Islamabad (ISB), and Lahore (LHE), to allow for intensified health screening measures. Pakistan International Airlines (PK) has suspended flights to mainland China and Japan until at least March 15; additional disruptions are likely to disrupt air travel to other affected countries.

- Sri Lanka: Sri Lankan authorities will restrict travel from France, Austria, Sweden, Denmark, the Netherlands, Switzerland, Germany, and Spain from March 15 to at least March 29. Airlines have been instructed not to board passengers from the aforementioned countries, along with those from Italy, South Korea, and Iran, on flights to Sri Lanka. Foreign nationals who have visited the specified countries within the previous 14 days are similarly banned. Sri Lankan nationals returning from affected countries are required to undergo mandatory 14-day quarantines upon repatriation. Visas for citizens from European countries will be suspended for at least two weeks beginning March 13. Sri Lanka indefinitely suspended the issuance of on-arrival visas for foreign tourists, from March 11 to prevent the spread of COVID-19; authorities removed initial exemptions for citizens of Maldives.
Singapore, and Seychelles March 15. Officials had already suspended on-arrival visas for Chinese nationals beginning Feb. 3; electronic visas will continue to be issued. Travelers from other affected countries may be subject to possible quarantine in addition to enhanced screening in the coming days. Officials have also banned the disembarkation of international cruise ship passengers.

Countries could expand their response in the coming days, particularly if the number of cases in-country increases. The measures may lead to immigration delays and possible quarantine for at least 14 days, especially for passengers from countries with significant cases of COVID-19. Increased health screenings are likely to result in increased wait times at international airports and some land border crossings. Airlines serving and operating out of impacted countries may suspend or curtail services due to precautionary measures, government restrictions, or low consumer demand.

Governments in Europe are maintaining travel and other restrictions to prevent the spread of coronavirus disease (COVID-19). Although specific measures vary by country, the following procedures were in effect as of March 13:

- Albania: Authorities will close land borders from 0001 March 16 until further notice; they also closed maritime borders to all nationals. Officials have canceled ferry services between Albania and Greece and Italy. The transportation (land and maritime) of goods continues. Airports are reporting disruptions on flights. Officials have canceled connections to Greece and Italy. Direct flights to the UK continue, but with disruptions. Persons traveling via Tirana International Airport Nene Tereza (TIA) need special clearance from authorities before departing for the airport. Authorities closed businesses, state offices (except essential services), parks, museums, cinemas, and schools through April 3. Pharmacies and groceries will remain open. Authorities have ordered a 14-day self-quarantine for anyone who has entered Albania from Italy and Greece after March 1. Persons ignoring the directive will receive fines. Restrictions on nationals from other high-risk locations are also likely to be included in the quarantine measure. There are widespread restrictions on inter- and intra-city travel nationwide. Officials may amend health and travel measures in the coming weeks in response to government threat assessments.

- Armenia: Authorities have suspended visa-free travel for Chinese nationals. All land borders with Iran have been closed until March 24. Scheduled flights to and from Iran have been suspended, with the exception of those allowing Armenian and Iranian citizens to return to their home countries. Enhanced health screenings are underway at all points of entry.

- Austria: Authorities have suspended flights from China, Iran, South Korea, Italy, Switzerland, France, and Spain. Border controls will be introduced on the Swiss and Liechtenstein borders; the Vorarlberg crossing with Germany will remain open. Authorities have temporarily barred entry to persons traveling from Italy; the measure will not apply to travelers in possession of a health certificate declaring them to be free of the virus; non-stop transit through Austria is unaffected. Restaurants and bars will close daily at 1500 from March 16.

- Azerbaijan: All flights between Baku and Tehran have been suspended, and flights to mainland China could face disruptions. Enhanced health screening is in operation at ports of entry. Authorities have suspended visa-free travel for Chinese nationals. The closure of all of the country’s border crossings with Iran, which went into effect on Feb. 29, has been extended for an additional two weeks through March 28; further extensions are possible. Disruptions to flights connecting with Turkey, as well as along the Turkish border in Naxcivan, are possible at short notice.
- Belgium: Educational facilities will remain closed until the end of the Easter holidays in late April. Bars and restaurants, with the exception of takeaways, are currently closed. All public gatherings have been banned. Public transport services continue to operate.

- Bosnia and Herzegovina: Foreign nationals traveling from Italy, Iran, South Korea, and the province of Wuhan in China are forbidding from entry. Travelers from Germany, France, and Spain are required to self-isolate for 14 days upon arrival. From March 16, all travelers entering the country will be required to self-isolate for 14 days.

- Croatia: Authorities have imposed a mandatory 14-day quarantine measure for all foreign nationals arriving from the Hubei region of China, Heinsburg County in North Rhine-Westphalia of Germany, Iran, Italy, and Cheongdo County and Daegu in South Korea; individuals will stay at a government facility during the quarantine period. Additionally, a 14-day self-quarantine measure is required for all travelers arriving from Austria, Bahrain, mainland China other than Hubei, France, Germany other than Heinsburg, Hong Kong, Japan, Malaysia, Netherlands, Singapore, Beia Krajin region of Slovenia, South Korea except Cheongdo County and Daegu, Spain, Sweden, Switzerland, and the UK. All educational facilities will be closed for two weeks beginning March 16.

- Cyprus: Travelers who have visited the Hubei region of China or Iran, Italy, or South Korea in the last 14 days are required to enter quarantine. Travelers who have visited other regions of China, or Japan, Hong Kong, France, Germany, the Achaia, Ili and Zanythos regions of Greece, Spain, or the UK in the last 14 days are requested to self-isolate. The Ledra Street, Astromeritis, Lefka, Dherynia, Kato Pyrgos, and Strovilia border crossings with Turkish-administered Northern Cyprus are currently closed.

- Czech Republic: Officials have announced a 30-day nationwide state of emergency March 12. The measures include a temporary entry ban on most foreigners, as well as a ban on citizens leaving the country, from 0001 March 16. Some cross-border workers, as well as foreign nationals with Czech residency, will not be affected. Officials are maintaining border controls at the land borders with Austria and Germany, with access allowed only at designated points until further notice. The border with Slovakia is temporarily closed. Authorities will ban public transport vehicles with more than nine seats from entering the country. In addition, the state of emergency includes a ban on gatherings of more than 30 people and the closure of public facilities, including sports centers and educational establishments, as well as restrictions on restaurants.

- Denmark: Authorities in Denmark close air, land, and sea borders from 1200 March 14. The closure is in place through April 13; officials will bar all non-nationals from entry. Persons wishing to leave will be allowed to do so. The rule does not apply to Danish passport holders, European Economic Area permanent residents, EU citizens holding a Danish social security card, and third-country nationals carrying a Danish residency permit. Authorities will make exceptions for foreign nationals in some emergencies, such as attending a funeral or traveling for work. The restriction does not apply to the movement of goods and will not impact supply chains. Authorities have suspended cruise ship travel. All kindergartens, schools, and universities will be closed from March 13. In addition, authorities have banned all gatherings of more than 100 people through at least March 31.

- Estonia: Officials will reintroduce border controls from March 17. The new measures will bar foreign nationals from entering the country. Estonians, persons with resident permits, and foreigners with family members in Estonia are exempt. Foreigners may transit Estonia if they do not show symptoms of COVID-19. There are no restrictions on leaving Estonia. The transport of goods will continue as normal. The border control end date is not available as yet, and officials will review measures every two weeks. Authorities declared an emergency situation March 12-May 1. Officials have banned all public gatherings. Education authorities have established distance learning schools. Health screenings are in place at borders. Authorities have closed cultural institutions. Persons arriving from high-risk locations must self-quarantine for 14 days. Travel to and from Estonia's Western Islands is limited to residents. Authorities have suspended the Tallinn-Stockholm ferry.

- France: Gatherings of more than 100 people have been banned. Schools and universities throughout the country will be closed for 15 days from March 16. Cafes, restaurants, shops, and movie theaters will be closed starting at 0001 March 14 until further notice.

- Georgia: Authorities have suspended travel to Iran and Italy. Land borders are closed to Iranian goods and vehicles. Enhanced health screening is occurring at ports of entry. Flights to and from China remain suspended until at least March 29. Foreign travelers who have been in Iran in the past 14 days or China in the past 21 days will be denied entry. Authorities may quarantine Georgian residents arriving from these countries for at least 14 days.

- Germany: Schools in the states of Bavaria and Saarland are closed until the end of the Easter holidays in late April. Schools in Berlin will begin to close from March 16.

- Greece: Authorities have suspended all flights, excluding freight, with Italy through at least March 29. Large public gatherings, including conferences, have been prohibited until April 5. Educational facilities and most commercial establishments nationwide are closed through at least March 23.

- Hungary: Nationals and travelers, excluding Hungarians and European Economic Area permanent residents, from China, Italy, Iran, Israel, and South Korea, are banned from entry. Persons entering from these areas will be requested to enter quarantine for 14 days. All flights, buses, and trains from the aforementioned areas are banned. Health screenings are in place at ports of entry. Gatherings of more than 100 people (indoors) and 500 people (outdoors) are banned.

- Ireland: As of March 12, officials in Ireland have ordered the closures of all universities, schools, and childcare facilities until at least March 29. In addition, authorities have advised against indoor gatherings of over 100 people, and outdoor gatherings of over 500 people.

- Italy*: All flights to and from China and Iran remain suspended indefinitely.
subject to heightened health screenings: Ratece border crossing, Robic-Stupizza border crossing, Gorizia-Vrtojba border crossing, Fernetti-Sezana could be placed into institutional quarantine. Authorities have banned public gatherings of more than 1,000 people. Emilia Romagna, are required to self-isolate for 14 days. Travelers who have visited certain designated outbreak hot spots in China, Italy, or South Korea northern Italy have been suspended until March 31. Travelers arriving from China, Iran, South Korea, or the Italian regions of Lombardy, Veneto, and

A State of Emergency was declared March 12-April 14. Public gatherings are prohibited. The prohibition extends to political gatherings, recreational events, and cultural occasions. Educational facilities are required to provide training remotely.

- Lithuania: From 0001 March 16-March 30, officials will implement land border controls. Authorities will prohibit foreign nationals from entering the country; they will make exceptions for drivers and crews of goods transport vehicles, permanent residents, and NATO members and families. Persons planning to transit via Lithuania can do so until March 19. Lithuanian nationals will not be able to travel outside of the country without official authorization. Authorities are limiting inter- and intra-city transport and prohibiting cruise ships from docking at Klaipeda. Officials will suspend flights from Italy to Lithuania March 16; they had suspended flights from Lithuania to Italy March 13. Further flight restrictions and disruptions for departure and arrival are likely in the coming days. State workers are required to work remotely. Authorities are enforcing restrictions on education, entertainment, sports, cultural and leisure venues.

- Malta: As of March 13, all travelers entering Malta must observe a 14-day quarantine. Persons who do not observe the quarantine may receive fines. Air travel restrictions are also in place. Officials halted air and sea passenger travel between Malta and France, Germany, Spain, and Switzerland at 2359 March 11.

- Montenegro: As of March 14, multiple border crossings with Bosnia and Herzegovina, Albania, Croatia, and Serbia are closed. The duration of the closures is unclear. It is also not clear if all crossings are closed. Cruise ships are prohibited from docking at Montenegro's Adriatic ports through April 2. The government has implemented restrictions on public gatherings and closed educational facilities for 15 days from March 16. Officials will impose quarantine measures for travelers from Japan, France, Germany, Switzerland, Denmark, Slovenia, and Austria.

- Netherlands: Authorities in the Netherlands banned all flights from China, Hong Kong, Iran, Italy, and South Korea beginning 1800 March 13 to prevent the spread of coronavirus disease (COVID-19). The flight ban and related disruptions will continue through at least March 27. Authorities may implement further flight restrictions and amend current restrictions in response to developments over the coming days. Authorities have also banned events of more than 100 people March 12-31.

- North Macedonia: Foreign nationals traveling from medium- and high-risk areas, including the UK and Greece, may not enter North Macedonia as of March 14. The locations are those determined by WHO data. Exceptions are available for persons acquiring a certificate from the Ministry of Health. Anyone who has arrived from a medium- or high-risk area must observe a 14-day self-isolation. Land border crossings are closed expect for Tabanovce (Serbia), Deve Bair (Bulgaria), Kafasian (Albania), Bogorodica (Greece), and Blace (Kosovo). Officials will close Ohrid St. Paul the Apostle Airport (OHD) from March 16. Skopje International Airport (SKP) remains operational. Authorities have also imposed entry and exit restrictions on several areas in the country, including the Debar and Centar Zhupa municipalities. Multiple public areas, including cafes, bars, and shopping centers are closed. Grocery stores remain open. Schools are closed through March. Public gatherings of over 1,000 people are prohibited.

- Norway: Norwegian officials announced March 14 that they would close the country's sea and air ports starting at 0800 March 16. Authorities have closed all kindergartens, schools, and universities indefinitely from March 12. In addition, authorities have been requiring since Feb. 27 that all travelers arriving in Norway from anywhere other than Scandinavia self-quarantine for 14 days. Authorities will also close sports, leisure, and entertainment venues throughout the country.

- Poland: Authorities implement a temporary travel ban for foreigners and suspension of international passenger air and rail transport March 15 through March 24. There is a ban on gatherings of more than 50 people, and a partial closure of shopping malls and educational facilities nationwide through March 25. Educational facilities nationwide will be closed March 16-25.

- Portugal: All passenger flights to and from Italy are suspended until March 24. All schools will close indefinitely from March 16. Public places in several locations, particularly in Porto District, have been closed.

- Romania: Educational facilities have closed nationwide March 11 until at least March 22. Flights and overland public transport connecting with northern Italy have been suspended until March 31. Travelers arriving from China, Iran, South Korea, or the Italian regions of Lombardy, Veneto, and Emilia Romagna, are required to self-isolate for 14 days. Travelers who have visited certain designated outbreak hot spots in China, Italy, or South Korea could be placed into institutional quarantine. Authorities have banned public gatherings of more than 1,000 people.

- Serbia: Authorities have closed secondary border crossing points to allow officials to better screen travelers.

- Slovenia: Authorities announced that the country's border with Italy will partially close by March 16. The following border crossings will remain open subject to heightened health screenings: Ratece border crossing, Robic-Stupizza border crossing, Gorizia-Vrtojba border crossing, Fernetti-Sezana border crossing, Pustijarica border crossing, Robic-Stupizza border crossing.
border crossing, Kozina border crossing, Skofije border crossing. Authorities have also introduced restrictions on public gatherings of more than 500 people.

- Slovakia: Authorities have ordered the closures of all airports in the country for passenger travel from March 13; freight and private planes will not be affected. Authorities have also suspended all visits to the country by non-residents; all Slovak citizens returning from abroad will be subject to a 14-day quarantine. It remains unclear how long these measures will remain in effect. Authorities will also close all school and universities for 14 days starting March 16. Authorities also plan to close sports, leisure, and entertainment venues, and will close all shopping centers the weekend of March 14.

- Spain**: Spanish authorities announced on March 14 that they would impose a nationwide lockdown on the entire country from March 15 to last through at least March 29. All flights from Italy are suspended until March 25. Authorities in Madrid, the Basque Country, La Rioja, and Castilla y León have closed schools and public establishments, and have prohibited public gatherings of more than 1,000 people.

- Sweden: No mandatory preventative measures or restrictions are in place.

- Switzerland: Flights to and from mainland China remain suspended until March 28, and reduced flights are operating to and from Italy; in particular, flights connecting with northern Italy are suspended. Authorities have banned all gatherings of more than 1,000 participants, including demonstrations, public events, and major sporting events, until at least March 15. Some cities, including Bern, have banned smaller public gatherings.

- Spain: Authorities have closed schools in Madrid and the Basque Country. Public gatherings of more than 1,000 people in Catalonia are currently prohibited.

- Turkey: Turkish officials announced March 14 that they would temporarily suspend all air and land travel to and from Azerbaijan. The restriction does not include cargo shipments. Authorities announced March 12 that schools and universities nationwide would close forever. Public gatherings, including sporting events, are likely to be prohibited. Public events match will reportedly proceed, though fans will not be permitted to attend.

- UK: Authorities request that all travelers who have visited Hubei Province, China, in the last 14 days, as well as travelers who have returned from Iran since Feb. 19 and from Italy since March 9, remain indoors and minimize contact with other people. Travelers who have returned from elsewhere in China and South Korea, as well as from Hong Kong, Japan, Macau, Malaysia, Singapore, Taiwan, and Thailand, in the last 14 days and have possible COVID-19 symptoms should also self-isolate immediately. This guidance also applies to travelers with possible symptoms who have returned from elsewhere in northern Italy, Cambodia, Laos, Myanmar, or Vietnam since Feb. 19.

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- Ukraine: Authorities implement temporary entry ban for foreign nationals traveling by rail, road, and air, and close all land passenger border crossings from 0001 March 16-March 30. All regular international air traffic has been suspended from March 17; the exact duration of the closure is unknown. Public places nationwide, including educational establishments, conference centers, cinemas, and other entertainment venues, are closed until at least March 31.

*Local movement restrictions in Italy are detailed in a separate WorldAware alert titled "Italy - Travel Restrictions - Nationwide".

**Local movement restrictions in Spain's Catalonia region are detailed in a separate WorldAware alert titled "Spain - Travel Restrictions - Catalonia".

Panic buying of essential goods, particularly hygiene products, has been reported in many locations and has led to temporary shortages. Such shortages are likely to be quickly resolved. School closures will probably result in increased absenteeism among employees who are the parents or guardians of school-aged children. In addition, increasing numbers of workers will likely work from home in the coming weeks as a routine health precaution and due to voluntary self-isolation.

Governments could expand their responses in the coming weeks, particularly if COVID-19 activity increases in-country. The measures are unlikely to impact most travelers but may lead to immigration delays, especially for passengers from mainland China and other countries with significant numbers of COVID-19 cases.

As of March 15, authorities in several countries in the Caribbean and Central America are likely to continue implementing travel and other restrictions through at least late March, to prevent the spread of the coronavirus disease (COVID-19). The duration of the measures will likely depend on the course of the outbreak in China and other countries.

- Antigua and Barbuda: Restricted entry for nonresidents who have traveled in China, Italy, Iran, Japan, Singapore and South Korea, within 14 days.

- Aruba: Restricted entry for nonresidents who have traveled to China, Iran, Japan, Singapore, South Korea, the EU, as well as the UK, Norway and Switzerland, within 14 days.

- Bahamas: Restricted entry for nonresidents who have traveled in China, Iran, Italy, and South Korea within 20 days before their arrival. Residents of the Bahamas who have been in these countries within 20 days will be subject to quarantine for a maximum of 14 days.

- Barbados: Persons that have been in China, Iran, Italy or South Korea within 14 days before their arrival will be subject to quarantine protocols.

- Belize: Restricted entry for nonresidents who have traveled in China, Europe, Iran, Japan, and South Korea within 14 days before their arrival.
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As of March 13, authorities in several countries in South America have implemented travel and other restrictions through at least late March as part of efforts to prevent the spread of coronavirus disease (COVID-19). The duration of the measures will likely depend on the course of the outbreak.

Background and Analysis
The measures taken by these governments correspond with similar actions taken by other governments globally in recent days in response to the spread of coronavirus disease (COVID-19). COVID-19 is a viral respiratory disease caused by infection with the SARS-CoV-2 virus (previously known as 2019-nCoV). Symptoms occur 1-14 days following exposure (average of 3-7 days). These symptoms include fever, fatigue, cough, difficulty breathing, sometimes worsening to pneumonia and kidney failure - especially in those with underlying medical conditions. On March 11, the WHO declared the ongoing COVID-19 outbreak a pandemic.

Countries could expand travel restrictions in the coming days, particularly if the number of COVID-19 confirmed cases increases. Officials in most countries have also announced additional measures to combat the spread of the infection, including a ban on mass gatherings, and temporarily cancelling in person-classes in schools and universities. Multiple private businesses and public offices are allowing employees to work remotely. Health screenings in airports have also increased.

- Argentina: Travelers arriving from China, Iran, South Korea, Japan, Italy, France, Spain, Germany, Switzerland, Norway, Netherlands, Sweden, Denmark, UK, Belgium, Austria, Czech Republic, Iceland, Portugal, Finland, Slovenia, Ireland, Poland, and US will be subject to a 14-day quarantine period. Temporarily, no new visas will be issued for residents of the most affected countries. All flights from Europe, US, South Korea, Japan, China, and

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Iran have been canceled through at least mid April.

- Bolivia: Officials temporarily canceled all flights to and from Europe starting March 14.

- Brazil: Authorities advise all travelers from abroad to remain in quarantine for seven days from the time they enter Brazil, even if they are asymptomatic. Symptomatic travelers are advised to isolate for 14 days.

- Chile: Persons arriving from Spain and Italy will be subject to a 14-day quarantine period.

- Colombia: Persons arriving from China, France, Italy, or Spain will be subject to a 14-day quarantine period.

- Ecuador: Travelers arriving from China's Hubei Province, Spain, France, Italy, or Iran, will be subject to a 14-day quarantine.

- Guyana: Travelers arriving from Jamaica, Dominican Republic, Brazil, French Guiana, Panama, St. Vincent and the Grenadines, US, China, Italy, South Korea, Singapore, Japan, Thailand, Malaysia, or Iran will be subject to additional screenings and may be subject to quarantine.

- Paraguay: Suspension of issuance of new visas for Chinese passport holders.

- Peru: Persons arriving from China, France, Italy, or Spain are subject to a 14-day self-quarantine.

- Suriname: Restricted entry for non-residents who have traveled in mainland China within 14 days before their arrival.

- Venezuela: All flights arriving from Europe and Colombia have been canceled.

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Background and Analysis
Older individuals, infants, and those with chronic illness are more susceptible to infection and are at increased risk for severe complications. Human-to-human transmission can occur, though it remains unclear how easily the virus spreads between people.

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- Armenia: Authorities have suspended visa-free travel for Chinese nationals. All land borders with Iran have been closed until March 24. Scheduled flights to and from Iran have been suspended, with the exception of those allowing Armenian and Iranian citizens to return to their home countries. Enhanced health screenings are underway at all points of entry.

- Austria: Authorities have suspended flights from China, Iran, South Korea, Italy, Switzerland, France, and Spain. Border controls will be introduced on the Swiss and Liechtenstein borders; the Vorarlberg crossing with Germany will remain open. Authorities have temporarily barred entry to persons traveling from Italy; the measure will not apply to travelers in possession of a health certificate declaring them to be free of the virus; non-stop transit through Austria is unaffected. Restaurants and bars will close daily at 1500 from March 16.

- Azerbaijan: All flights between Baku and Tehran have been suspended, and flights to mainland China could face disruptions. Enhanced health screenings in airports have also increased. Travelers arriving from China will be subject to additional screenings and may be subject to quarantine.

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- Suriname: Restricted entry for non-residents who have traveled in mainland China within 14 days before their arrival.

- Venezuela: All flights arriving from Europe and Colombia have been canceled.
- Belgium: Educational facilities will remain closed until the end of the Easter holidays in late April. Bars and restaurants, with the exception of takeaways, are currently closed. All public gatherings have been banned. Public transport services continue to operate.

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- Portugal: All passenger flights to and from Italy are suspended until March 24. All schools will close indefinitely from March 16. Public places in several locations, particularly in Porto District, have been closed.

- Romania: Educational facilities have closed nationwide March 11 until at least March 22. Flights and overland public transport connecting with northern Italy have been suspended until March 31. Travelers arriving from China, Iran, South Korea, or the Italian regions of Lombardy, Veneto, and Emilia Romagna, are required to self-isolate for 14 days. Travelers who have visited certain designated outbreak hot spots in China, Italy, or South Korea could be placed into institutional quarantine. Authorities have banned public gatherings of more than 1,000 people.

- Serbia: Authorities have closed secondary border crossing points to allow officials to better screen travelers.

- Slovenia: Authorities announced that the country's border with Italy will partially close by March 16. The following border crossings will remain open subject to heightened health screenings: Ratece border crossing, Robic-Suplizza border crossing, Gorizia-Vrtojba border crossing, Fenielly-Sezana
border crossing, Kožina border crossing, Skofje border crossing. Authorities have also introduced restrictions on public gatherings of more than 500 people.

- Slovakia: Authorities have ordered the closures of all airports in the country for passenger travel from March 13; freight and private planes will not be affected. Authorities have also suspended all visits to the country by non-residents; all Slovak citizens returning from abroad will be subject to a 14-day quarantine. It remains unclear how long these measures will remain in effect. Authorities will also close all school and universities for 14 days starting March 16. Authorities also plan to close sports, leisure, and entertainment venues, and will close all shopping centers the weekend of March 14.

- Spain**: Spanish authorities announced on March 14 that they would impose a nationwide lockdown on the entire country from March 15 to last through at least March 29. All flights from Italy are suspended until March 25. Authorities in Madrid, the Basque Country, La Rioja, and Castilla y León have closed schools and public establishments, and have prohibited public gatherings of more than 1,000 people.

- Sweden: No mandatory preventative measures or restrictions are in place.

- Switzerland: Flights to and from mainland China remain suspended until March 28, and reduced flights are operating to and from Italy; in particular, flights connecting with northern Italy are suspended. Authorities have banned all gatherings of more than 1,000 participants, including demonstrations, public events, and major sporting events, until at least March 15. Some cities, including Bern, have banned smaller public gatherings.

- Spain: Authorities have closed schools in Madrid and the Basque Country. Public gatherings of more than 1,000 people in Catalonia are currently prohibited.

- Turkey: Turkish officials announced March 14 that they would temporarily suspend all air and land travel to and from Azerbaijan. The restriction does not include cargo shipments. Authorities announced March 12 that schools and universities nationwide would close for at least 21 days from March 16. Public gatherings, including sporting events, are likely to be prohibited; sports matches will reportedly proceed, though fans will not be permitted to attend.

- UK: Authorities request that all travelers who have visited Hubei Province, China, in the last 14 days, as well as travelers who have returned from Iran since Feb. 19 and from Italy since March 9, remain indoors and minimize contact with other people. Travelers who have returned from elsewhere in China and South Korea, as well as from Hong Kong, Japan, Macau, Malaysia, Singapore, Taiwan, and Thailand, in the last 14 days and have possible COVID-19 symptoms should also self-isolate immediately. This guidance also applies to travelers with possible symptoms who have returned from elsewhere in northern Italy, Cambodia, Laos, Myanmar, or Vietnam since Feb. 19.

- Ukraine: Authorities implement temporary entry ban for foreign nationals traveling by rail, road, and air, and close all land passenger border crossings from 0001 March 16-March 30. All regular international air traffic has been suspended from March 17; the exact duration of the closure is unknown. Public places nationwide, including educational establishments, conference centers, cinemas, and other entertainment venues, are closed until at least March 31.

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Panic buying of essential goods, particularly hygiene products, has been reported in many locations and has led to temporary shortages. Such shortages are likely to be quickly resolved. School closures will probably result in increased absenteeism among employees who are the parents or guardians of school-aged children. In addition, increasing numbers of workers will likely work from home in the coming weeks as a routine health precaution and due to voluntary self-isolation.

Governments could expand their responses in the coming weeks, particularly if COVID-19 activity increases in-country. The measures are unlikely to impact most travelers but may lead to immigration delays, especially for passengers from mainland China and other countries with significant numbers of COVID-19 cases.

As of March 15, authorities in several countries in the Caribbean and Central America are likely to continue implementing travel and other restrictions through at least late March, to prevent the spread of the coronavirus disease (COVID-19). The duration of the measures will likely depend on the course of the outbreak in China and other countries.

- Antigua and Barbuda: Restricted entry for nonresidents who have traveled in China, Italy, Iran, Japan, Singapore and South Korea, within 14 days.

- Aruba: Restricted entry for nonresidents who have traveled to China, Iran, Japan, Singapore, South Korea, the EU, as well as the UK, Norway and Switzerland, within 14 days.

- Bahamas: Restricted entry for nonresidents who have traveled in China, Iran, Italy, and South Korea within 20 days before their arrival. Residents of the Bahamas who have been in these countries within 20 days will be subject to quarantine for a maximum of 14 days.

- Barbados: Persons that have been in China, Iran, Italy or South Korea within 14 days before their arrival will be subject to quarantine protocols.

- Belize: Restricted entry for nonresidents who have traveled in China, Europe, Iran, Japan, and South Korea within 14 days before their arrival.

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- British Virgin Islands: Restricted entry for nonresidents who have traveled China, France, Germany, Italy, Iran, South Korea and Spain, within 14 days.
- Costa Rica: Travelers who have been in China within 14 days must inform their airlines as well as immigration authorities so that additional screenings can be conducted.
- Dominica: Restricted entry for those who have traveled in China recently.
- Dominican Republic: Suspension of all flights to and from China, Europe, Iran and South Korea from March 16.
- El Salvador: The entrance of foreign nationals other than Salvadoran residents, diplomats, and Guatemalan truck drivers engaged in international trade is prohibited. Salvadorans arriving from abroad are subject to a 30-day quarantine period except those arriving through land ports or entry on the border with Guatemala.
- Grenada: Officials will deny entry to foreign travelers arriving from China, Iran, South Korea, and Germany. Grenada citizens or residents will be ordered to quarantine for 14 days after arriving from those countries.
- Guatemala: Restricted entry for nonresidents arriving from China, Iran, South Korea, and Europe, as well as from the US and Canada from March 16.
- Haiti: People arriving from China, France, Germany, Iran, Italy, or South Korea within 14 days are prohibited from entry.
- Honduras: Citizens and foreigners traveling from China, Iran, Italy, Spain, France, Germany, Japan, and South Korea, will be ordered to quarantine for 14 days.
- Jamaica: Restricted entry for nonresidents who have traveled in China, France, Germany, Iran, Italy, Singapore, South Korea, and Spain within 15 days before their arrival. Residents of Jamaica who have been in mainland China recently will be subject to immediate quarantine for a maximum of 14 days.
- Panama: Suspension of all flights from Europe and Asia until further notice.
- Saint Kitts and Nevis: Nonresidents who have traveled to China, Singapore, South Korea, Italy, Japan, and Iran within 14 days before their arrival are advised not to travel to Saint Kitts and Nevis; they will be required to quarantine if they do.
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- Saint Vincent and the Grenadines: Officials will require travelers who have recently been to China (including Hong Kong), South Korea, Italy, Singapore, Japan, and Iran to quarantine for 14-days once since their arrival.
- Sint-Maarten: Officials will deny entry to any foreign traveler who in the previous 21 days has been in China (including Hong Kong and Macao), Iran, Italy, Japan, South Korea, and Singapore. The measure does not apply to citizens of Netherlands, or local residents.
- Trinidad and Tobago: Restricted entry for nonresidents who have traveled in mainland China, Iran, Italy, Japan, or Singapore within 14 days before their arrival.
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Countries could expand travel restrictions in the coming days, particularly if the number of COVID-19 confirmed cases increases. Officials in most countries have also announced additional measures to combat the spread of the infection, including a ban on mass gatherings, and temporarily cancelling in person-classes in schools and universities. Multiple private businesses and public offices are allowing employees to work remotely. Health screenings in airports have also increased.

Background and Analysis
The measures taken by these governments correspond with similar actions taken by other governments globally in recent days in response to the spread of coronavirus disease (COVID-19). COVID-19 is a viral respiratory disease caused by infection with the SARS-CoV-2 virus (previously known as 2019-nCoV). Symptoms occur 1-14 days following exposure (average of 3-7 days). These symptoms include fever, fatigue, cough, difficulty breathing, sometimes worsening to pneumonia and kidney failure - especially in those with underlying medical conditions. On March 11, the WHO declared the ongoing COVID-19 outbreak a pandemic.

Victoria, Western Australia, and the Australian Capital Territory declared states of emergency, March 16, to enforce recently announced nationwide measures to prevent the spread of coronavirus disease (COVID-19). Other states, including New South Wales and Queensland, have invoked existing laws to enforce the restrictions. Australia introduced a mandatory 14-day self-isolation for all arrivals into the country, regardless of nationality; however, the measure does not apply to visiting family members of Australian citizens and long-term residents. Officials also ordered the cancellation of events larger than 500 people March 15 and banned international cruise ships from docking in Australia through April 15. The declarations will allow state governments to enforce measures, including mandatory 14-day self-quarantines for inbound international passengers and. Authorities can fine and/or jail those disobeying the orders.
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- Albania: Authorities will close land borders from 0001 March 16 until further notice; they also closed maritime borders to all nationals. Officials have canceled ferry services between Albania and Greece and Italy. The transportation (land and maritime) of goods continues. Airports are reporting disruptions on flights. Officials have canceled connections to Greece and Italy. Direct flights to the UK continue, but with disruptions. Persons traveling via Tirana International Airport Nene Tereza (TIA) need special clearance from authorities before departing for the airport. Authorities closed businesses, state offices (except essential services), parks, museums, cinemas, and schools through April 3. Pharmacies and groceries will remain open. Authorities have ordered a 14-day self-quarantine for anyone who has entered Albania from Italy and Greece after March 1. Persons ignoring the directive will receive fines. Restrictions on nationals from other high-risk locations are also likely to be included in the quarantine measure. There are widespread restrictions on inter- and intra-city travel nationwide. Officials may amend health and travel measures in the coming weeks in response to government threat assessments.

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- Slovakia: Authorities have ordered the closures of all airports in the country for passenger travel from March 13; freight and private planes will not be affected. Authorities have also suspended all visits to the country by non-residents; all Slovak citizens returning from abroad will be subject to a 14-day quarantine. It remains unclear how long these measures will remain in effect. Authorities will also close all school and universities for 14 days starting March 16. Authorities also plan to close sports, leisure, and entertainment venues, and will close all shopping centers the weekend of March 14.

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- Sweden: No mandatory preventative measures or restrictions are in place.

- Switzerland: Flights to and from mainland China remain suspended until March 28, and reduced flights are operating to and from Italy; in particular, flights connecting with northern Italy are suspended. Authorities have banned all gatherings of more than 1,000 participants, including demonstrations, public events, and major sporting events, until at least March 15. Some cities, including Bern, have banned smaller public gatherings.

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- Turkey: Turkish officials announced March 14 that they would temporarily suspend all air and land travel to and from Azerbaijan. The restriction does
Governments in Europe are maintaining travel and other restrictions to prevent the spread of coronavirus disease (COVID-19). Although specific measures vary by country, the following procedures were in effect as of March 13:

- Albania: Authorities will close land borders from 0001 March 16 until further notice; they also closed maritime borders to all nationals. Officials have canceled ferry services between Albania and Greece and Italy. The transportation (land and maritime) of goods continues. Airports are reporting disruptions on flights. Officials have canceled connections to Greece and Italy. Direct flights to the UK continue, but with disruptions. Persons traveling via Tirana International Airport Nene Tereza (TIA) need special clearance from authorities before departing for the airport. Authorities closed businesses, state offices (except essential services), parks, museums, cinemas, and schools through April 3. Pharmacies and groceries will remain open. Tirana International Airport Nene Tereza (TIA) need special clearance from authorities before departing for the airport. Authorities closed businesses, state offices (except essential services), parks, museums, cinemas, and schools through April 3. Pharmacies and groceries will remain open. Authorities have ordered a 14-day self-quarantine for anyone who has entered Albania from Italy and Greece after March 1. Persons ignoring the directive will receive fines. Restrictions on nationals from other high-risk locations are also likely to be included in the quarantine measure. There are widespread restrictions on inter- and intra-city travel nationwide. Officials may amend health and travel measures in the coming weeks in response to government threat assessments.

- Armenia: Authorities have suspended visa-free travel for Chinese nationals. All land borders with Iran have been closed until March 24. Scheduled flights to and from Iran have been suspended, with the exception of those allowing Armenian and Iranian citizens to return to their home countries. Enhanced health screenings are underway at all points of entry.

- Austria: Authorities have suspended flights from China, Iran, South Korea, Italy, Switzerland, France, and Spain. Border controls will be introduced on the Swiss and Liechtenstein borders; the Vorarlberg crossing with Germany will remain open. Authorities have temporarily barred entry to persons traveling from Italy; the measure will not apply to travelers in possession of a health certificate declaring them to be free of the virus; non-stop transit through Austria is unaffected. Restaurants and bars will close daily at 1500 from March 16.

- Azerbaijan: All flights between Baku and Tehran have been suspended, and flights to mainland China could face disruptions. Enhanced health screenings are in operation at ports of entry. Authorities have suspended visa-free travel for Chinese nationals. The closure of all of the country's border crossings with Iran, which went into effect on Feb. 29, has been extended for an additional two weeks through March 28; further extensions are possible. Disruptions to flights connecting with Turkey, as well as along the Turkish border in Naxcivan, are possible at short notice.

- UK: Authorities request that all travelers who have visited Hubei Province, China, in the last 14 days, as well as travelers who have returned from Iran since Feb. 19 and from Italy since March 9, remain indoors and minimize contact with other people. Travelers who have returned from elsewhere in China and South Korea, as well as from Hong Kong, Japan, Macau, Malaysia, Singapore, Taiwan, and Thailand, in the last 14 days and have possible COVID-19 symptoms should also self-isolate immediately. This guidance also applies to travelers with possible symptoms who have returned from elsewhere in northern Italy, Cambodia, Laos, Myanmar, or Vietnam since Feb. 19. All regular international air traffic has been suspended from March 17; the exact duration of the closure is unknown. Public places nationwide, including educational establishments, conference centers, cinemas, and other entertainment venues, are closed until at least March 31. Authorities have suspended flights from China, Iran, South Korea, Italy, Switzerland, France, and Spain. Border controls will be introduced on the Swiss and Liechtenstein borders; the Vorarlberg crossing with Germany will remain open. Authorities have temporarily barred entry to persons traveling from Italy; the measure will not apply to travelers in possession of a health certificate declaring them to be free of the virus; non-stop transit through Austria is unaffected. Restaurants and bars will close daily at 1500 from March 16.

- Ukraine: Authorities implement temporary entry ban for foreign nationals traveling by rail, road, and air, and close all land passenger border crossings from 0001 March 16-March 30. All regular international air traffic has been suspended from March 17; the exact duration of the closure is unknown. Public gatherings, including sporting events, are likely to be prohibited; sports matches will reportedly proceed, though fans will not be permitted to attend.

Panic buying of essential goods, particularly hygiene products, has been reported in many locations and has led to temporary shortages. Such shortages are likely to be quickly resolved. School closures will probably result in increased absenteeism among employees who are the parents or guardians of school-aged children. In addition, increasing numbers of workers will likely work from home in the coming weeks as a routine health precaution and due to voluntary self-isolation.

Governments could expand their responses in the coming weeks, particularly if COVID-19 activity increases in-country. The measures are unlikely to impact most travelers but may lead to immigration delays, especially for passengers from mainland China and other countries with significant numbers of COVID-19 cases.
- Belgium: Educational facilities will remain closed until the end of the Easter holidays in late April. Bars and restaurants, with the exception of takeaways, are currently closed. All public gatherings have been banned. Public transport services continue to operate.

- Bosnia and Herzegovina: Foreign nationals traveling from Italy, Iran, South Korea, and the province of Wuhan in China are forbidding from entry. Travelers from Germany, France, and Spain are required to self-isolate for 14 days upon arrival. From March 16, all travelers entering the country will be required to self-isolate for 14 days.

- Croatia: Authorities have imposed a mandatory 14-day quarantine measure for all foreign nationals arriving from the Hubei region of China, Heinsburg County in North Rhine-Westphalia of Germany, Iran, Italy, and Cheongdo County and Daegu in South Korea; individuals will stay at a government facility during the quarantine period. Additionally, a 14-day self-quarantine measure is required for all travelers arriving from Austria, Bahrain, mainland China other than Hubei, France, Germany, other than Heinsburg, Hong Kong, Japan, Malaysia, Netherlands, Singapore, Beia Krajina region of Slovenia, South Korea except Cheongdo County and Daegu, Spain, Sweden, Switzerland, and the UK. All educational facilities will be closed for two weeks beginning March 16.

- Cyprus: Travelers who have visited the Hubei region of China or Iran, Italy, or South Korea in the last 14 days are required to enter quarantine. Travelers who have visited other regions of China, or Japan, Hong Kong, France, Germany, the Achaia, Ili and Zanyakos regions of Greece, Spain, or the UK in the last 14 days are requested to self-isolate. The Ledra Street, Astromeritis, Lefka, Dherynia, Kato Pyrgos, and Strovilia border crossings with Turkish-administered Northern Cyprus are currently closed.

- Czech Republic: Officials have announced a 30-day nationwide state of emergency March 12. The measures include a temporary entry ban on most foreigners, as well as a ban on citizens leaving the country, from 0001 March 16. Some cross-border workers, as well as foreign nationals with Czech residency, will not be affected. Officials are maintaining border controls at the land borders with Austria and Germany, with access allowed only at designated points until further notice. The border with Slovakia is temporarily closed. Authorities will ban public transport vehicles with more than nine seats from entering the country. In addition, the state of emergency includes a ban on gatherings of more than 30 people and the closure of public facilities, including sports centers and educational establishment, as well as restrictions on restaurants.

- Denmark: Authorities in Denmark close air, land, and sea borders from 1200 March 14. The closure is in place through April 13; officials will bar all non-nationals from entry. Persons wishing to leave will be allowed to do so. The rule does not apply to Danish passport holders, EU citizens holding a Danish social security card, and third-country nationals carrying a Danish residency permit. Authorities will make exceptions for foreign nationals in some emergencies, such as attending a medical visit or persons in transit with onward travel documentation. The restriction does not apply to the movement of goods and will not impact supply chains. Authorities have suspended cruise ship travel. All kindergartens, schools, and universities will be closed from March 13. In addition, authorities have banned all gatherings of more than 100 people through at least March 31.

- Estonia: Officials will reintroduce border controls from March 17. The new measures will bar foreign nationals from entering the country. Estonians, persons with resident permits, and foreigners with family members in Estonia are exempt. Foreigners may transit Estonia if they do not show symptoms of COVID-19. There are no restrictions on leaving Estonia. The transport of goods will continue as per normal. The border control end date is not available as yet, and officials will review measures every two weeks. Authorities declared an emergency situation March 12-May 1. Officials have banned all public gatherings. Education authorities have established distance learning schools. Health screenings are in place at borders. Authorities have closed cultural institutions. Persons arriving from high-risk locations must self-quarantine for 14 days. Travel to and from Estonia's Western Islands is limited to residents. Authorities have suspended the Tallinn-Stockholm ferry.

- France: Gatherings of more than 100 people have been banned. Schools and universities throughout the country will be closed for 15 days from March 16. Cafes, restaurants, shops, and movie theaters will be closed starting at 0001 March 14 until further notice.

- Georgia: Authorities have suspended travel to Iran and Italy. Land borders are closed to Iranian goods and vehicles. Enhanced health screening is occurring at ports of entry. Flights to and from China remain suspended until at least March 29. Foreign travelers who have been in Iran in the past 14 days or China in the past 21 days will be denied entry. Authorities may quarantine Georgian residents arriving from these countries for at least 14 days.

- Germany: Schools in the states of Bavaria and Saarland are closed until the end of the Easter holidays in late April. Schools in Berlin will begin to close from March 16.

- Greece: Authorities have suspended all flights, excluding freight, with Italy through at least March 29. Large public gatherings, including conferences, have been prohibited until April 5. Educational facilities and most commercial establishments nationwide are closed through at least March 23.

- Hungary: Nationals and travelers, excluding Hungarians and European Economic Area permanent residents, from China, Italy, Iran, Israel, and South Korea, are barred from entry. People entering from these areas will be requested to enter quarantine for 14 days. All flights, buses, and trains from the afore-mentioned states are banned. Health screenings are in place at ports of entry. Gatherings of more than 100 people (indoors) and 500 people (outdoors) are banned.

- Ireland: As of March 12, officials in Ireland have ordered the closures of all universities, schools, and childcare facilities until at least March 29. In addition, authorities have advised against indoor gatherings of over 100 people, and outdoor gatherings of over 500 people.

- Italy*: All flights to and from China and Iran remain suspended indefinitely.
- Kosovo: Authorities in Kosovo have taken several measures to curb the spread of coronavirus disease (COVID-19), as of March 14. All flights to Pristina International Airport (PRN) will be suspended from March 16. All medical and military flights are exempt. It is not clear if some limited departure flights will still proceed; however, it is likely that departure flights will be subject to disruptions. The period of the suspension is unclear. Land borders will be closed to all travelers except Kosovo citizens, again from March 16. Citizens entering the country will be required to self-quarantine for 14 days. The government reportedly plans to suspend all inter-city public transport. It is not clear if this order has already been enforced. Citizens of the Kline and Vitina municipalities have been restricted from moving to and from these areas. The government has ordered the nationwide closure of cafes, bars, and shopping centers. All restrictions are subject to amendment at short notice in response to government reviews.

- Latvia: Authorities will suspend international travel via land, sea, and air from March 17. The prohibition does not apply to the transport of goods. Latvian nationals and permanent residents will still be able to enter the country. Restrictions do not impact leaving the country; however, disruptions on cross-border international travel are highly likely given ongoing health screenings. A State of Emergency was declared March 12-April 14. Public gatherings are prohibited. The prohibition extends to political gatherings, recreational events, and cultural occasions. Educational facilities are required to provide training remotely.

- Lithuania: From 0001 March 16-March 30, officials will implement land border controls. Authorities will prohibit foreign nationals from entering the country; they will make exceptions for drivers and crews of goods transport vehicles, permanent residents, and NATO members and families. Persons planning to transit via Lithuania can do so until March 19. Lithuanian nationals will not be able to travel outside of the country without official authorization. Authorities are limiting inter- and intra-city transport and prohibiting cruise ships from docking at Klaipeda. Officials will suspend flights from Italy to Lithuania March 16; they had suspended flights from Lithuania to Italy March 13. Further flight restrictions and disruptions for departure and arrival are likely in the coming days. State workers are required to work remotely. Authorities are enforcing restrictions on education, entertainment, sports, cultural and leisure venues.

- Malta: As of March 13, all travelers entering Malta must observe a 14-day quarantine. Persons who do not observe the quarantine may receive fines. Air travel restrictions are also in place. Officials halted air and sea passenger travel between Malta and France, Germany, Spain, and Switzerland at 2359 March 11.

- Montenegro: As of March 14, multiple border crossings with Bosnia and Herzegovina, Albania, Croatia, and Serbia are closed. The duration of the closures is unclear. It is also not clear if all crossings are closed. Cruise ships are prohibited from docking at Montenegro's Adriatic ports through April 2. The government has implemented restrictions on public gatherings and closed educational facilities for 15 days from March 16. Officials will impose quarantine measures for travelers from Japan, France, Germany, Switzerland, Denmark, Slovenia, and Austria.

- Netherlands: Authorities in the Netherlands banned all flights from China, Hong Kong, Iran, Italy, and South Korea beginning 1800 March 13 to prevent the spread of coronavirus disease (COVID-19). The flight ban and related disruptions will continue through at least March 27. Authorities may implement further flight restrictions and amend current restrictions in response to developments over the coming days. Authorities have also banned events of more than 100 people March 12-31.

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- Turkey: Turkish officials announced March 14 that they would temporarily suspend all air and land travel to and from Azerbaijan. The restriction does not include cargo shipments. Authorities announced March 12 that schools and universities nationwide would close for at least 21 days from March 16. Public gatherings, including sporting events, are likely to be prohibited; sports matches will reportedly proceed, though fans will not be permitted to attend.

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*Local movement restrictions in Italy are detailed in a separate WorldAware alert titled "Italy - Travel Restrictions - Nationwide".

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As of March 15, authorities in several countries in the Caribbean and Central America are likely to continue implementing travel and other restrictions through at least late March, to prevent the spread of the coronavirus disease (COVID-19). The duration of the measures will likely depend on the course of the outbreak in China and other countries.

- Antigua and Barbuda: Restricted entry for nonresidents who have traveled in China, Italy, Iran, Japan, Singapore, and South Korea, with 14 days.

- Aruba: Restricted entry for nonresidents who have traveled to China, Iran, Japan, Singapore, South Korea, the EU, as well as the UK, Norway and Switzerland, within 14 days.

- Bahamas: Restricted entry for nonresidents who have traveled in China, Iran, Italy, and South Korea within 20 days of their arrival. Residents of the Bahamas who have been in these countries within 20 days will be subject to quarantine for a maximum of 14 days.

- Barbados: Persons that have been in China, Iran, Italy or South Korea within 14 days before their arrival will be subject to quarantine protocols.

- Belize: Restricted entry for nonresidents who have traveled in China, Europe, Iran, Japan, and South Korea within 14 days before their arrival.
- British Virgin Islands: Restricted entry for nonresidents who have traveled China, France, Germany, Italy, Iran, South Korea and Spain, within 14 days.

- Costa Rica: Travelers who have been in China within 14 days must inform their airlines as well as immigration authorities so that additional screenings can be conducted.

- Dominica: Restricted entry for those who have traveled in China recently.

- Dominican Republic: Suspension of all flights to and from China, Europe, Iran and South Korea from March 16.

- El Salvador: The entrance of foreign nationals other than Salvadoran residents, diplomats, and Guatemalan truck drivers engaged in international trade is prohibited. Salvadorans arriving from abroad are subject to a 30-day quarantine period except those arriving through land ports or entry on the border with Guatemala.

- Grenada: Officials will deny entry to foreign travelers arriving from China, Iran, South Korea, and Germany. Grenada citizens or residents will be ordered to quarantine for 14 days after arriving from those countries.

- Guatemala: Restricted entry for nonresidents arriving from China, Iran, South Korea, and Europe, as well as from the US and Canada from March 16.

- Haiti: People arriving from China, France, Germany, Iran, Italy, or South Korea within 14 days are prohibited from entry.

- Honduras: Citizens and foreigners traveling from China, Iran, Italy, Spain, France, Germany, Japan, and South Korea, will be ordered to quarantine for 14 days.

- Jamaica: Restricted entry for nonresidents who have traveled in China, France, Germany, Iran, Italy, Singapore, South Korea, and Spain within 15 days before their arrival. Residents of Jamaica who have been in mainland China recently will be subject to immediate quarantine for a maximum of 14 days.

- Panama: Suspension of all flights from Europe and Asia until further notice.

- Saint Kitts and Nevis: Nonresidents who have traveled to China, Singapore, South Korea, Italy, Japan, and Iran within 14 days before their arrival are advised not to travel to Saint Kitts and Nevis; they will be required to quarantine if they do.

- Saint Lucia: Restricted entry for nonresidents who have traveled in mainland China, Hong Kong, South Korea, Italy, and Singapore, within 14 days before their arrival. Residents of Saint Lucia who have been in any of those areas within 14 days will be subject to immediate quarantine of 14 days.

- Saint Vincent and the Grenadines: Officials will require travelers who have recently been to China (including Hong Kong), South Korea, Italy, Singapore, Japan, and Iran to quarantine for 14-days once since their arrival.

- Sint-Maarten: Officials will deny entry to any foreign traveler who in the previous 21 days has been in China (including Hong Kong and Macao), Iran, Italy, Japan, South Korea, and Singapore. The measure does not apply to citizens of Netherlands, or local residents.

- Trinidad and Tobago: Restricted entry for nonresidents who have traveled in mainland China, Iran, Italy, Japan, or Singapore within 14 days before their arrival.

- Turks and Caicos: Officials will not allow travelers coming from China, Iran, South Korea, Italy, Singapore, and Japan to enter the country.

Countries could expand travel restrictions in the coming days, particularly if the number of COVID-19 confirmed cases increases. Officials in most countries have also announced additional measures to combat the spread of the infection, including a ban on mass gatherings, and temporarily cancelling in person-classes in schools and universities. Multiple private businesses and public offices are allowing employees to work remotely. Health screenings in airports have also increased.

Background and Analysis

The measures taken by these governments correspond with similar actions taken by other governments globally in recent days in response to the spread of coronavirus disease (COVID-19). COVID-19 is a viral respiratory disease caused by infection with the SARS-CoV-2 virus (previously known as 2019-nCoV). Symptoms occur 1-14 days following exposure (average of 3-7 days). These symptoms include fever, fatigue, cough, difficulty breathing, sometimes worsening to pneumonia and kidney failure - especially in those with underlying medical conditions. On March 11, the WHO declared the ongoing COVID-19 outbreak a pandemic.

Several nations in South Asia have advised citizens to avoid travel to countries with significant coronavirus disease (COVID-19) outbreaks, and have implemented enhanced health screenings for incoming passengers. Travel restrictions on impacted countries have been expanded to include additional areas, especially in Nepal, as of March 14. Screening measures and entry restrictions, though variable, have expanded as in-country cases increase across the region.

As of March 14, the following restrictions were in place, modified, or planned:
- Afghanistan: Enhanced health screenings are underway at all entry points - mainly land border crossings between Afghanistan and Iran and Pakistan. Authorities briefly enforced a travel ban and land border closures between Afghanistan and Iran Feb. 25-26, such restrictions could recur intermittently in the coming weeks. Commercial disruptions due to the closure of the Chaman border with Pakistan are likely to continue through at least March 30, as Pakistani officials will close the crossing point until at least that date. Extended school closures until April and restrictions on public gatherings are underway in Herat Province and other border areas.

- Barbados: Effective March 6, Barbados has banned all incoming foreign tourists through at least March 20; non-local manpower availability may be affected in the coming days. Other elevated measures introduced include quarantine of suspected cases, as well as school closures and restrictions on public gatherings in Thimphu, Paro, and Punaka districts. Authorities had earlier mandated thermal scanning at all entry points, with health checks at land ports with India. Barbados has advised its citizens against non-essential travel to countries with reported COVID-19 cases.

- Bangladesh: Indian officials have limited land border crossings with Bangladesh as of March 14; passenger trains and buses to Bangladesh will be suspended from March 15 until further notice. Bangladesh has also suspended flights to India due to suspension of visa issuance by Indian authorities through April 15. Enhanced health screenings are now being conducted at all entry points, mainly airports and other land crossings between Bangladesh and India. Authorities have suspended visas for travelers from Iran, Italy, Japan, and South Korea. Similar restrictions are ongoing for travelers from mainland China, Hong Kong, Macau, and Taiwan since Feb. 3. In addition, officials are barring entry for passengers from Italy, South Korea, Japan, and Kuwait who do not have medical certificates indicating that they are not infected with COVID-19. Authorities are advising Bangladeshi citizens to avoid non-essential international travel, and for returning travelers to minimize participation in public gatherings for at least the first 14 days of their stay in Bangladesh.

- Bhutan: Effective March 6, Bhutan has banned all incoming foreign tourists through at least March 20; non-local manpower availability may be affected in the coming days. Other elevated measures introduced include quarantine of suspected cases, as well as school closures and restrictions on public gatherings in Thimphu, Paro, and Punaka districts. Authorities had earlier mandated thermal scanning at all entry points, with health checks at land ports with India. Bhutan has advised its citizens against non-essential travel to countries with reported COVID-19 cases.

- Maldives: Authorities have suspended direct flights to and from China since Jan. 30, and barred cruise ships from Maldivian waters from Feb. 28. Officials are also temporarily banning entry for all foreign travelers and crew arriving from Spain, South Korea, Bangladesh, Italy, mainland China, and Iran, as an origin or transit point; the restrictions also apply to those from France's Ile-de-France and Grand Est, as well as Germany's Bavaria, North Rhine-Westphalia and Baden-Württemberg. Authorities may quarantine Maldivian citizens arriving from affected territories for at least 14 days. The Health Protection Agency has advised Maldivian citizens to exercise caution when traveling abroad; authorities are limiting extracurricular activities in schools and enforcing temporary movement and exit restrictions in tourist resorts with confirmed or suspected COVID-19 cases. Foreign tourists cannot check in to hotels and guesthouses in Greater Male effective March 15.

- Nepal: Nepal has temporarily suspended on-arrival and electronic visa issuance for all foreign nationals and non-resident Nepalese through April 30; travelers with an existing visa must contact their local Nepali diplomatic mission and submit results of a swab test conducted within 7 days of intended travel date. New applicants will also have to submit medical certification at consulates. Officials have advised Nepali citizens against non-essential international travel, and warned that they could be subject to quarantine upon return. The Kathmandu, Rasuwaagadhi, and Tapovan land border crossings remain closed indefinitely. Health checks are mandatory at all entry points, especially land crossings with India, though authorities' effectiveness in enforcing checks remains unclear. Foreign nationals, except Indians and those holding residence permits, will have to enter only through the Tribhuvan International Airport (KTM). All travelers will be advised to self-quarantine for 14 days upon arrival; symptomatic passengers may be subject to enhanced checks and mandatory quarantine. Himalaya Airlines (H9) suspended flight operations to and from China starting Feb. 7. The flight suspension will continue until at least March 28.

- Pakistan: Pakistani authorities will seal off all border crossings with Iran and Afghanistan from March 16 through at least March 30. All educational institutions will remain closed as a precaution through at least April 4. Authorities have indefinitely banned all flights to and from Iran. Additionally, authorities plan to restrict all international flights to just three airports - those serving Karachi (KHI), Islamabad (ISB), and Lahore (LHE), to allow for intensified health screening measures. Pakistan International Airlines (PK) has suspended flights to mainland China and Japan until at least March 15; additional disruptions are likely to disrupt air travel to other affected countries.

- Sri Lanka: Sri Lankan authorities will restrict travel from France, Austria, Sweden, Denmark, the Netherlands, Switzerland, Germany, and Spain from March 15 to at least March 20. Airlines have been instructed to board passengers from the aforementioned countries, along with those from Italy, South Korea, and Iran, on flights to Sri Lanka. Foreign nationals who have visited the specified countries within the previous 14 days are similarly banned. Sri Lankan nationals returning from affected countries are required to undergo mandatory 14-day quarantines upon repatriation. Visas for citizens from European countries will be suspended for at least two weeks beginning March 13. Sri Lanka indefinitely suspended the issuance of on-arrival visas for foreign tourists, from March 11 to prevent the spread of COVID-19; authorities removed initial exemptions for citizens of Maldives, Singapore, and Seychelles March 15. Officials had already suspended on-arrival visas for Chinese nationals beginning Feb. 3; electronic visas will continue to be issued. Travelers from other affected countries may be subject to possible quarantine in addition to enhanced screening in the coming days. Officials have also banned the disembarkation of international cruise ship passengers.

Countries could expand their response in the coming days, particularly if the number of cases in-country increases. The measures may lead to immigration delays and possible quarantine for at least 14 days for passengers from countries with significant cases of COVID-19. Increased health screenings are likely to result in increased wait times at international airports and some land border crossings. Airlines serving and operating out of impacted countries may suspend or curtail services due to precautionary measures, government restrictions, or low consumer demand. As of March 15, authorities in several countries in the Caribbean and Central America are likely to continue implementing travel and other restrictions through at least late March, to prevent the spread of the coronavirus disease (COVID-19). The duration of the measures will likely depend on the course of the outbreak in China and other countries.

- Antigua and Barbuda: Restricted entry for nonresidents who have traveled in China, Italy, Iran, Japan, Singapore and South Korea, within 14 days.
Aruba: Restricted entry for nonresidents who have traveled to China, Iran, Japan, Singapore, South Korea, the EU, as well as the UK, Norway and Switzerland, within 14 days.

Bahamas: Restricted entry for nonresidents who have traveled in China, Iran, Italy, and South Korea within 20 days before their arrival. Residents of the Bahamas who have been in these countries within 20 days will be subject to quarantine for a maximum of 14 days.

Barbados: Persons that have been in China, Iran, Italy or South Korea within 14 days before their arrival will be subject to quarantine protocols.

Belize: Restricted entry for nonresidents who have traveled in China, Europe, Iran, Japan, and South Korea within 14 days before their arrival.

British Virgin Islands: Restricted entry for nonresidents who have traveled China, France, Germany, Italy, Iran, South Korea and Spain, within 14 days.

Costa Rica: Travelers who have been in China within 14 days must inform their airlines as well as immigration authorities so that additional screenings can be conducted.

Dominica: Restricted entry for those who have traveled in China recently.

Dominican Republic: Suspension of all flights to and from China, Europe, Iran and South Korea from March 16.

El Salvador: The entrance of foreign nationals other than Salvadoran residents, diplomats, and Guatemalan truck drivers engaged in international trade is prohibited. Salvadorans arriving from abroad are subject to a 30-day quarantine period except those arriving through land ports or entry on the border with Guatemala.

Grenada: Officials will deny entry to foreign travelers arriving from Italy, South Korea, China, and Germany. Grenada citizens or residents will be ordered to quarantine for 14 days after arriving from those countries.

Guatemala: Restricted entry for nonresidents arriving from China, Iran, South Korea, and Europe, as well as from the US and Canada from March 16.

Haiti: People arriving from China, France, Germany, Iran, Italy, or South Korea within 14 days are prohibited from entry.

Honduras: Citizens and foreigners traveling from China, Iran, Italy, Spain, France, Germany, Japan, and South Korea, will be ordered to quarantine for 14 days.

Jamaica: Restricted entry for nonresidents who have traveled in China, France, Germany, Iran, Italy, Singapore, South Korea, and Spain within 15 days before their arrival. Residents of Jamaica who have been in mainland China recently will be subject to immediate quarantine for a maximum of 14 days.

Panama: Suspension of all flights from Europe and Asia until further notice.

Saint Kitts and Nevis: Nonresidents who have traveled to China, Singapore, South Korea, Italy, Japan, and Iran within 14 days before their arrival are advised not to travel to Saint Kitts and Nevis; they will be required to quarantine if they do.

Saint Lucia: Restricted entry for nonresidents who have traveled in mainland China, Hong Kong, South Korea, Italy, and Singapore, within 14 days before their arrival. Residents of Saint Lucia who have been in any of those areas within 14 days will be subject to immediate quarantine of 14 days.

Saint Vincent and the Grenadines: Officials will require travelers who have recently been to China (including Hong Kong), South Korea, Italy, Singapore, Japan, and Iran to quarantine for 14-days once since their arrival.

Sint-Maarten: Officials will deny entry to any foreign traveler who in the previous 21 days has been in China (including Hong Kong and Macao), Iran, Italy, Japan, South Korea, and Singapore. The measure does not apply to citizens of Netherlands, or local residents.

Trinidad and Tobago: Restricted entry for nonresidents who have traveled in mainland China, Iran, Italy, Japan, or Singapore within 14 days before their arrival.

Turks and Caicos: Officials will not allow travelers coming from China, Iran, South Korea, Italy, Singapore, and Japan to enter the country.

Countries could expand travel restrictions in the coming days, particularly if the number of COVID-19 confirmed cases increases. Officials in most countries have also announced additional measures to combat the spread of the infection, including a ban on mass gatherings, and temporarily cancelling in person-classes in schools and universities. Multiple private businesses and public offices are allowing employees to work remotely. Health screenings in airports have also increased.

Background and Analysis

The measures taken by these governments correspond with similar actions taken by other governments globally in recent days in response to the spread of coronavirus disease (COVID-19). COVID-19 is a viral respiratory disease caused by infection with the SARS-CoV-2 virus (previously known as 2019-
nCoV). Symptoms occur 1-14 days following exposure (average of 3-7 days). These symptoms include fever, fatigue, cough, difficulty breathing, sometimes worsening to pneumonia and kidney failure - especially in those with underlying medical conditions. On March 11, the WHO declared the ongoing COVID-19 outbreak a pandemic.

Belgium 3/15/2020 13:07 Governments in Europe are maintaining travel and other restrictions to prevent the spread of coronavirus disease (COVID-19). Although specific measures vary by country, the following procedures were in effect as of March 13:

- Albania: Authorities will close land borders from 0001 March 16 until further notice; they also closed maritime borders to all nationals. Officials have canceled ferry services between Albania and Greece and Italy. The transportation (land and maritime) of goods continues. Airports are reporting disruptions on flights. Officials have canceled connections to Greece and Italy. Direct flights to the UK continue, but with disruptions. Persons traveling via Tirana International Airport Nene Tereza (TIA) need special clearance from authorities before departing for the airport. Authorities closed businesses, state offices (except essential services), parks, museums, cinemas, and schools through April 3. Pharmacies and groceries will remain open. Authorities have ordered a 14-day self-quarantine for anyone who has entered Albania from Italy and Greece after March 1. Persons ignoring the directive will receive fines. Restrictions on nationals from other high-risk locations are also likely to be included in the quarantine measure. There are widespread restrictions on inter- and intra-city travel nationwide. Officials may amend health and travel measures in the coming weeks in response to government threat assessments.

- Armenia: Authorities have suspended visa-free travel for Chinese nationals. All land borders with Iran have been closed until March 24. Scheduled flights to and from Iran have been suspended, with the exception of those allowing Armenian and Iranian citizens to return to their home countries. Enhanced health screenings are underway at all points of entry.

- Austria: Authorities have suspended flights from China, Iran, South Korea, Italy, Switzerland, France, and Spain. Border controls will be introduced on the Swiss and Liechtenstein borders; the Vorarlberg crossing with Germany will remain open. Authorities have temporarily barred entry to persons traveling from Italy; the measure will not apply to travelers in possession of a health certificate declaring them to be free of the virus; non-stop transit through Austria is unaffected. Restaurants and bars will close daily at 1500 from March 16.

- Azerbaijan: All flights between Baku and Tehran have been suspended, and flights to mainland China could face disruptions. Enhanced health screening is in operation at ports of entry. Authorities have suspended visa-free travel for Chinese nationals. The closure of all of the country's border crossings with Iran, which went into effect on Feb. 29, has been extended for an additional two weeks through March 28; further extensions are possible. Disruptions to flights connecting with Turkey, as well as along the Turkish border in Naxcivan, are possible at short notice.
- Belgium: Educational facilities will remain closed until the end of the Easter holidays in late April. Bars and restaurants, with the exception of takeaways, are currently closed. All public gatherings have been banned. Public transport services continue to operate.

- Bosnia and Herzegovina: Foreign nationals traveling from Italy, Iran, South Korea, and the province of Wuhan in China are forbidding from entry. Travelers from Germany, France, and Spain are required to self-isolate for 14 days upon arrival. From March 16, all travelers entering the country will be required to self-isolate for 14 days.

- Croatia: Authorities have imposed a mandatory 14-day quarantine measure for all foreign nationals arriving from the Hubei region of China, Heinsburg County in North Rhine-Westphalia of Germany, Iran, Italy, and Cheongdo County and Daegu in South Korea; individuals will stay at a government facility during the quarantine period. Additionally, a 14-day self-quarantine measure is required for all travelers arriving from Austria, Bahrain, mainland China other than Hubei, France, Germany other than Heinsburg, Hong Kong, Japan, Malaysia, Netherlands, Singapore, Beja Krajina region of Slovenia, South Korea except Cheongdo County and Daegu, Spain, Sweden, Switzerland, and the UK. All educational facilities will be closed for two weeks beginning March 16.

- Cyprus: Travelers who have visited the Hubei region of China or Iran, Italy, or South Korea in the last 14 days are required to enter quarantine. Travelers who have visited other regions of China, or Japan, Hong Kong, France, Germany, the Achaia, Ilia and Zakythos regions of Greece, Spain, or the UK in the last 14 days are requested to self-isolate. The Ledra Street, Astromeritis, Lefka, Dherynia, Kato Pyrgos, and Strovilia border crossings with Turkish-administered Northern Cyprus are currently closed.

- Czech Republic: Officials have announced a 30-day nationwide state of emergency March 12. The measures include a temporary entry ban on most foreigners, as well as a ban on citizens leaving the country, from 0001 March 16. Some cross-border workers, as well as foreign nationals with Czech residency, will not be affected. Officials are maintaining border controls at the land borders with Austria and Germany, with access allowed only at designated points until further notice. The border with Slovakia is temporarily closed. Authorities will ban public transport vehicles with more than nine seats from entering the country. In addition, the state of emergency includes a ban on gatherings of more than 30 people and the closure of public facilities, including sports centers and educational establishment, as well as restrictions on restaurants.

- Denmark: Authorities in Denmark close air, land, and sea borders from 1200 March 14. The closure is in place through April 13: officials will bar all non-nationals from entry. Persons wishing to leave will be allowed to do so. The rule does not apply to Danish passport holders, EU citizens holding a Danish social security card, and third-country nationals carrying a Danish residency permit. Authorities will make exceptions for foreign nationals in some emergencies, such as attending a medical visit or persons in transit with onward travel documentation. The restriction does not apply to the movement of goods and will not impact supply chains. Authorities have suspended cruise ship travel. All kindergartens, schools, and universities will be closed from March 13. In addition, authorities have banned all gatherings of more than 100 people through at least March 31.

- Estonia: Officials will reintroduce border controls from March 17. The new measures will bar foreign nationals from entering the country. Estonians, persons with resident permits, and foreigners with family members in Estonia are exempt. Foreigners may transit Estonia if they do not show symptoms of COVID-19. There are no restrictions on leaving Estonia. The transport of goods will continue as per normal. The border control end date is not available as yet, and officials will review measures every two weeks. Authorities declared an emergency situation March 12-May 1. Officials have banned all public gatherings. Education authorities have established distance learning schools. Health screenings are in place at borders. Authorities have closed cultural institutions. Persons arriving from high-risk locations must self-quarantine for 14 days. Travel to and from Estonia's Western Islands is limited to residents. Authorities have suspended the Tallinn-Stockholm ferry.

- France: Gatherings of more than 100 people have been banned. Schools and universities throughout the country will be closed for 15 days from March 16. Cafes, restaurants, shops, and movie theaters will be closed starting at 0001 March 14 until further notice.

- Georgia: Authorities have suspended travel to Iran and Italy. Land borders are closed to Iranian goods and vehicles. Enhanced health screening is occurring at ports of entry. Flights to and from China remain suspended until at least March 29. Foreign travelers who have been in Iran in the past 14 days or China in the past 21 days will be denied entry. Authorities may quarantine Georgian residents arriving from these countries for at least 14 days.

- Germany: Schools in the states of Bavaria and Saarland are closed until the end of the Easter holidays in late April. Schools in Berlin will begin to close from March 16.

- Greece: Authorities have suspended all flights, excluding freight, with Italy through at least March 29. Large public gatherings, including conferences, have been prohibited until April 5. Educational facilities and most commercial establishments nationwide are closed through at least March 23.

- Hungary: Nationals and travelers, excluding Hungarians and European Economic Area permanent residents, from China, Italy, Iran, Israel, and South Korea, are barred from entry. Persons entering from these areas will be requested to enter quarantine for 14 days. All flights, buses, and trains from the afore-mentioned states is banned. Health screenings are in place at ports of entry. Gatherings of more than 100 people (indoors) and 500 people (outdoors) are banned.

- Ireland: As of March 12, officials in Ireland have ordered the closures of all universities, schools, and childcare facilities until at least March 29. In addition, authorities have advised against indoor gatherings of over 100 people, and outdoor gatherings of over 500 people.

- Italy*: All flights to and from China and Iran remain suspended indefinitely.
- Kosovo: Authorities in Kosovo have taken several measures to curb the spread of coronavirus disease (COVID-19), as of March 14. All flights to Pristina International Airport (PRN) will be suspended from March 16. All medical and military flights are exempt. It is not clear if some limited departure flights will still proceed; however, it is likely that departure flights will be subject to disruptions. The period of the suspension is unclear. Land borders will be closed to all travelers except Kosovo citizens, again from March 16. Citizens entering the country will be required to self-quarantine for 14 days. The government reportedly plans to suspend all inter-city public transport. It is not clear if this order has already been enforced. Citizens of the Klina and Vitina municipalities have been restricted from moving to and from these areas. The government has ordered the nationwide closure of cafes, bars, and shopping centers. All restrictions are subject to amendment at short notice in response to government reviews.

- Latvia: Authorities will suspend international travel via land, sea, and air from March 17. The prohibition does not apply to the transport of goods. Latvian nationals and permanent residents will still be able to enter the country. Restrictions do not impact leaving the country; however, disruptions on cross-border/intermodal travel are highly likely given ongoing health screenings. A State of Emergency was declared March 12-April 14. Public gatherings are prohibited. The prohibition extends to political gatherings, recreational events, and cultural occasions. Educational facilities are required to provide training remotely.

- Lithuania: From 0001 March 16-March 30, officials will implement land border controls. Authorities will prohibit foreign nationals from entering the country; they will make exceptions for drivers and crews of goods transport vehicles, permanent residents, and NATO members and families. Persons planning to transit via Lithuania can do so until March 19. Lithuanian nationals will not be able to travel outside of the country without official authorization. Authorities are limiting inter- and intra-city transport and prohibiting cruise ships from docking at Klaipeda. Officials will suspend flights from Italy to Lithuania March 16; they had suspended flights from Lithuania to Italy March 13. Further flight restrictions and disruptions for departure and arrival are likely in the coming days. State workers are required to work remotely. Authorities are enforcing restrictions on education, entertainment, sports, cultural and leisure venues.

- Malta: As of March 13, all travelers entering Malta must observe a 14-day quarantine. Persons who do not observe the quarantine may receive fines. Air travel restrictions are also in place. Officials halted air and sea passenger travel between Malta and France, Germany, Spain, and Switzerland at 2359 March 11.

- Montenegro: As of March 14, multiple border crossings with Bosnia and Herzegovina, Albania, Croatia, and Serbia are closed. The duration of the closures is unclear. It is also not clear if all crossings are closed. Cruise ships are prohibited from docking at Montenegro's Adriatic ports through April 2. The government has implemented restrictions on public gatherings and closed educational facilities for 15 days from March 16. Officials will impose quarantine measures for travelers from Japan, France, Germany, Switzerland, Denmark, Slovenia, and Austria.

- Netherlands: Authorities in the Netherlands banned all flights from China, Hong Kong, Iran, Italy, and South Korea beginning 1800 March 13 to prevent the spread of coronavirus disease (COVID-19). The flight ban and related disruptions will continue through at least March 27. Authorities may implement further flight restrictions and amend current restrictions in response to developments over the coming days. Authorities have also banned events of more than 100 people March 12-31.

- North Macedonia: Foreign nationals traveling from medium- and high-risk areas, including the UK and Greece, may not enter North Macedonia as of March 14. The locations are those determined by WHO data. Exceptions are available for persons acquiring a certificate from the Ministry of Health. Anyone who has arrived from a medium- or high-risk area must observe a 14-day self-isolation. Land border crossings are closed expect for Tabanovce (Serbia), Deve Bair (Bulgaria), Kafasgan (Albania), Bogorodica (Greece), and Blace (Kosovo). Officials will close Ohrid St. Paul the Apostle Airport (OHD) from March 16. Skopje International Airport (SKP) remains operational. Authorities have also imposed entry and exit restrictions on several areas in the country, including the Debar and Centar Zhupa municipalities. Multiple public areas, including cafes, bars, and shopping centers are closed. Grocery stores remain open. Schools are closed through March. Public gatherings of over 1,000 people are prohibited.

- Norway: Norwegian officials announced March 14 that they would close the country's sea and air ports starting at 0800 March 16. Authorities have closed all kindergartens, schools, and universities indefinitely from March 12. In addition, authorities have been requiring since Feb. 27 that all travelers arriving in Norway from anywhere other than Scandinavia self-quarantine for 14 days. Authorities will also close sports, leisure, and entertainment venues throughout the country.

- Poland: Authorities implement a temporary travel ban for foreigners and suspension of international passenger air and rail transport March 15 through March 24. There is a ban on gatherings of more than 50 people, and a partial closure of shopping malls and educational facilities nationwide through March 25. Educational facilities nationwide will be closed March 16-25.

- Portugal: All passenger flights to and from Italy are suspended until March 24. All schools will close indefinitely from March 16. Public places in several locations, particularly in Porto District, have been closed.

- Romania: Educational facilities have closed nationwide March 11 until at least March 22. Flights and overland public transport connecting with northern Italy have been suspended until March 31. Travelers arriving from China, Iran, South Korea, or the Italian regions of Lombardy, Veneto, and Emilia Romagna, are required to self-isolate for 14 days. Travelers who have visited certain designated outbreak hot spots in China, Italy, or South Korea could be placed into institutional quarantine. Authorities have banned public gatherings of more than 1,000 people.

- Serbia: Authorities have closed secondary border crossing points to allow officials to better screen travelers.

- Slovenia: Authorities announced that the country's border with Italy will partially close by March 16. The following border crossings will remain open subject to heightened health screenings: Ratece border crossing, Robic-Stupizza border crossing, Gornica-Vrtojba border crossing, Fernetti-Sezana
border crossing, Kozina border crossing, Skofije border crossing. Authorities have also introduced restrictions on public gatherings of more than 500 people.

- Slovakia: Authorities have ordered the closures of all airports in the country for passenger travel from March 13; freight and private planes will not be affected. Authorities have also suspended all visits to the country by non-residents; all Slovak citizens returning from abroad will be subject to a 14-day quarantine. It remains unclear how long these measures will remain in effect. Authorities will also close all school and universities for 14 days starting March 16. Authorities also plan to close sports, leisure, and entertainment venues, and will close all shopping centers the weekend of March 14.

- Spain**: Spanish authorities announced on March 14 that they would impose a nationwide lockdown on the entire country from March 15 to last through at least March 29. All flights from Italy are suspended until March 25. Authorities in Madrid, the Basque Country, La Rioja, and Castilla y León have closed schools and public establishments, and have prohibited public gatherings of more than 1,000 people.

- Sweden: No mandatory preventative measures or restrictions are in place.

- Switzerland: Flights to and from mainland China remain suspended until March 28, and reduced flights are operating to and from Italy; in particular, flights connecting with northern Italy are suspended. Authorities have banned all gatherings of more than 1,000 participants, including demonstrations, public events, and major sporting events, until at least March 15. Some cities, including Bern, have banned smaller public gatherings.

- Spain: Authorities have closed schools in Madrid and the Basque Country. Public gatherings of more than 1,000 people in Catalonia are currently prohibited.

- Turkey: Turkish officials announced March 14 that they would temporarily suspend all air and land travel to and from Azerbaijan. The restriction does not include cargo shipments. Authorities announced March 12 that schools and universities nationwide would close for at least 21 days from March 16. Public gatherings, including sporting events, are likely to be prohibited; sports matches will reportedly proceed, though fans will not be permitted to attend.

- UK: Authorities request that all travelers who have visited Hubei Province, China, in the last 14 days, as well as travelers who have returned from Iran since Feb. 19 and from Italy since March 9, remain indoors and minimize contact with other people. Travelers who have returned from elsewhere in China and South Korea, as well as from Hong Kong, Japan, Macau, Malaysia, Singapore, Taiwan, and Thailand, in the last 14 days and have possible COVID-19 symptoms should also self-isolate immediately. This guidance also applies to travelers with possible symptoms who have returned from elsewhere in northern Italy, Cambodia, Laos, Myanmar, or Vietnam since Feb. 19.

- Ukraine: Authorities implement temporary entry ban for foreign nationals traveling by rail, road, and air, and close all land passenger border crossings from 0001 March 16-March 30. All regular international air traffic has been suspended from March 17; the exact duration of the closure is unknown. Public places nationwide, including educational establishments, conference centers, cinemas, and other entertainment venues, are closed until at least March 31.

*Local movement restrictions in Italy are detailed in a separate WorldAware alert titled "Italy - Travel Restrictions - Nationwide".

**Local movement restrictions in Spain's Catalonia region are detailed in a separate WorldAware alert titled "Spain - Travel Restrictions - Catalonia".

Panic buying of essential goods, particularly hygiene products, has been reported in many locations and has led to temporary shortages. Such shortages are likely to be quickly resolved. School closures will probably result in increased absenteeism among employees who are the parents or guardians of school-aged children. In addition, increasing numbers of workers will likely work from home in the coming weeks as a routine health precaution and due to voluntary self-isolation.

Governments could expand their responses in the coming weeks, particularly if COVID-19 activity increases in-country. The measures are unlikely to impact most travelers but may lead to immigration delays, especially for passengers from mainland China and other countries with significant numbers of COVID-19 cases.

As of March 15, authorities in several countries in the Caribbean and Central America are likely to continue implementing travel and other restrictions through at least late March, to prevent the spread of the coronavirus disease (COVID-19). The duration of the measures will likely depend on the course of the outbreak in China and other countries.

- Antigua and Barbuda: Restricted entry for nonresidents who have traveled in China, Italy, Japan, Singapore and South Korea, within 14 days.

- Aruba: Restricted entry for nonresidents who have traveled to China, Iran, Japan, Singapore, South Korea, the EU, as well as the UK, Norway and Switzerland, within 14 days.

- Bahamas: Restricted entry for nonresidents who have traveled in China, Iran, Italy, and South Korea within 20 days before their arrival. Residents of the Bahamas who have been in these countries within 20 days will be subject to quarantine for a maximum of 14 days.

- Barbados: Persons that have been in China, Iran, Italy or South Korea within 14 days before their arrival will be subject to quarantine protocols.

- Belize: Restricted entry for nonresidents who have traveled in China, Europe, Iran, Japan, and South Korea within 14 days before their arrival.
- British Virgin Islands: Restricted entry for nonresidents who have traveled China, France, Germany, Italy, Iran, South Korea and Spain, within 14 days.
- Costa Rica: Travelers who have been in China within 14 days must inform their airlines as well as immigration authorities so that additional screenings can be conducted.
- Dominica: Restricted entry for those who have traveled in China recently.
- Dominican Republic: Suspension of all flights to and from China, Europe, Iran and South Korea from March 16.
- El Salvador: The entrance of foreign nationals other than Salvadoran residents, diplomats, and Guatemalan truck drivers engaged in international trade is prohibited. Salvadorans arriving from abroad are subject to a 30-day quarantine period except those arriving through land ports or entry on the border with Guatemala.
- Grenada: Officials will deny entry to foreign travelers arriving from China, France, Germany, Iran, Italy, South Korea and Spain. Grenada citizens or residents will be ordered to quarantine for 14 days after arriving from those countries.
- Guatemala: Restricted entry for nonresidents arriving from China, Iran, South Korea, and Europe, as well as from the US and Canada from March 16.
- Haiti: People arriving from China, France, Germany, Iran, Italy, or South Korea are not permitted from entry.
- Honduras: Citizens and foreigners traveling from China, Iran, Italy, Spain, France, Germany, Japan, and South Korea, will be ordered to quarantine for 14 days.
- Jamaica: Restricted entry for nonresidents who have traveled in China, France, Germany, Iran, Italy, Singapore, South Korea, and Spain within 15 days before their arrival. Residents of Jamaica who have been in mainland China recently will be subject to immediate quarantine for a maximum of 14 days.
- Panama: Suspension of all flights from Europe and Asia until further notice.
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- Trinidad and Tobago: Restricted entry for nonresidents who have traveled in mainland China, Iran, Italy, Japan, or Singapore within 14 days before their arrival.
- Turks and Caicos: Officials will not allow travelers coming from China, Iran, South Korea, Italy, Singapore, and Japan to enter the country.

Countries could expand travel restrictions in the coming days, particularly if the number of COVID-19 confirmed cases increases. Officials in most countries have also announced additional measures to combat the spread of the infection, including a ban on mass gatherings, and temporarily cancelling in person-classes in schools and universities. Multiple private businesses and public offices are allowing employees to work remotely. Health screenings in airports have also increased.

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Several nations in South Asia have advised citizens to avoid travel to countries with significant coronavirus disease (COVID-19) outbreaks, and have implemented enhanced health screenings for incoming passengers. Travel restrictions on impacted countries have been expanded to include additional areas, especially in Nepal, as of March 14. Screening measures and entry restrictions, though variable, have expanded as in-country cases increase across the region.

As of March 14, the following restrictions were in place, modified, or planned:

- Bhutan
Denmark, UK, Belgium, Austria, Czech Republic, Iceland, Portugal, Finland, Slovenia, Ireland, Poland, and the US will be subject to a 14-day quarantine in efforts to prevent the spread of coronavirus disease (COVID-19). The duration of the measures will likely depend on the course of the outbreak.

Impacted countries may suspend or curtail services due to precautionary measures, government restrictions, or low consumer demand. Increased immigration delays and possible quarantine for at least 14 days, especially for passengers from countries with significant cases of COVID-19. Countries could expand their response in the coming days, particularly if the number of cases in-country increases. The measures may lead to additional disruptions that are likely to disrupt air travel to other affected countries.

Pedestrian and vehicle border crossings between Afghanistan and Iran Feb. 25-26; such restrictions could recur intermittently in the coming weeks. Commercial disruptions due to the closure of the Chaman border with Pakistan are likely to continue through at least March 30, as Pakistani officials will close the crossing point until at least that date. Extended school closures until April and restrictions on public gatherings are underway in Herat Province and other border areas.

Effective March 6, Bhutan has banned all incoming foreign tourists through at least March 20; non-local manpower availability may be affected in the coming days. Other elevated measures introduced include quarantine of suspected cases, as well as school closures and restrictions on public gatherings in Thimphu, Paro, and Punaka districts. Authorities had earlier mandated thermal scanning at all entry points, with health checks at land ports with India. Bhutan has advised its citizens against non-essential travel to countries with reported COVID-19 cases.

Indian officials have limited land border crossings with Bangladesh as of March 14; passenger trains and buses to Bangladesh will be suspended from March 15 until further notice. Bangladesh has also suspended flights to India due to suspension of visa issuance by Indian authorities through April 15. Enhanced health screenings at all other points of entry, mainly airports and other land crossings between Bangladesh and India. Authorities have suspended visas for travelers from Iran, Italy, Japan, and South Korea. Similar restrictions are ongoing for travelers from mainland China, Hong Kong, Macau, and Taiwan since Feb. 3. In addition, officials are banning entry for passengers from Italy, South Korea, Japan, and Kuwait who do not have medical certificates indicating that they are not infected with COVID-19. Authorities are advising Bangladeshi citizens to avoid non-essential international travel, and for returning travelers to minimize participation in public gatherings for at least the first 14 days of their stay in Bangladesh.

Restrictions have been introduced to all foreign nationals visiting Maldives. Officials are also temporarily banning entry for all foreign tourists and crew arriving from Spain, South Korea, Bangladesh, Italy, mainland China, and Iran, as an origin or transit point; the restrictions also apply to those from France's île-de-France and Grand Est, as well as Germany's Bavaria, North Rhine-Westphalia and Baden-Württemberg. Authorities may quarantine Maldivian citizens arriving from affected territories for at least 14 days. The Health Protection Agency has advised Maldivian citizens to exercise caution when traveling abroad; authorities are limiting extracurricular activities in schools and enforcing temporary movement and exit restrictions in tourist resorts with confirmed or suspected COVID-19 cases. Foreign tourists cannot check in to hotels and guesthouses in Greater Male effective 2359 March 15.

Nepal has temporarily suspended on-arrival and electronic visa issuance for all foreign nationals and non-resident Nepalese through April 30; travelers with an existing visa must contact their local Nepali diplomatic mission and submit results of a swab test conducted within 7 days of intended travel date. New applicants will also have to submit medical certification at consulates. Officials have advised Nepali citizens against non-essential international travel, and warn that they could be subject to quarantine upon return. The Kimathanka, Rasuwagadhi, and Tatopani land border crossings remain closed indefinitely. Health checks are mandatory at all entry points, especially land crossings with India, though authorities' effectiveness in enforcing checks remains uncertain.Visas remain valid from their dates of issue for Nepal nationals, except Foreigners General_2020-03-10. Foreign nationals will be advised to self-quarantine for 14 days upon arrival; symptomatic passengers may be subject to enhanced checks and mandatory quarantine. Himalaya Airlines (H9) suspended flight operations to and from China starting Feb. 7. The flight suspension will continue until at least March 28.

Pakistan: Pakistani authorities will seal off all border crossings with Iran and Afghanistan from March 16 through at least March 30. All educational institutions will remain closed as a precaution through at least April 4. Authorities have indefinitely banned all flights to and from Iran. Additionally, authorities plan to restrict all international flights to just three airports - those serving Karachi (KHI), Islamabad (ISB), and Lahore (LHE), to allow for intensified health screening measures. Pakistan International Airlines (PK) has suspended flights to mainland China and Japan until at least March 15; additional disruptions are likely to disrupt air travel to other affected countries.

Sri Lanka: Sri Lankan authorities will restrict travel from France, Austria, Sweden, Denmark, the Netherlands, Switzerland, Germany, and Spain from March 15 to at least March 29. Airlines have been instructed not to board passengers from the aforementioned countries, along with those from Italy, South Korea, and Iran, on flights to Sri Lanka. Foreign nationals who have visited the specified countries within the previous 14 days are similarly banned. Sri Lankan nationals returning from affected countries are required under mandatory 14-day quarantines upon repatriation. Visas for citizens from European countries will be suspended for at least two weeks beginning March 13. Sri Lanka indefinitely suspended the issuance of on-arrival visas for foreign tourists, from March 11 to prevent the spread of COVID-19; authorities removed initial exemptions for citizens of Maldives, Singapore, and Seychelles March 15. Officials had already suspended on-arrival visas for Chinese nationals beginning Feb. 3; electronic visas will continue to be issued. Travelers from other affected countries may be subject to possible quarantine in addition to enhanced screening in the coming days. Officials have also banned the disembarkment of international cruise ship passengers.

Countries could expand their response in the coming days, particularly if the number of cases in-country increases. The measures may lead to immigration delays and possible quarantine for at least 14 days. Health screenings are likely to result in increased wait times at international airports and some land border crossings. Airlines serving and operating out of impacted countries may suspend or curtail services due to precautionary measures, government restrictions, or low consumer demand. As of March 15, authorities in several countries in South America have implemented travel and other restrictions through at least late March as part of efforts to prevent the spread of coronavirus disease (COVID-19). The duration of the measures will likely depend on the course of the outbreak.

- Argentina: Travelers arriving from China, Iran, South Korea, Japan, Italy, France, Spain, Germany, Switzerland, Norway, Netherlands, Sweden, Denmark, UK, Belgium, Austria, Czech Republic, Iceland, Portugal, Finland, Slovenia, Ireland, Poland, and the US will be subject to a 14-day quarantine.
period. Temporarily, no new visas will be issued for residents of the most affected countries. Officials have canceled all flights from Europe, the US, South Korea, Japan, China, and Iran through at least mid-April.

- **Bolivia**: Officials temporarily ban entry for all travelers from China, Italy, South Korea, and Spain. Authorities canceled all flights to and from Europe starting March 14.

- **Brazil**: Authorities advise all travelers from abroad to remain in quarantine for seven days from the time they enter Brazil, even if they are asymptomatic. Symptomatic travelers must self-isolate for 14 days.

- **Chile**: Persons arriving from China, France, Germany, Italy, Iran, Japan, South Korea, and Spain will be subject to a 14-day quarantine period.

- **Colombia**: Officials temporarily ban entry for all foreign travelers arriving from Asia and Europe starting March 16. Authorities have closed border crossings with Venezuela and increased controls at the border with Ecuador.

- **Ecuador**: Officials temporarily suspend all international air arrivals from March 15. A temporary entry ban is in place for all foreign nationals traveling by air, land, and sea transportation from March 16 until further notice.

- **Guyana**: Travelers arriving from Jamaica, Dominican Republic, Brazil, French Guiana, Panama, St. Vincent and the Grenadines, US, China, Italy, South Korea, Singapore, Japan, Thailand, Malaysia, or Iran will be subject to additional screenings and may be subject to quarantine.

- **Paraguay**: Authorities have suspended the issuance of new visas for Chinese passport holders. Officials have canceled all flights from Europe through March 26.

- **Peru**: Officials suspend all flights to and from Europe and Asia from March 16 for a period of 30 days.

- **Suriname**: Officials suspend all inbound and outbound international flights at Johan Adolf Pengel International Airport (JAP) through March 21.

- **Uruguay**: Persons arriving from China, France, Germany, Italy, Japan, Singapore, South Korea, and Spain will be subject to a 14-day quarantine period.

- **Venezuela**: Authorities have canceled all flights from Europe and Colombia.

Countries could expand travel restrictions in the coming days, particularly if the number of confirmed cases of COVID-19 increases. Officials in most countries have also announced additional measures to combat the spread of the virus, including a ban on mass gatherings, and temporarily canceling in-person classes at schools and universities. Several private businesses and public offices are allowing employees to work remotely. Health screenings in airports have also increased.

**Background and Analysis**

The measures taken by the South American governments correspond with similar actions taken by other governments globally in recent days in response to the spread of coronavirus disease (COVID-19). COVID-19 is a viral respiratory disease caused by infection with the SARS-CoV-2 virus (previously known as 2019-nCoV). Symptoms occur 1-14 days following exposure (average of 3-7 days). These symptoms include fever, fatigue, cough, difficulty breathing, sometimes worsening to pneumonia and kidney failure - especially in those with underlying medical conditions. On March 11, the WHO declared the ongoing COVID-19 outbreak a pandemic.

Governments in Europe are maintaining travel and other restrictions to prevent the spread of coronavirus disease (COVID-19). Although specific measures vary by country, the following procedures were in effect as of March 13:

- **Albania**: Authorities will close land borders from 0001 March 16 until further notice; they also closed maritime borders to all nationals. Officials have canceled ferry services between Albania and Greece and Italy. The transportation (land and maritime) of goods continues. Airports are reporting disruptions on flights. Officials have canceled connections to Greece and Italy. Direct flights to the UK continue, but with disruptions. Persons traveling via Tirana International Airport Nene Tereza (TIA) need special clearance from authorities before departing for the airport. Authorities closed businesses, state offices (except essential services), parks, museums, cinemas, and schools through April 3. Pharmacies and groceries will remain open. Authorities have ordered a 14-day self-quarantine for anyone who has entered Albania from Italy and Greece after March 1. Persons ignoring the directive will receive fines. Restrictions on nationals from other high-risk locations are also likely to be included in the quarantine measure. There are widespread restrictions on inter- and intra-city travel nationwide. Officials may amend health and travel measures in the coming weeks in response to government threat assessments.

- **Armenia**: Authorities have suspended visa-free travel for Chinese nationals. All land borders with Iran have been closed until March 24. Scheduled flights to and from Iran have been suspended, with the exception of those allowing Armenian and Iranian citizens to return to their home countries. Enhanced health screenings are underway at all points of entry.

- **Austria**: Authorities have suspended flights from China, Iran, South Korea, Italy, Switzerland, France, and Spain. Border controls will be introduced on the Swiss and Liechtenstein borders; the Vorarlberg crossing with Germany will remain open. Authorities have temporarily barred entry to persons traveling from Italy; the measure will not apply to travelers in possession of a health certificate declaring them to be free of the virus; non-stop transit through Austria is unaffected. Restaurants and bars will close daily at 1500 from March 16.
- Azerbaijan: All flights between Baku and Tehran have been suspended, and flights to mainland China could face disruptions. Enhanced health screening is in operation at ports of entry. Authorities have suspended visa-free travel for Chinese nationals. The closure of the country's border crossings with Iran, which went into effect on Feb. 29, has been extended for an additional two weeks through March 28; further extensions are possible. Disruptions to flights connecting with Turkey, as well as along the Turkish border in Naxcivan, are possible at short notice.

- Belgium: Educational facilities will remain closed until the end of the Easter holidays in late April. Bars and restaurants, with the exception of takeaways, are currently closed. All public gatherings have been banned. Public transport services continue to operate.

- Bosnia and Herzegovina: Foreign travel from Italy, Iran, South Korea, and the province of Hubei in China are forbidding from entry. Travelers from Germany, France, and Spain are required to self-isolate for 14 days upon arrival after March 16. All travelers entering the country will be required to self-isolate for 14 days.

- Croatia: Authorities have imposed a mandatory 14-day quarantine measure for all foreign nationals arriving from the Hubei region of China, Heinsburg County in North Rhine-Westphalia of Germany, Iran, Italy, and Cheongdo County and Daegu in South Korea; individuals will stay at a government facility during the quarantine period. Additionally, a 14-day self-quarantine measure is required for all travelers arriving from Austria, Bahrain, mainland China other than Hubei, France, Germany other than Heinsburg, Hong Kong, Japan, Malaysia, Netherlands, Singapore, Bela Krajina region of Slovenia, South Korea except Cheongdo County and Daegu, Spain, Sweden, Switzerland, and the UK. All educational facilities will be closed for two weeks beginning March 16.

- Cyprus: Travelers who have been to the Hubei region of China or Iran, Italy, or South Korea in the last 14 days are required to enter quarantine. Travelers who have visited other regions of China, or Japan, Hong Kong, France, Germany, the Achaia, Ila and Zanythlos regions of Greece, Spain, or the UK in the last 14 days are requested to self-quarantine. The Ledra Street, Ayia Napa, Lefka, Dherynia, Kato Pyrgos, and Strovilia border crossings with Turkish-administered Northern Cyprus are currently closed.

- Czech Republic: Officials have announced a 30-day nationwide state of emergency March 12. The measures include a temporary entry ban on most foreigners, as well as a ban on citizens leaving the country, from 0001 March 16. Some cross-border workers, as well as foreign nationals with Czech residency, will not be affected. Officials are maintaining border controls at the land borders with Austria and Germany, with access allowed only at designated points until further notice. The border with Slovakia is temporarily closed. Authorities will ban public transport vehicles with more than nine seats from entering the country. In addition, the state of emergency includes a ban on gatherings of more than 30 people and the closure of public facilities, including sports centers and educational establishment, as well as restrictions on restaurants.

- Denmark: Authorities in Denmark close air, land, and sea borders from 1200 March 14. The closure is in place through April 13; officials will bar all non-nationals from entry. Persons wishing to leave will be allowed to do so. The rule does not apply to Danish passport holders, EU citizens holding a Danish social security card, and third-country nationals carrying a Danish residency permit. Authorities will make exceptions for foreign nationals in some emergencies, such as attending a medical visit or persons in transit with onward travel documentation. The restriction does not apply to the movement of goods and will not impact supply chains. Authorities have suspended cruise ship travel. All kindergartens, schools, and universities will be closed from March 13. In addition, authorities have banned all gatherings of more than 100 people through at least March 31.

- Estonia: Authorities will reintroduce border controls from March 17. The new measures will bar foreign nationals from entering the country. Estonians, persons with resident permits, and foreigners with family members in Estonia are exempt. Foreigners may transit Estonia if they do not show symptoms of COVID-19. There are no restrictions on leaving Estonia. The transport of goods will continue as per normal. The border control end date is not available as yet, and officials will review measures every two weeks. Authorities declared an emergency situation March 12-May 1. Officials have banned all public gatherings. Education authorities have established distance learning schools. Health screenings are in place at borders. Authorities have closed cultural institutions. Persons arriving from high-risk locations must self-quarantine for 14 days. Travel to and from Estonia’s Western Islands is limited to residents. Authorities have suspended the Tallinn-Stockholm ferry.

- France: Gatherings of more than 100 people have been banned. Schools and universities throughout the country will be closed for 15 days from March 16. Cafes, restaurants, shops, and movie theaters will be closed starting at 0001 March 14 until further notice.

- Georgia: Authorities have suspended travel to Iran and Italy. Land borders are closed to Iranian goods and vehicles. Enhanced health screening is occurring at ports of entry. Flights to and from China remain suspended until at least March 29. Foreign travelers who have been in Iran in the past 14 days or China in the past 21 days will be denied entry. Authorities may quarantine Georgian residents arriving from these countries for at least 14 days.

- Germany: Schools in the states of Bavaria and Saarland are closed until the end of the Easter holidays in late April. Schools in Berlin will begin to close from March 16.

- Greece: Authorities have suspended all flights, excluding freight, with Italy through at least March 29. Large public gatherings, including conferences, have been prohibited until April 5. Educational facilities and most commercial establishments nationwide are closed through at least March 23.

- Hungary: Nationals and travelers, excluding Hungarians and European Economic Area permanent residents, from China, Italy, Iran, Israel, and South Korea, are barred from entry. Persons entering from these areas will be requested to enter quarantine for 14 days. All flights, buses, and trains from the afore-mentioned states is banned. Health screenings are in place at ports of entry. Gatherings of more than 100 people (indoors) and 500 people (outdoors) are banned.
- Ireland: As of March 12, officials in Ireland have ordered the closures of all universities, schools, and childcare facilities until at least March 29. In addition, authorities have advised against indoor gatherings of over 100 people, and outdoor gatherings of over 500 people.

- Italy*: All flights to and from China and Iran remain suspended indefinitely.

- Kosovo: Authorities in Kosovo have taken several measures to curb the spread of coronavirus disease (COVID-19), as of March 14. All flights to Pristina International Airport (PRN) will be suspended from March 16. All medical and military flights are exempt. It is not clear if some limited departure flights will still proceed; however, it is likely that departure flights will be subject to disruptions. The period of the suspension is unclear. Land borders will be closed to all travelers except Kosovo citizens, again from March 16. Citizens entering the country will be required to self-quarantine for 14 days. The government reportedly plans to suspend all inter-city public transport. It is not clear if this order has already been enforced. Citizens of the Klini and Vitina municipalities have been restricted from moving to and from these areas. The government has ordered the nationwide closure of cafes, bars, and shopping centers. All restrictions are subject to amendment at short notice in response to government reviews.

- Latvia: Authorities will suspend international travel via land, sea, and air from March 17. The prohibition does not apply to the transport of goods. Latvian nationals and permanent residents will still be able to enter the country. Restrictions do not impact leaving the country; however, disruptions on cross-border/international travel are highly likely given ongoing health screenings. A State of Emergency was declared March 12-April 14. Public gatherings are prohibited. The prohibition extends to political gatherings, recreational events, and cultural occasions. Educational facilities are required to provide training remotely.

- Lithuania: From 0001 March 16-March 30, officials will implement land border controls. Authorities will prohibit foreign nationals from entering the country; they will make exceptions for drivers and crews of goods transport vehicles, permanent residents, and NATO members and families. Persons planning to transit via Lithuania can do so until March 19. Lithuanian nationals will not be able to travel outside of the country without official authorization. Authorities are limiting inter- and intra-city transport and prohibiting cruise ships from docking at Klaipeda. Officials will suspend flights from Italy to Lithuania March 16; they had suspended flights from Lithuania to Italy March 13. Further flight restrictions and disruptions for departure and arrival are likely in the coming days. State workers are required to work remotely. Authorities are enforcing restrictions on education, entertainment, sports, cultural and leisure venues.

- Malta: As of March 13, all travelers entering Malta must observe a 14-day quarantine. Persons who do not observe the quarantine may receive fines. Air travel restrictions are also in place. Officials halted air and sea passenger travel between Malta and France, Germany, Spain, and Switzerland at 2359 March 11.

- Montenegro: As of March 14, multiple border crossings with Bosnia and Herzegovina, Albania, Croatia, and Serbia are closed. The duration of the closures is unclear. It is also not clear if all crossings are closed. Cruise ships are prohibited from docking at Montenegro's Adriatic ports through April 2. The government has implemented restrictions on public gatherings and closed educational facilities for 15 days from March 16. Officials will impose quarantine measures for travelers from Japan, France, Germany, Switzerland, Denmark, Slovenia, and Austria.

- Netherlands: Authorities in the Netherlands banned all flights from China, Hong Kong, Iran, Italy, and South Korea beginning 1800 March 13 to prevent the spread of coronavirus disease (COVID-19). The flight ban and related disruptions will continue through at least March 27. Authorities may implement further flight restrictions and amend current restrictions in response to developments over the coming days. Authorities have also banned events of more than 100 people March 12-31.

- North Macedonia: Foreign nationals traveling from medium- and high-risk areas, including the UK and Greece, may not enter North Macedonia as of March 14. The locations are those determined by WHO data. Exceptions are available for persons acquiring a certificate from the Ministry of Health. Anyone who has arrived from a medium- or high-risk area must observe a 14-day self-isolation. Land border crossings are closed expect for Tabanovce (Serbia), Deve Bair (Bulgaria), Kafasan (Albania), Bogorodica (Greece), and Blace (Kosovo). Officials will close Ohrid St. Paul the Apostle Airport (OHD) from March 16. Skopje International Airport (SKP) remains operational. Authorities have also imposed entry and exit restrictions on several areas in the country, including the Debar and Centar Zhupa municipalities. Multiple public areas, including cafes, bars, and shopping centers are closed. Grocery stores remain open. Schools are closed through March. Public gatherings of over 1,000 people are prohibited.

- Norway: Norwegian officials announced March 14 that they would close the country's sea and air ports starting at 0800 March 16. Authorities have closed all kindergartens, schools, and universities indefinitely from March 12. In addition, authorities have been requiring since Feb. 27 that all travelers arriving in Norway from anywhere other than Scandinavia self-quarantine for 14 days. Authorities will also close sports, leisure, and entertainment venues throughout the country.

- Poland: Authorities implement a temporary travel ban for foreigners and suspension of international passenger air and rail transport March 15 through March 24. There is a ban on gatherings of more than 50 people, and a partial closure of shopping malls and educational facilities nationwide through March 26. Educational facilities nationwide will be closed March 16-25.

- Portugal: All passenger flights to and from Italy are suspended until March 24. All schools will close indefinitely from March 16. Place in several locations, particularly in Porto District, have been closed.

- Romania: Educational facilities have closed nationwide March 11 until at least March 22. Flights and overland public transport connecting with northern Italy have been suspended until March 31. Travelers arriving from China, Iran, South Korea, or the Italian regions of Lombardy, Veneto, and Emilia Romagna, are required to self-isolate for 14 days. Travelers who have visited certain designated outbreak hot spots in China, Italy, or South Korea could be placed into institutional quarantine. Authorities have banned public gatherings of more than 1,000 people.
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- Serbia: Authorities have closed secondary border crossing points to allow officials to better screen travelers.
- Slovenia: Authorities announced that the country's border with Italy will partially close by March 16. The following border crossings will remain open subject to heightened health screenings: Ratece border crossing, Robic-Stuplizza border crossing, Gorizia-Vrtojba border crossing, Ferneti-Sezana border crossing, Kozina border crossing, Skofjelje border crossing. Authorities have also introduced restrictions on public gatherings of more than 500 people.
- Slovakia: Authorities have ordered the closures of all airports in the country for passenger travel from March 13; freight and private planes will not be affected. Authorities have also suspended all visits to the country by non-residents; all Slovak citizens returning from abroad will be subject to a 14-day quarantine. It remains unclear how long these measures will remain in effect. Authorities will also close all school and universities for 14 days starting March 16. Authorities also plan to close sports, leisure, and entertainment venues, and will close all shopping centers the weekend of March 14.
- Spain**: Spanish authorities announced on March 14 that they would impose a nationwide lockdown on the entire country from March 15 to last through at least March 29. All flights from Italy are suspended until March 25. Authorities in Madrid, the Basque Country, La Rioja, and Castilla y León have closed schools and public establishments, and have prohibited public gatherings of more than 1,000 people.
- Sweden: No mandatory preventative measures or restrictions are in place.
- Switzerland: Flights to and from mainland China remain suspended until March 28, and reduced flights are operating to and from Italy; in particular, flights connecting with northern Italy are suspended. Authorities have banned all gatherings of more than 1,000 participants, including demonstrations, public events, and major sporting events, until at least March 15. Some cities, including Berne, have banned smaller public gatherings.
- Spain: Authorities have closed schools in Madrid and the Basque Country. Public gatherings of more than 1,000 people in Catalonia are currently prohibited.
- Turkey: Turkish officials announced March 14 that they would temporarily suspend all air and land travel to and from Azerbaijan. The restriction does not include cargo shipments. Authorities announced March 12 that schools and universities nationwide would close for at least 21 days from March 16. Public gatherings, including sporting events, are likely to be prohibited; sports matches will reportedly proceed, though fans will not be permitted to attend.
- UK: Authorities request that all travelers who have visited Hubei Province, China, in the last 14 days, as well as travelers who have returned from Iran since Feb. 19 and from Italy since March 9, remain indoors and minimize contact with other people. Travelers who have returned from elsewhere in China and South Korea, as well as from Hong Kong, Japan, Macau, Malaysia, Singapore, Taiwan, and Thailand, in the last 14 days and have possible COVID-19 symptoms should also self-isolate immediately. This guidance also applies to travelers with possible symptoms who have returned from elsewhere in northern Italy, Cambodia, Laos, Myanmar, or Vietnam since Feb. 19.
- Ukraine: Authorities implement temporary entry ban for foreign nationals traveling by rail, road, and air, and close all land passenger border crossings from 0001 March 16-March 30. All regular international air traffic has been suspended from March 17; the exact duration of the closure is unknown. Public places nationwide, including educational establishments, conference centers, cinemas, and other entertainment venues, are closed until at least March 31.

“Local movement restrictions in Italy are detailed in a separate WorldAware alert titled "Italy - Travel Restrictions - Nationwide”.

**Local movement restrictions in Spain's Catalonia region are detailed in a separate WorldAware alert titled "Spain - Travel Restrictions - Catalonia”.

Panic buying of essential goods, particularly hygiene products, has been reported in many locations and has led to temporary shortages. Such shortages are likely to be quickly resolved. School closures will probably result in increased absenteeism among employees who are the parents or guardians of school-aged children. In addition, increasing numbers of workers will likely work from home in the coming weeks as a routine health precaution and due to voluntary self-isolation.

Governments could expand their responses in the coming weeks, particularly if COVID-19 activity increases in-country. The measures are unlikely to impact most travelers but may lead to immigration delays, especially for passengers from mainland China and other countries with significant numbers of COVID-19 cases. As of March 15, authorities in several countries in South America have implemented travel and other restrictions through at least late March as part of efforts to prevent the spread of coronavirus disease (COVID-19). The duration of the measures will likely depend on the course of the outbreak.

- Argentina: Travelers arriving from China, Iran, South Korea, Japan, Italy, France, Spain, Germany, Switzerland, Norway, Netherlands, Sweden, Denmark, UK, Belgium, Austria, Czech Republic, Iceland, Portugal, Finland, Slovenia, Ireland, Poland, and the US will be subject to a 14-day quarantine period. Temporarily, no new visas will be issued for residents of the most affected countries. Officials have canceled all flights from Europe, the US, South Korea, Japan, China, and Iran through at least mid-April.
- Bolivia: Officials temporarily ban entry for all travelers from China, Italy, South Korea, and Spain. Authorities canceled all flights to and from Europe starting March 14.
- Brazil: Authorities advise all travelers from abroad to remain in quarantine for seven days from the time they enter Brazil, even if they are asymptomatic. Symptomatic travelers must self-isolate for 14 days.

- Chile: Persons arriving from China, France, Germany, Italy, Iran, Japan, South Korea, and Spain will be subject to a 14-day quarantine period.

- Colombia: Officials temporarily ban entry for all foreign travelers arriving from Asia and Europe starting March 16. Authorities have closed border crossings with Venezuela and increased controls at the border with Ecuador.

- Ecuador: Officials temporarily suspend all international air arrivals from March 15. A temporary entry ban is in place for all foreign nationals traveling by air, land, and sea transportation from March 16 until further notice.

- Guyana: Travelers arriving from Jamaica, Dominican Republic, Brazil, French Guiana, Panama, St. Vincent and the Grenadines, US, China, Italy, South Korea, Singapore, Japan, Thailand, Malaysia, or Iran will be subject to additional screenings and may be subject to quarantine.

- Paraguay: Authorities have suspended the issuance of new visas for Chinese passport holders. Officials have canceled all flights from Europe through March 26.

- Peru: Officials suspend all flights to and from Europe and Asia from March 16 for a period of 30 days.

- Suriname: Officials suspend all inbound and outbound international flights at Johan Adolf Pengel International Airport (JAP) through March 21.

- Uruguay: Persons arriving from China, France, Germany, Italy, Iran, Japan, Singapore, South Korea, and Spain will be subject to a 14-day quarantine period.

- Venezuela: Authorities have canceled all flights arriving from Europe and Colombia.

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As of March 15, authorities in several countries in the Caribbean and Central America are likely to continue implementing travel and other restrictions through at least late March, to prevent the spread of the coronavirus disease (COVID-19). The duration of the measures will likely depend on the course of the outbreak in China and other countries.

- Antigua and Barbuda: Restricted entry for nonresidents who have traveled in China, Italy, Iran, Japan, Singapore and South Korea, within 14 days.

- Aruba: Restricted entry for nonresidents who have traveled to China, Iran, Japan, Singapore, South Korea, the EU, as well as the UK, Norway and Switzerland, within 14 days.

- Bahamas: Restricted entry for nonresidents who have traveled in China, Iran, Italy, and South Korea within 20 days before their arrival. Residents of the Bahamas who have been in these countries within 20 days will be subject to quarantine for a maximum of 14 days.

- Barbados: Persons that have been in China, Iran, Italy or South Korea within 14 days before their arrival will be subject to quarantine protocols.

- Belize: Restricted entry for nonresidents who have traveled in China, Europe, Iran, Japan, and South Korea within 14 days before their arrival.

- British Virgin Islands: Restricted entry for nonresidents who have traveled China, France, Germany, Italy, Iran, South Korea and Spain, within 14 days.

- Costa Rica: Travelers who have been in China within 14 days must inform their airlines as well as immigration authorities so that additional screenings can be conducted.

- Dominica: Restricted entry for those who have traveled in China recently.

- Dominican Republic: Suspension of all flights to and from China, Europe, Iran and South Korea from March 16.

- El Salvador: The entrance of foreign nationals other than Salvadoran residents, diplomats, and Guatemalan truck drivers engaged in international
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Countries in Southeast Asia have intensified health screenings and travel restrictions to prevent the spread of coronavirus disease (COVID-19).

- Grenada: Officials will deny entry to foreign travelers arriving from Italy, Iran, South Korea, China, and Germany. Grenada citizens or residents will be ordered to quarantine for 14 days after arriving from those countries.
- Guatemala: Restricted entry for nonresidents arriving from China, Iran, South Korea, and Europe, as well as from the US and Canada from March 16.
- Haiti: People arriving from China, France, Germany, Iran, Italy, or South Korea within 14 days are prohibited from entry.
- Honduras: Citizens and foreigners traveling from China, Iran, Italy, Spain, France, Germany, Japan, and South Korea, will be ordered to quarantine for 14 days.
- Jamaica: Restricted entry for nonresidents who have traveled in China, France, Germany, Iran, Italy, Singapore, South Korea, and Spain within 15 days before their arrival. Residents of Jamaica who have been in mainland China recently will be subject to immediate quarantine for a maximum of 14 days.
- Panama: Suspension of all flights from Europe and Asia until further notice.
- Saint Kitts and Nevis: Nonresidents who have traveled to China, Singapore, South Korea, Italy, Japan, and Iran within 14 days before their arrival are advised not to travel to Saint Kitts and Nevis; they will be required to quarantine if they do.
- Saint Lucia: Restricted entry for nonresidents who have traveled in mainland China, Hong Kong, South Korea, Italy, and Singapore, within 14 days before their arrival. Residents of Saint Lucia who have been in any of those areas within 14 days will be subject to immediate quarantine of 14 days.
- Saint Vincent and the Grenadines: Officials will require travelers who have recently been to China (including Hong Kong), South Korea, Italy, Singapore, Japan, and Iran to quarantine for 14-days once since their arrival.
- Sint-Maarten: Officials will deny entry to any foreign traveler who in the previous 21 days has been in China (including Hong Kong and Macao), Iran, Italy, Japan, South Korea, and Singapore. The measure does not apply to citizens of Netherlands, or local residents.
- Trinidad and Tobago: Restricted entry for nonresidents who have traveled in mainland China, Iran, Italy, Japan, or Singapore within 14 days before their arrival.
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- Brunei: The government has banned Bruneian nationals from leaving the country, except for medical emergency or resuming studies abroad. Authorities had earlier barred foreigners with a travel history to mainland China's Hubei, Jiangsu, and Zhejiang provinces, as well as Iran and Italy, within the last 14 days of date of arrival in Brunei. Bruneian citizens and permanent residents returning from EU countries, mainland China, South Korea, Italy, and South Korea will have to undergo self-quarantine for two weeks. The national carrier, Royal Brunei Airlines (BR), has suspended flights to and from mainland China, South Korea's Seoul, and Saudi Arabia's Jeddah; the carrier has reduced flights to and from Hong Kong and Taiwan. Authorities also brought forward the start of school holidays from March 16 to March 11; the break will last through the end of March.
- Cambodia: Reports indicate that authorities will bar entry for foreign nationals coming from France, Germany, Italy, Spain, and the US for 30 days starting March 17. Officials have also urged Cambodian citizens to avoid visiting European countries, Iran, and the US, unless for urgent reasons. The government also temporarily banned on cruise ships from entering through K’am Samnar International Checkpoint in Kandal province, after earlier declaring a ban on all cruise ships from international routes. Officials have also increased health screenings for incoming passengers at ports, though the effectiveness of the checks remains unclear. Local authorities in Siem Reap have also suspended all public and private schools from kindergartens to higher education institutions.
- Bulgaria: Authorities have banned foreigners with recent visits to mainland China, as well as specific parts of Iran, Italy, and South Korea, from entering Bulgaria. The affected regions are Gilan, Qom, and Tehran in Iran; Emilia-Romagna, Lombardy, Marche, Piedmont, and Veneto regions in Italy; and Daegu and North Gyeongsang Province in South Korea. Authorities have also increased health screenings, such as the use of thermal scanners, for visitors from all international flights, especially those from mainland China, Iran, Italy, Singapore, and South Korea. Additionally, officials at several airports, including Achat's Sultan Iskandar Muda International Airport (BTJ) and Bali's Ngurah Rai International Airport (DPS), have boosted health checks for passengers on domestic flights. Officials in Jakarta have ordered school closures for two weeks from March 16, while authorities in other places such as Banten and Central Java provinces, as well as Manado, have also suspended schools for varying durations. Local governments have also closed some public recreational facilities, including the National Monument and Ragunan Zoo, in the capital.

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- Laos: Authorities have closed the national border checkpoints, located along the northern province of Houaphanh, with Vietnam. The government has also advised the public to reduce the size and duration of large events, like Lao New Year celebrations, while local authorities in Luang Prabang have announced it will downsize Lao New Year festivities in April. Officials had suspended most flights to and from mainland China. Immigration officials have increased health screenings at checkpoints, especially for foreign visitors from mainland China and South Korea in the previous 14 days. Additionally, reports indicate that authorities have asked airlines to obtain passengers' temperatures before flying to Laos. Officials reportedly also require travelers who show physical symptoms, such as fever and coughing, to undergo medical observation and testing at hospitals.

- Myanmar: Officials have canceled the annual Thingyan water festival scheduled April 13-16. Earlier reports state that authorities require airlines to ensure that travelers from Iran, Italy, and South Korea show health documents certifying they are free from COVID-19 before boarding Myanmar-bound flights. Officials stopped providing visas on arrival for Chinese citizens and suspended flights with mainland China. Authorities have increased screenings at overland border checkpoints. The Indian government has also closed its border with Myanmar as a precaution. Additionally, reports indicate that the authorities have stopped preschools through April 30.

- Vietnam: Through at least April 13, authorities are banning the entry of foreigners coming from or transiting through mainland China, 26 Schengen countries, the UK, and Northern Ireland within 14 days preceding their entry into Vietnam. The restrictions do not apply to diplomatic, official, employment, and business visa holders, who will be allowed entry after health checks. On-arrival visa issuance stands suspended indefinitely, regardless of nationality. Prime Minister Nguyen Xuan Phuc has also instructed large cities, including Hanoi and Ho Chi Minh City, to prepare for possible large-scale quarantine measures in the event of a COVID-19 outbreak. The national government had suspended visa-free travel for citizens of Denmark, Finland, France, Germany, Italy, Norway, South Korea, Spain, Sweden, and the UK. Authorities had also required all travelers entering from mainland China, Iran, Italy, and South Korea to undergo quarantine for two weeks, and had banned flights to and from mainland China. Reports indicate that authorities are increasing health screenings for visitors who enter from Cambodia and Laos.

Countries could expand their response in the coming weeks, particularly if COVID-19 activity increases in-country. The measures are unlikely to impact most travelers but may lead to immigration delays, especially for passengers from mainland China and other locations with significant numbers of COVID-19 cases.

Authorities in the US, Canada, and Mexico will likely continue implementing travel restrictions and additional health screening measures through at least March to prevent the spread of the coronavirus disease (COVID-19).

US:

Entry Restrictions

US authorities have suspended entry for foreign nationals who have been in China (excluding Hong Kong and Macau), Iran, UK, Ireland and the Schengen Area within the last 14 days. The Schengen Area includes 26 European countries: Austria, Belgium, Czech Republic, Denmark, Estonia, Finland, France, Germany, Italy, Latvia, Liechtenstein, Lithuania, Luxembourg, Malta, the Netherlands, Norway, Poland, Portugal, Slovakia, Slovenia, Spain, Sweden, and Switzerland. US citizens and legal permanent residents who have traveled to the restricted country list within 14 days of arrival must self-quarantine for 14 days.

The Department of Homeland Security (DHS) announced that incoming flights from the above-affected countries are limited to landing at the following 13 airports only:

- Boston-Logan International Airport (BOS)
- Chicago O'Hare International Airport (ORD)
- Dallas/Fort Worth International Airport (DFW)
- Detroit Metropolitan Airport (DTW)
US officials also banned entry of foreign nationals who have been in the Schengen Area within the previous 14 days, until at least April 12. The Schengen Area includes 26 European countries: Austria, Belgium, Czech Republic, Denmark, Estonia, Finland, France, Germany, Greece, Hungary, Iceland, Italy, Latvia, Liechtenstein, Lithuania, Luxembourg, Malta, the Netherlands, Norway, Poland, Portugal, Slovakia, Slovenia, Spain, Sweden, and Switzerland.

Canada:

Canadian plan to redirect all overseas flights to a limited number of airports in the country. However, as of March 14 the airports have not been announced, and the policy has not been implemented. Authorities have asked citizens and residents to avoid all non-essential travels, and announced that no cruise ship with more than 500 passengers will be allowed to dock in Canadian ports until at least July 1.

Mexico:

Mexico has not suspended or limited entry for foreign nationals arriving in the country, due to COVID-19. Officials have announced increased screening measures at airports for all travelers coming from the most affected areas, including China, Iran, and Italy. Officials have advised Mexican nationals to avoid or postpone visits to China’s Hubei Province.

Countries could expand their restrictions in the coming days, particularly if the number of COVID-19 confirmed cases increase.

Background and Analysis

Older individuals, infants, and those with chronic illness are more susceptible to infection and are at increased risk for severe complications. Human-to-human transmission can occur, though it remains unclear how easily the virus spreads between people.

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As of March 15, authorities in several countries in South America have implemented travel and other restrictions through at least late March as part of efforts to prevent the spread of coronavirus disease (COVID-19). The duration of the measures will likely depend on the course of the outbreak.

- Argentina: Travelers arriving from China, Iran, South Korea, Japan, Italy, France, Spain, Germany, Switzerland, Norway, Netherlands, Sweden, Denmark, UK, Belgium, Austria, Czech Republic, Iceland, Portugal, Finland, Slovenia, Ireland, Poland, and the US will be subject to a 14-day quarantine period. Temporarily, no new visas will be issued for residents of the most affected countries. Officials have canceled all flights from Europe, the US, South Korea, Japan, China, and Iran through at least mid-April.

- Bolivia: Officials temporarily ban entry for all travelers from China, Italy, South Korea, and Spain. Authorities canceled all flights to and from Europe starting March 14.

- Brazil: Authorities advise all travelers from abroad to remain in quarantine for seven days from the time they enter Brazil, even if they are asymptomatic. Symptomatic travelers must self-isolate for 14 days.

- Chile: Persons arriving from China, France, Germany, Italy, Iran, Japan, South Korea, and Spain will be subject to a 14-day quarantine period.

- Colombia: Officials temporarily ban entry for all foreign travelers arriving from Asia and Europe starting March 16. Authorities have closed border crossings with Venezuela and increased controls at the border with Ecuador.

- Ecuador: Officials temporarily suspend all international air arrivals from March 15. A temporary entry ban is in place for all foreign nationals traveling...
by air, land, and sea transportation from March 16 until further notice.

- Guyana: Travelers arriving from Jamaica, Dominican Republic, Brazil, French Guiana, Panama, St. Vincent and the Grenadines, US, China, Italy, South Korea, Singapore, Japan, Thailand, Malaysia, or Iran will be subject to additional screenings and may be subject to quarantine.

- Paraguay: Authorities have suspended the issuance of new visas for Chinese passport holders. Officials have canceled all flights from Europe through March 26.

- Peru: Officials suspend all flights to and from Europe and Asia from March 16 for a period of 30 days.

- Suriname: Officials suspend all inbound and outbound international flights at Johan Adolf Pengel International Airport (JAP) through March 21.

- Uruguay: Persons arriving from China, France, Germany, Italy, Iran, Japan, Singapore, South Korea, and Spain will be subject to a 14-day quarantine period.

- Venezuela: Authorities have canceled all flights arriving from Europe and Colombia.

Countries could expand travel restrictions in the coming days, particularly if the number of confirmed cases of COVID-19 increases. Officials in most countries have also announced additional measures to combat the spread of the virus, including a ban on mass gatherings, and temporarily canceling in-person classes at schools and universities. Several private businesses and public offices are allowing employees to work remotely. Health screenings in airports have also increased.

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Colombia 3/16/2020 4:11

Authorities in Colombia broadened its travel restrictions to ban entry to all foreign nationals starting March 16. The ban is an attempt to curb the spread of coronavirus disease (COVID-19). Both Colombian nationals and foreigners who recently entered the country are subject to a mandatory self-quarantine order. The government had closed border with Venezuela March 14 and is coordinating with the Ecuadorian government to increase its border controls. The transit and disembarkation of cruise ships are prohibited. The government has additionally banned all public gatherings of more than 500 people, and schools are closed until at least April 20. All restrictions are subject to amendment at short notice.

Background and Analysis

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Costa Rica 3/15/2020 16:14

As of March 15, authorities in several countries in the Caribbean and Central America are likely to continue implementing travel and other restrictions through at least late March, to prevent the spread of the coronavirus disease (COVID-19). The duration of the measures will likely depend on the course of the outbreak in China and other countries.

- Antigua and Barbuda: Restricted entry for nonresidents who have traveled in China, Italy, Iran, Japan, Singapore and South Korea, within 14 days.
- Aruba: Restricted entry for nonresidents who have traveled to China, Iran, Japan, Singapore, South Korea, the EU, as well as the UK, Norway and Switzerland, within 14 days.
- Bahamas: Restricted entry for nonresidents who have traveled in China, Iran, Italy, and South Korea within 20 days before their arrival. Residents of the Bahamas who have been in these countries within 20 days will be subject to quarantine for a maximum of 14 days.
- Barbados: Persons that have been in China, Iran, Italy or South Korea within 14 days before their arrival will be subject to quarantine protocols.
- Belize: Restricted entry for nonresidents who have traveled in China, Europe, Iran, Japan, and South Korea within 14 days before their arrival.
- British Virgin Islands: Restricted entry for nonresidents who have traveled China, France, Germany, Italy, Iran, South Korea and Spain, within 14 days.
- Costa Rica: Travelers who have been in China within 14 days must inform their airlines as well as immigration authorities so that additional screenings can be conducted.
- Dominica: Restricted entry for those who have traveled in China recently.
- Dominican Republic: Suspension of all flights to and from China, Europe, Iran, South Korea from March 16.
- El Salvador: The entrance of foreign nationals other than Salvadoran residents, diplomats, and Guatemalan truck drivers engaged in international trade is prohibited. Salvadorans arriving from abroad are subject to a 30-day quarantine period except those arriving through land ports or entry on the border with Guatemala.
- Grenada: Officials will deny entry to foreign travelers arriving from Italy, Iran, South Korea, China, and Germany. Grenada citizens or residents will be ordered to quarantine for 14 days after arriving from those countries.
- Guatemala: Restricted entry for nonresidents arriving from China, Iran, South Korea, and Europe, as well as from the US and Canada from March 16.
- Haiti: People arriving from China, France, Germany, Iran, Italy, or South Korea within 14 days are prohibited from entry.
- Honduras: Citizens and foreigners traveling from China, Iran, Italy, Spain, France, Germany, Japan, and South Korea, will be ordered to quarantine for 14 days.
- Jamaica: Restricted entry for nonresidents who have traveled in China, France, Germany, Iran, Italy, Singapore, South Korea, and Spain within 15 days before their arrival. Residents of Jamaica who have been in mainland China recently will be subject to immediate quarantine for a maximum of 14 days.
- Panama: Suspension of all flights from Europe and Asia until further notice.
- Saint Kitts and Nevis: Nonresidents who have traveled to China, Singapore, South Korea, Italy, Japan, and Iran within 14 days before their arrival are advised not to travel to Saint Kitts and Nevis; they will be required to quarantine if they do.
- Saint Lucia: Restricted entry for nonresidents who have traveled in mainland China, Hong Kong, South Korea, Italy, and Singapore, within 14 days before their arrival. Residents of Saint Lucia who have been in any of those areas within 14 days will be subject to immediate quarantine of 14 days.
Saint Vincent and the Grenadines: Officials will require travelers who have recently been to China (including Hong Kong), South Korea, Italy, Singapore, Japan, and Iran to quarantine for 14-days once since their arrival.

Sint-Maarten: Officials will deny entry to any foreign traveler who in the previous 21 days has been in China (including Hong Kong and Macao), Iran, Italy, Japan, South Korea, and Singapore. The measure does not apply to citizens of Netherlands, or local residents.

Trinidad and Tobago: Restricted entry for nonresidents who have traveled in mainland China, Iran, Italy, Japan, or Singapore within 14 days before their arrival.

Turks and Caicos: Officials will not allow travelers coming from China, Iran, South Korea, Italy, Singapore, and Japan to enter the country.

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Croatia 3/15/2020 13:07

Governments in Europe are maintaining travel and other restrictions to prevent the spread of coronavirus disease (COVID-19). Although specific measures vary by country, the following procedures were in effect as of March 13:

- Albania: Authorities will close land borders from 0001 March 16 until further notice; they also closed maritime borders to all nationals. Officials have canceled ferry services between Albania and Greece and Italy. The transportation (land and maritime) of goods continues. Airports are reporting disruptions on flights. Officials have canceled connections to Greece and Italy. Direct flights to the UK continue, but with disruptions. Persons traveling via Tirana International Airport Nene Tereza (TIA) need special clearance from authorities before departing for the airport. Authorities closed businesses, state offices (except essential services), parks, museums, and cinemas, and schools through April 3. Pharmacies and groceries will remain open. Authorities have ordered a 14-day self-quarantine for anyone who has entered Albania from Italy and Greece after March 1. Persons ignoring the directive will receive fines. Restrictions on nationals from other high-risk locations are also likely to be included in the quarantine measure. There are widespread restrictions on inter- and intra-city travel nationwide. Officials may amend health and travel measures in the coming weeks in response to government threat assessments.

- Armenia: Authorities have suspended visa-free travel for Chinese nationals. All land borders with Iran have been closed until March 24. Scheduled flights to and from Iran have been suspended, with the exception of those allowing Armenian and Iranian citizens to return to their home countries. Enhanced health screenings are underway at all points of entry.

- Austria: Authorities have suspended flights from China, Iran, South Korea, Italy, Switzerland, France, and Spain. Border controls will be introduced on the Swiss and Liechtenstein borders; the Vorarlberg crossing with Germany will remain open. Authorities have temporarily barred entry to persons traveling from Italy; the measure will not apply to travelers in possession of a health certificate declaring them to be free of the virus; non-stop transit through Austria is unaffected. Restaurants and bars will close daily at 1500 from March 16.

- Azerbaijan: All flights between Baku and Tehran have been suspended, and flights to mainland China could face disruptions. Enhanced health screening is in operation at ports of entry. Authorities have suspended visa-free travel for Chinese nationals. The closure of all of the country’s border crossings with Iran, which went into effect on Feb. 29, has been extended for an additional two weeks through March 28; further extensions are possible. Disruptions to flights connecting with Turkey, as well as along the Turkish border in Naxcivan, are possible at short notice.

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- Belgium: Educational facilities will remain closed until the end of the Easter holidays in late April. Bars and restaurants, with the exception of takeaways, are currently closed. All public gatherings have been banned. Public transport services continue to operate.

- Bosnia and Herzegovina: Foreign nationals traveling from Italy, Iran, South Korea, and the province of Wuhan in China are forbidding from entry. Travelers from Germany, France, and Spain are required to self-isolate for 14 days upon arrival. From March 16, all travelers entering the country will be required to self-isolate for 14 days.

- Croatia: Authorities have imposed a mandatory 14-day quarantine measure for all foreign nationals arriving from the Hubei region of China, Heinsburg County in North Rhine-Westphalia of Germany, Iran, Italy, and Cheongdo County and Daegu in South Korea; individuals will stay at a government facility during the quarantine period. Additionally, a 14-day self-quarantine measure is required for all travelers arriving from Austria, Bahrain, mainland China other than Hubei, France, Germany other than Heinsburg, Hong Kong, Japan, Malaysia, Netherlands, Singapore, Beia Krajina region of Slovenia, South Korea except Cheongdo County and Daegu, Spain, Sweden, Switzerland, and the UK. All educational facilities will be closed for two weeks beginning March 16.

- Cyprus: Travelers who have visited the Hubei region of China or Iran, Italy, or South Korea in the last 14 days are required to enter quarantine. Travelers who have visited other regions of China, or Japan, Hong Kong, France, Germany, the Achaia, Ilia and Zanykhos regions of Greece, Spain, or the UK in the last 14 days are requested to self-isolate. The Ledra Street, Astromeritis, Lefka, Dherynia, Kato Pyrgos, and Strovilia border crossings with Turkish-administered Northern Cyprus are currently closed.

- Czech Republic: Officials have announced a 30-day nationwide state of emergency March 12. The measures include a temporary entry ban on most foreigners, as well as a ban on citizens leaving the country, from 0001 March 16. Some cross-border workers, as well as foreign nationals with Czech residency, will not be affected. Officials are maintaining border controls at the land borders with Austria and Germany, with access allowed only at designated points until further notice. The border with Slovakia is temporarily closed. Authorities will ban public transport vehicles with more than nine seats from entering the country. In addition, the state of emergency includes a ban on gatherings of more than 30 people and the closure of public facilities, including sports centers and educational establishment, as well as restrictions on restaurants.

- Denmark: Authorities in Denmark close air, land, and sea borders from 1200 March 14. The closure is in place through April 13: officials will bar all non-nationals from entry. Persons wishing to leave will be allowed to do so. The rule does not apply to Danish passport holders, EU citizens holding a Danish social security card, and third-country nationals carrying a Danish residency permit. Authorities will make exceptions for foreign nationals in some emergencies, such as attending a medical visit or persons in transit with onward travel documentation. The restriction does not apply to the movement of goods and will not impact supply chains. Authorities have suspended cruise ship travel. All kindergartens, schools, and universities will be closed from March 13. In addition, authorities have banned all gatherings of more than 100 people through at least March 31.

- Estonia: Officials will reintroduce border controls from March 17. The new measures will bar foreign nationals from entering the country. Estonians, persons with resident permits, and foreigners with family members in Estonia are exempt. Foreigners may transit Estonia if they do not show symptoms of COVID-19. There are no restrictions on leaving Estonia. The transport of goods will continue as per normal. The border control end date is not available as yet, and officials will review measures every two weeks. Authorities declared an emergency situation March 12-May 1. Officials have banned all public gatherings. Education authorities have established distance learning schools. Health screenings are in place at borders. Authorities have closed cultural institutions. Persons arriving from high-risk locations must self-quarantine for 14 days. Travel to and from Estonia's Western Islands is limited to residents. Authorities have suspended the Tallinn-Stockholm ferry.

- France: Gatherings of more than 100 people have been banned. Schools and universities throughout the country will be closed for 15 days from March 16. Cafes, restaurants, shops, and movie theaters will be closed starting at 0001 March 14 until further notice.

- Georgia: Authorities have suspended travel to Iran and Italy. Land borders are closed to Iranian goods and vehicles. Enhanced health screening is occurring at ports of entry. Flights to and from China remain suspended until at least March 29. Foreign travelers who have been in Iran in the past 14 days or China in the past 21 days will be denied entry. Authorities may quarantine Georgian residents arriving from these countries for at least 14 days.

- Germany: Schools in the states of Bavaria and Saarland are closed until the end of the Easter holidays in late April. Schools in Berlin will begin to close from March 16.

- Greece: Authorities have suspended all flights, excluding freight, with Italy through at least March 29. Large public gatherings, including conferences, have been prohibited until April 5. Educational facilities and most commercial establishments nationwide are closed through at least March 23.

- Hungary: Nationals and travelers, excluding Hungarians and European Economic Area permanent residents, from China, Italy, Iran, Israel, and South Korea, are banned from entry. Persons entering from these areas will be requested to enter quarantine for 14 days. All flights, buses, and trains from the afore-mentioned states are banned. Health screenings are in place at ports of entry. Gatherings of more than 100 people (indoors) and 500 people (outdoors) are banned.

- Ireland: As of March 12, officials in Ireland have ordered the closures of all universities, schools, and childcare facilities until at least March 29. In addition, authorities have advised against indoor gatherings of over 100 people, and outdoor gatherings of over 500 people.

- Italy*: All flights to and from China and Iran remain suspended indefinitely.
- Kosovo: Authorities in Kosovo have taken several measures to curb the spread of coronavirus disease (COVID-19), as of March 14. All flights to Pristina International Airport (PRN) will be suspended from March 16. All medical and military flights are exempt. It is not clear if some limited departure flights will still proceed; however, it is likely that departure flights will be subject to disruptions. The period of the suspension is unclear. Land borders will be closed to all travelers except Kosovo citizens, again from March 16. Citizens entering the country will be required to self-quarantine for 14 days. The government reportedly plans to suspend all inter-city public transport. It is not clear if this order has already been enforced. Citizens of the Klinje and Vlita municipalities have been restricted from moving to and from these areas. The government has ordered the nationwide closure of cafes, bars, and shopping centers. All restrictions are subject to amendment at short notice in response to government reviews.

- Latvia: Authorities will suspend international travel via land, sea, and air from March 17. The prohibition does not apply to the transport of goods. Latvian nationals and permanent residents will still be able to enter the country. Restrictions do not impact leaving the country; however, disruptions on cross-border/international travel are highly likely given ongoing health screenings. A State of Emergency was declared March 12-April 14. Public gatherings are prohibited. The prohibition extends to political gatherings, recreational events, and cultural occasions. Educational facilities are required to provide training remotely.

- Lithuania: From 0001 March 16-March 30, officials will implement land border controls. Authorities will prohibit foreign nationals from entering the country; they will make exceptions for drivers and crews of goods transport vehicles, permanent residents, and NATO members and families. Persons planning to transit via Lithuania can do so until March 19. Lithuanian nationals will not be able to travel outside of the country without official authorization. Authorities are limiting inter- and intra-city transport and prohibiting cruise ships from docking at Klaipeda. Officials will suspend flights from Italy to Lithuania March 16; they had suspended flights from Lithuania to Italy March 13. Further flight restrictions and disruptions for departure and arrival are likely in the coming days. State workers are required to work remotely. Authorities are enforcing restrictions on education, entertainment, sports, cultural and leisure venues.

- Malta: As of March 13, all travelers entering Malta must observe a 14-day quarantine. Persons who do not observe the quarantine may receive fines. Air travel restrictions are also in place. Officials halted air and sea passenger travel between Malta and France, Germany, Spain, and Switzerland at 2359 March 11.

- Montenegro: As of March 14, multiple border crossings with Bosnia and Herzegovina, Albania, Croatia, and Serbia are closed. The duration of the closures is unclear. It is also not clear if all crossings are closed. Cruise ships are prohibited from docking at Montenegro’s Adriatic ports through April 2. The government has implemented restrictions on public gatherings and closed educational facilities for 15 days from March 16. Officials will impose quarantine measures for travelers from Japan, France, Germany, Switzerland, Denmark, Slovenia, and Austria.

- Netherlands: Authorities in the Netherlands banned all flights from China, Hong Kong, Iran, Italy, and South Korea beginning 1800 March 13 to prevent the spread of coronavirus disease (COVID-19). The flight ban and related disruptions will continue through at least March 27. Authorities may implement further flight restrictions and amend current restrictions in response to developments over the coming days. Authorities have also banned events of more than 100 people March 12-31.

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- Norway: Norwegian officials announced March 14 that they would close the country’s sea and air ports starting at 0800 March 16. Authorities have closed all kindergartens, schools, and universities indefinitely from March 12. In addition, authorities have been requiring since Feb. 27 that all travelers arriving in Norway from anywhere other than Scandinavia self-quarantine for 14 days. Authorities will also close sports, leisure, and entertainment venues throughout the country.

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- Portugal: All passenger flights to and from Italy are suspended until March 24. All schools will close indefinitely from March 16. Public places in several locations, particularly in Porto District, have been closed.

- Romania: Educational facilities have closed nationwide March 11 until at least March 22. Flights and overland public transport connecting with northern Italy have been suspended until March 31. Travelers arriving from China, Iran, South Korea, or the Italian regions of Lombardy, Veneto, and Emilia Romagna, are required to self-isolate for 14 days. Travelers who have visited certain designated outbreak hot spots in China, Italy, or South Korea could be placed into institutional quarantine. Authorities have banned public gatherings of more than 1,000 people.

- Serbia: Authorities have closed secondary border crossing points to allow officials to better screen travelers.

- Slovenia: Authorities announced that the country’s border with Italy will partially close by March 16. The following border crossings will remain open subject to heightened health screenings: Ratece border crossing, Robic-Stupizza border crossing, Gornje-Vrtojba border crossing, Ferneti-Sezana
border crossing, Kozina border crossing, Skofje border crossing. Authorities have also introduced restrictions on public gatherings of more than 500 people.

- Slovakia: Authorities have ordered the closures of all airports in the country for passenger travel from March 13; freight and private planes will not be affected. Authorities have also suspended all visits to the country by non-residents; all Slovak citizens returning from abroad will be subject to a 14-day quarantine. It remains unclear how long these measures will remain in effect. Authorities will also close all school and universities for 14 days starting March 16. Authorities also plan to close sports, leisure, and entertainment venues, and will close all shopping centers the weekend of March 14.

- Spain**: Spanish authorities announced on March 14 that they would impose a nationwide lockdown on the entire country from March 15 to last through at least March 29. All flights from Italy are suspended until March 25. Authorities in Madrid, the Basque Country, La Rioja, and Castilla y León have closed schools and public establishments, and have prohibited public gatherings of more than 1,000 people.

- Sweden: No mandatory preventative measures or restrictions are in place.

- Switzerland: Flights to and from mainland China remain suspended until March 28, and reduced flights are operating to and from Italy; in particular, flights connecting with northern Italy are suspended. Authorities have banned all gatherings of more than 1,000 participants, including demonstrations, public events, and major sporting events, until at least March 15. Some cities, including Bern, have banned smaller public gatherings.

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- Turkey: Turkish officials announced March 14 that they would temporarily suspend all air and land travel to and from Azerbaijan. The restriction does not include cargo shipments. Authorities announced March 12 that schools and universities nationwide would close for at least 21 days from March 16. Public gatherings, including sporting events, are likely to be prohibited; sports matches will reportedly proceed, though fans will not be permitted to attend.

- UK: Authorities request that all travelers who have visited Hubei Province, China, in the last 14 days, as well as travelers who have returned from Iran since Feb. 19 and from Italy since March 9, remain indoors and minimize contact with other people. Travelers who have returned from elsewhere in China and South Korea, as well as from Hong Kong, Japan, Macau, Malaysia, Singapore, Taiwan, and Thailand, in the last 14 days and have possible COVID-19 symptoms should also self-isolate immediately. This guidance also applies to travelers with possible symptoms who have returned from elsewhere in northern Italy, Cambodia, Laos, Myanmar, or Vietnam since Feb. 19.

- Ukraine: Authorities implement temporary entry ban for foreign nationals traveling by rail, road, and air, and close all land passenger border crossings from 0001 March 16-March 30. All regular international air traffic has been suspended from March 17; the exact duration of the closure is unknown. Public places nationwide, including educational establishments, conference centers, cinemas, and other entertainment venues, are closed until at least March 31.

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Governments in Europe are maintaining travel and other restrictions to prevent the spread of coronavirus disease (COVID-19). Although specific measures vary by country, the following procedures were in effect as of March 13:

- Albania: Authorities will close land borders from 0001 March 16 until further notice; they also closed maritime borders to all nationals. Officials have canceled ferry services between Albania and Greece and Italy. The transportation (land and maritime) of goods continues. Airports are reporting disruptions on flights. Officials have canceled connections to Greece and Italy. Direct flights to the UK continue, but with disruptions. Persons traveling via Tirana International Airport from Tiranë (TIA) need special clearance from authorities before departing for the airport. Authorities close fromnesses, state offices (except essential services), parks, museums, cinemas, and schools through April 3. Pharmacies and groceries will remain open. Authorities have ordered a 14-day self-quarantine for anyone who has entered Albania from Italy and Greece after March 1. Persons ignoring the directive will receive fines. Restrictions on nationals from other high-risk locations are also likely to be included in the quarantine measure. There are widespread restrictions on inter- and intra-city travel nationwide. Officials may amend health and travel measures in the coming weeks in response to government threat assessments.

- Armenia: Authorities have suspended visa-free travel for Chinese nationals. All land borders with Iran have been closed until March 24. Scheduled flights to and from Iran have been suspended, with the exception of those allowing Armenian and Iranian citizens to return to their home countries.
Enhanced health screenings are underway at all points of entry.

- **Austria**: Authorities have suspended flights from China, Iran, South Korea, Italy, Switzerland, France, and Spain. Border controls will be introduced on the Swiss and Liechtenstein borders; the Vorarlberg crossing with Germany will remain open. Authorities have temporarily barred entry to persons traveling from Italy; the measure will not apply to travelers in possession of a health certificate declaring them to be free of the virus; non-stop transit through Austria is unaffected. Restaurants and bars will close daily at 1500 from March 16.

- **Azerbaijan**: All flights between Baku and Tehran have been suspended, and flights to mainland China could face disruptions. Enhanced health screening is in operation at ports of entry. Authorities have suspended visa-free travel for Chinese nationals. The closure of all of the country's border crossings with Iran, which went into effect on Feb. 29, has been extended for an additional two weeks through March 28; further extensions are possible. Disruptions to flights connecting with Turkey, as well as along the Turkish border in Naxcivan, are possible at short notice.

- **Belgium**: Educational facilities will remain closed until the end of the Easter holidays in late April. Bars and restaurants, with the exception of takeaway, are currently closed. All public gatherings have been banned. Public transport services continue to operate.

- **Bosnia and Herzegovina**: Foreign nationals traveling from Italy, Iran, South Korea, and the province of Hubei and the city of Wuhan in China are forbidding from entry. Travelers from Germany, France, and Spain are required to self-isolate for 14 days upon arrival. From March 16, all travelers entering the country will be required to self-isolate for 14 days.

- **Croatia**: Authorities have imposed a mandatory 14-day quarantine measure for all foreign nationals arriving from the Hubei region of China, Heinsburg County in North Rhine-Westphalia of Germany, Iran, Italy, and Cheongdo County and Daegu in South Korea; individuals will stay at a government facility during the quarantine period. Additionally, a 14-day self-quarantine measure is required for all travelers arriving from Austria, Bahrain, mainland China other than Hubei, France, Germany other than Heinsburg, Hong Kong, Japan, Malaysia, Netherlands, Singapore, Bela Krajina region of Slovenia, South Korea except Cheongdo County and Daegu, Spain, Sweden, Switzerland, and the UK. All educational facilities will be closed for two weeks beginning March 16.

- **Cyprus**: Travelers who have visited the Hubei region of China or Iran, Italy, or South Korea in the last 14 days are required to enter quarantine. Travelers who have visited other regions of China, or Japan, Hong Kong, France, Germany, the Achaia, Ilia and Zamykths regions of Greece, Spain, or the UK in the last 14 days are requested to self-isolate. The Ledra Street, Astromeritis, Lefka, Dherynia, Kato Pyrgos, and Strovilia border crossings with Turkish-administered Northern Cyprus are currently closed.

- **Czech Republic**: Officials have announced a 30-day nationwide state of emergency March 12. The measures include a temporary entry ban on most foreigners, as well as a ban on citizens leaving the country, from 0001 March 16. Some cross-border workers, as well as foreign nationals with Czech residency, will not be affected. Officials are maintaining border controls at the land borders with Austria and Germany; with access allowed only at designated points until further notice. Unauthorized transport vehicles will ban public transport vehicles with more than nine seats from entering the country. In addition, the state of emergency includes a ban on gatherings of more than 30 people and the closure of public facilities, including sports centers and educational establishment, as well as restrictions on restaurants.

- **Denmark**: Authorities in Denmark close air, land, and sea borders from 1200 March 14. The closure is in place through April 13. Officials will bar all non-nationals from entry. Persons wishing to leave will be allowed to do so. The rule does not apply to Danish passport holders, EU citizens holding a Danish social security card, and third-country nationals carrying a Danish residency permit. Authorities will make exceptions for foreign nationals in some emergencies, such as attending a medical visit or persons in transit with onward travel documentation. The restriction does not apply to the movement of goods and will not impact supply chains. Authorities have suspended cruise ship travel. All kindergartens, schools, and universities will be closed from March 13. In addition, authorities have banned all gatherings of more than 100 people through at least March 31.

- **Estonia**: Officials will reintroduce border controls from March 17. The new measures will bar foreign nationals from entering the country. Estonians, persons with resident permits, and foreigners with family members in Estonia are exempt. Foreigners may transit Estonia if they do not show symptoms of COVID-19. There are no restrictions on leaving Estonia. The transport of goods will continue as per normal. The border control end date is not available as yet, and officials will review measures every two weeks. Authorities declared an emergency situation March 12-May 1. Officials have banned all public gatherings. Education authorities have established distance learning schools. Health screenings are in place at borders. Authorities have closed cultural institutions. Persons arriving from high-risk locations must self-quarantine for 14 days. Travel to and from Estonia's Western Islands is limited to residents. Authorities have suspended the Tallinn-Stockholm ferry.

- **France**: Gatherings of more than 100 people have been banned. Schools and universities throughout the country will be closed for 15 days from March 16. Cafes, restaurants, shops, and movie theaters will be closed starting at 0001 March 14 until further notice.

- **Georgia**: Authorities have suspended travel to Iran and Italy. Land borders are closed to Iranian goods and vehicles. Enhanced health screening is occurring at ports of entry. Flights to and from China remain suspended until at least March 29. Foreign travelers who have been in Iran in the past 14 days or China in the past 21 days will be denied entry. Authorities may quarantine Georgian residents arriving from these countries for at least 14 days.

- **Germany**: Schools in the states of Bavaria and Saarland are closed until the end of the Easter holidays in late April. Schools in Berlin will begin to close from March 16.

- **Greece**: Authorities have suspended all flights, excluding freight, with Italy through at least March 29. Large public gatherings, including conferences, have been prohibited until April 5. Educational facilities and most commercial establishments nationwide are closed through at least March 23.
- Hungary: Nationals and travelers, excluding Hungarians and European Economic Area permanent residents, from China, Italy, Iran, Israel, and South Korea, are barred from entry. Persons entering from these areas will be requested to enter quarantine for 14 days. All flights, buses, and trains from the afore-mentioned states is banned. Health screenings are in place at ports of entry. Gatherings of more than 100 people (indoors) and 500 people (outdoors) are banned.

- Ireland: As of March 12, officials in Ireland have ordered the closures of all universities, schools, and childcare facilities until at least March 29. In addition, authorities have advised against indoor gatherings of over 100 people, and outdoor gatherings of over 500 people.

- Italy*: All flights to and from China and Iran remain suspended indefinitely.

- Kosovo: Authorities in Kosovo have taken several measures to curb the spread of coronavirus disease (COVID-19), as of March 14. All flights to Pristina International Airport (PRN) will be suspended from March 16. All medical and military flights are exempt. It is not clear if some limited departure flights will still proceed; however, it is likely that departure flights will be subject to disruptions. The period of the suspension is unclear. Land borders will be closed to all travelers except Kosovo citizens, again from March 16. Citizens entering the country will be required to self-quarantine for 14 days. The government reportedly plans to suspend all inter-city public transport. It is not clear if this order has already been enforced. Citizens of the Kliina and Vitina municipalities have been restricted from moving to and from these areas. The government has ordered the nationwide closure of cafes, bars, and shopping centers. All restrictions are subject to amendment at short notice in response to government reviews.

- Latvia: Authorities will suspend international travel via land, sea, and air from March 17. The prohibition does not apply to the transport of goods. Latvian nationals and permanent residents will still be able to enter the country. Restrictions do not impact leaving the country; however, disruptions on cross-border/international travel are highly likely given ongoing health screenings. A State of Emergency was declared March 12-April 14. Public gatherings are prohibited. The prohibition extends to political gatherings, recreational events, and cultural occasions. Educational facilities are required to provide training remotely.

- Lithuania: From 0001 March 16-March 30, officials will implement land border controls. Authorities will prohibit foreign nationals from entering the country; they will make exceptions for drivers and crews of goods transport vehicles, permanent residents, and NATO members and families. Persons planning to transit via Lithuania can do so until March 19. Lithuanian nationals will not be able to travel outside of the country without official authorization. Authorities are limiting inter- and intra-city transport and prohibiting cruise ships from docking at Klaipeda. Officials will suspend flights from Italy to Lithuania March 16; they had suspended flights from Lithuania to Italy March 13. Further flight restrictions and disruptions for departure and arrival are likely in the coming days. State workers are required to work remotely. Authorities are enforcing restrictions on education, entertainment, sports, cultural and leisure venues.

- Malta: As of March 13, all travelers entering Malta must observe a 14-day quarantine. Persons who do not observe the quarantine may receive fines. Air travel restrictions are also in place. Officials halted all sea and passenger travel between Malta and France, Germany, Spain, and Switzerland at 2359 March 11.

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- Georgia: Authorities have suspended travel to Iran and Italy. Land borders are closed to Iranian goods and vehicles. Enhanced health screening is occurring at ports of entry. Flights to and from China remain suspended until at least March 29. Foreign travelers who have been in Iran in the past 14 days or China in the past 21 days will be denied entry. Authorities may quarantine Georgian residents arriving from these countries for at least 14 days.

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- Greece: Authorities have suspended all flights, excluding freight, with Italy through at least March 29. Large public gatherings, including conferences, have been prohibited until April 5. Educational facilities and most commercial establishments nationwide are closed through at least March 23.

- Hungary: Nationals and travelers, excluding Hungarians and European Economic Area permanent residents, from China, Italy, Iran, Israel, and South Korea, are barred from entry. Persons entering from these areas will be requested to enter quarantine for 14 days. All flights, buses, and trains from the aforementioned states are banned. Health screenings are in place at ports of entry. Gatherings of more than 100 people (indoors) and 500 people (outdoors) are banned.

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- Latvia: Authorities will suspend international travel via land, sea, and air from March 17. The prohibition does not apply to the transport of goods. Latvian nationals and permanent residents will still be able to enter the country. Restrictions do not impact leaving the country; however, disruptions on cross-border/international travel are highly likely given ongoing health screenings. A State of Emergency was declared March 12-April 14. Public gatherings are prohibited. The prohibition extends to political gatherings, recreational events, and cultural occasions. Educational facilities are required to provide training remotely.

- Lithuania: From 0001 March 16-March 30, officials will implement land border controls. Authorities will prohibit foreign nationals from entering the country; they will make exceptions for drivers and crews of goods transport vehicles, permanent residents, and NATO members and families. Persons planning to transit via Lithuania can do so until March 19. Lithuanian nationals will not be able to travel outside of the country without official authorization. Authorities are limiting inter- and intra-city transport and prohibiting cruise ships from docking at Klaipeda. Officials will suspend flights from Italy to Lithuania March 16; they had suspended flights from Lithuania to Italy March 13. Further flight restrictions and disruptions for departure and arrival are likely in the coming days. State workers are required to work remotely. Authorities are enforcing restrictions on education, entertainment, sports, cultural and leisure venues.

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- Slovakia: Authorities have ordered the closures of all airports in the country for passenger travel from March 13; freight and private planes will not be affected. Authorities have also suspended all visits to the country by non-residents; all Slovak citizens returning from abroad will be subject to a 14-day quarantine. It remains unclear how long these measures will remain in effect. Authorities will also close all school and universities for 14 days starting March 16. Authorities also plan to close sports, leisure, and entertainment venues, and will close all shopping centers the weekend of March 14.

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- UK: Authorities request that all travelers who have visited Hubei Province, China, in the last 14 days, as well as travelers who have returned from Iran since Feb. 19 and from Italy since March 9, remain indoors and minimize contact with other people. Travelers who have returned from elsewhere in China and South Korea, as well as from Hong Kong, Japan, Macau, Malaysia, Singapore, Taiwan, and Thailand, in the last 14 days and have possible COVID-19 symptoms should also self-isolate immediately. This guidance also applies to travelers with possible symptoms who have returned from elsewhere in northern Italy, Cambodia, Laos, Myanmar, or Vietnam since Feb. 19.

- Ukraine: Authorities implement temporary entry ban for foreign nationals traveling by rail, road, and air, and close all land passenger border crossings from 0001 March 16-March 30. All regular international air traffic has been suspended from March 17; the exact duration of the closure is unknown. Public places nationwide, including educational establishments, conference centers, cinemas, and other entertainment venues, are closed until at least March 31.

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Governments in Europe are maintaining travel and other restrictions to prevent the spread of coronavirus disease (COVID-19). Although specific measures vary by country, the following procedures were in effect as of March 13:

- Albania: Authorities will close land borders from 0001 March 16 until further notice; they also closed maritime borders to all nationals. Officials have canceled ferry services between Albania and Greece and Italy. The transportation (land and maritime) of goods continues. Airports are reporting disruptions on flights. Officials have canceled connections to Greece and Italy. Direct flights to the UK continue, but with disruptions. Persons traveling via Tirana International Airport Nene Tereza (TIA) need special clearance from authorities before departing for the airport. Authorities closed businesses, state offices (except essential services), parks, museums, cinemas, and schools through April 3. Pharmacies and groceries will remain open.

  Authorities have ordered a 14-day self-quarantine for anyone who has entered Albania from Italy and Greece after March 1. Persons ignoring the directive will receive fines. Restrictions on nationals from other high-risk locations are also likely to be included in the quarantine measure. There are widespread restrictions on inter- and intra-city travel nationwide. Officials may amend health and travel measures in the coming weeks in response to government threat assessments.

- Armenia: Authorities have suspended visa-free travel for Chinese nationals. All land borders with Iran have been closed until March 24. Scheduled flights to and from Iran have been suspended, with the exception of those allowing Armenian and Iranian citizens to return to their home countries. Enhanced health screenings are underway at all points of entry.

- Austria: Authorities have suspended flights from China, Iran, South Korea, Italy, Switzerland, France, and Spain. Border controls will be introduced on the Swiss and Liechtenstein borders; the Vorarlberg crossing with Germany will remain open. Authorities have temporarily barred entry to persons traveling from Italy; the measure will not apply to travelers in possession of a health certificate declaring them to be free of the virus; non-stop transit through Austria is unaffected. Restaurants and bars will close daily at 1500 from March 16.

- Azerbaijan: All flights between Baku and Tehran have been suspended, and flights to mainland China could face disruptions. Enhanced health screening is in operation at ports of entry. Authorities have suspended visa-free travel for Chinese nationals. The closure of all of the country's border crossings with Iran, which went into effect on Feb. 29, has been extended for an additional two weeks through March 28; further extensions are possible. Disruptions to flights connecting with Turkey, as well as along the Turkish border in Naxcivan, are possible at short notice.
- Belgium: Educational facilities will remain closed until the end of the Easter holidays in late April. Bars and restaurants, with the exception of takeaways, are currently closed. All public gatherings have been banned. Public transport services continue to operate.

- Bosnia and Herzegovina: Foreign nationals traveling from Italy, Iran, South Korea, and the province of Wuhan in China are forbidden from entry. Travelers from Germany, France, and Spain are required to self-isolate for 14 days upon arrival. From March 16, all travelers entering the country will be required to self-isolate for 14 days.

- Croatia: Authorities have imposed a mandatory 14-day quarantine measure for all foreign nationals arriving from the Hubei region of China, Heinsburg County in North Rhine-Westphalia of Germany, Iran, Italy, and Cheongdo County and Daegu in South Korea; individuals will stay at a government facility during the quarantine period. Additionally, a 14-day self-quarantine measure is required for all travelers arriving from Austria, Bahrain, mainland China other than Hubei, France, Germany other than Heinsburg, Hong Kong, Japan, Malaysia, Netherlands, Singapore, Beia Krajina region of Slovenia, South Korea except Cheongdo County and Daegu, Spain, Sweden, Switzerland, and the UK. All educational facilities will be closed for two weeks beginning March 16.

- Cyprus: Travelers who have visited the Hubei region of China or Iran, Italy, or South Korea in the last 14 days are required to enter quarantine. Travelers who have visited other regions of China, or Japan, Hong Kong, France, Germany, the Achaia, Ilia and Zanyakos regions of Greece, Spain, or the UK in the last 14 days are requested to self-isolate. The Ledra Street, Astromeritis, Lefka, Dherynia, Kato Pyrgos, and Strovilia border crossings with Turkish-administered Northern Cyprus are currently closed.

- Czech Republic: Officials have announced a 30-day nationwide state of emergency March 12. The measures include a temporary entry ban on most foreigners, as well as a ban on citizens leaving the country, from 0001 March 16. Some cross-border workers, as well as foreign nationals with Czech residency, will not be affected. Officials are maintaining border controls at the land borders with Austria and Germany, with access allowed only at designated points until further notice. The border with Slovakia is temporarily closed. Authorities will ban public transport vehicles with more than nine seats from entering the country. In addition, the state of emergency includes a ban on gatherings of more than 30 people and the closure of public facilities, including sports centers and educational establishment, as well as restrictions on restaurants.

- Denmark: Authorities in Denmark close air, land, and sea borders from 1200 March 14. The closure is in place through April 13; officials will bar all non-nationals from entry. Persons wishing to leave will be allowed to do so. The rule does not apply to Danish passport holders, EU citizens holding a Danish social security card, and third-country nationals carrying a Danish residency permit. Authorities will make exceptions for foreign nationals in some emergencies, such as attending a funeral or visitation in Denmark. The restriction does not apply to the movement of goods and will not impact supply chains. Authorities have suspended cruise ship travel. All kindergartens, schools, and universities will be closed from March 13. In addition, authorities have banned all gatherings of more than 100 people through at least March 31.

- Estonia: Officials will reinroduce border controls from March 17. The new measures will bar foreign nationals from entering the country. Estonians, persons with resident permits, and foreigners with family members in Estonia are exempt. Foreigners may transit Estonia if they do not show symptoms of COVID-19. There are no restrictions on leaving Estonia. The transport of goods will continue as per normal. The border control end date is not available as yet, and officials will review measures every two weeks. Authorities declared an emergency situation March 12-May 1. Officials have banned all public gatherings. Education authorities have established distance learning schools. Health screenings are in place at borders. Authorities have closed cultural institutions. Persons arriving from high-risk locations must self-quarantine for 14 days. Travel to and from Estonia's Western Islands is limited to residents. Authorities have suspended the Tallinn-Stockholm ferry.

- France: Gatherings of more than 100 people have been banned. Schools and universities throughout the country will be closed for 15 days from March 16. Cafes, restaurants, shops, and movie theaters will be closed starting at 0001 March 14 until further notice.

- Georgia: Authorities have suspended travel to Iran and Italy. Land borders are closed to Iranian goods and vehicles. Enhanced health screening is occurring at ports of entry. Flights to and from China remain suspended until at least March 29. Foreign travelers who have been in Iran in the past 14 days or China in the past 21 days will be denied entry. Authorities may quarantine Georgian residents arriving from these countries for at least 14 days.

- Germany: Schools in the states of Bavaria and Saarland are closed until the end of the Easter holidays in late April. Schools in Berlin will begin to close from March 16.

- Greece: Authorities have suspended all flights, excluding freight, with Italy through at least March 29. Large public gatherings, including conferences, have been prohibited until April 5. Educational facilities and most commercial establishments nationwide are closed through at least March 23.

- Hungary: Nationals and travelers, excluding Hungarians and European Economic Area permanent residents, from China, Italy, Iran, Israel, and South Korea, are barred from entry. Persons entering from these areas will be requested to enter quarantine for 14 days. All flights, buses, and trains from the aforementioned states are banned. Health screenings are in place at ports of entry. Gatherings of more than 100 people (indoors) and 500 people (outdoors) are banned.

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Panic buying of essential goods, particularly hygiene products, has been reported in many locations and has led to temporary shortages. Such shortages are likely to be quickly resolved. School closures will probably result in increased absenteeism among employees who are the parents or guardians of school-aged children. In addition, increasing numbers of workers will likely work from home in the coming weeks as a routine health precaution and due to voluntary self-isolation.

Governments could expand their responses in the coming weeks, particularly if COVID-19 activity increases in-country. The measures are unlikely to impact most travelers but may lead to immigration delays, especially for passengers from mainland China and other countries with significant numbers of COVID-19 cases. Authorities in Djibouti have announced that passenger flights to and from the country will be suspended from March 18 to curb the spread of coronavirus disease (COVID-19). The announcement was confirmed by the US Embassy in Djibouti, March 15. The duration of the flight suspension is not clear. The new restrictions follow enhanced health screenings at Djibouti-Ambouli International Airport (JIB). Passengers showing symptoms are being transferred to isolation facilities for further tests. Positive results for COVID-19 will lead authorities to transfer patients to a treatment facility. Further information, including the status of land borders, is unavailable.

Officials may amend health and travel measures in the coming weeks in response to government threat assessments.

Background and Analysis

The measures taken by Djibouti correspond with similar actions taken by other governments globally in recent days in response to the spread of coronavirus disease (COVID-19). COVID-19 is a viral respiratory disease caused by infection with the SARS-CoV-2 virus (previously known as 2019-nCoV). Symptoms occur 1-14 days following exposure (average of 3-7 days). These symptoms include fever, fatigue, cough, difficulty breathing, sometimes worsening to pneumonia and kidney failure - especially in those with underlying medical conditions. On March 11, the WHO declared the ongoing COVID-19 outbreak a pandemic.
As of March 15, authorities in several countries in the Caribbean and Central America are likely to continue implementing travel and other restrictions through at least late March, to prevent the spread of the coronavirus disease (COVID-19). The duration of the measures will likely depend on the course of the outbreak in China and other countries.

- Antigua and Barbuda: Restricted entry for nonresidents who have traveled in China, Italy, Iran, Japan, Singapore and South Korea, within 14 days.
- Aruba: Restricted entry for nonresidents who have traveled to China, Iran, Japan, Singapore, South Korea, the EU, as well as the UK, Norway and Switzerland, within 14 days.
- Bahamas: Restricted entry for nonresidents who have traveled in China, Iran, Italy, and South Korea within 20 days before their arrival. Residents of the Bahamas who have been in these countries within 20 days will be subject to quarantine for a maximum of 14 days.
- Barbados: Persons that have been in China, Iran, Italy or South Korea within 14 days before their arrival will be subject to quarantine protocols.
- Belize: Restricted entry for nonresidents who have traveled in China, Europe, Iran, Japan, and South Korea within 14 days before their arrival.
- British Virgin Islands: Restricted entry for nonresidents who have traveled China, France, Germany, Italy, Iran, South Korea and Spain, within 14 days.
- Costa Rica: Travelers who have been in China within 14 days must inform their airlines as well as immigration authorities so that additional screenings can be conducted.
- Dominica: Restricted entry for those who have traveled in China recently.
- Dominican Republic: Suspension of all flights to and from China, Europe, Iran and South Korea from March 16.
- El Salvador: The entrance of foreign nationals other than Salvadoran residents, diplomats, and Guatemalan truck drivers engaged in international trade is prohibited. Salvadorans arriving from abroad are subject to a 30-day quarantine period except those arriving through land ports or entry on the border with Guatemala.
- Grenada: Officials will deny entry to foreign travelers arriving from Italy, Iran, South Korea, China, and Germany. Grenada citizens or residents will be ordered to quarantine for 14 days after arriving from those countries.
- Guatemala: Restricted entry for nonresidents arriving from China, Iran, South Korea, and Europe, as well as from the US and Canada from March 16.
- Haiti: People arriving from China, France, Germany, Iran, Italy, or South Korea within 14 days are prohibited from entry.
- Honduras: Citizens and foreigners traveling from China, Iran, Italy, Spain, France, Germany, Japan, and South Korea, will be ordered to quarantine for 14 days.
- Jamaica: Restricted entry for nonresidents who have traveled in China, France, Germany, Iran, Italy, Singapore, South Korea, and Spain within 15 days before their arrival. Residents of Jamaica who have been in mainland China recently will be subject to immediate quarantine for a maximum of 14 days.
- Panama: Suspension of all flights from Europe and Asia until further notice.
- Saint Kitts and Nevis: Nonresidents who have traveled to China, Singapore, South Korea, Italy, Japan, and Iran within 14 days before their arrival are advised not to travel to Saint Kitts and Nevis; they will be required to quarantine if they do.
- Saint Lucia: Restricted entry for nonresidents who have traveled in mainland China, Hong Kong, South Korea, Italy, and Singapore, within 14 days before their arrival. Residents of Saint Lucia who have been in any of those areas within 14 days will be subject to immediate quarantine of 14 days.
- Saint Vincent and the Grenadines: Officials will require travelers who have recently been to China (including Hong Kong), South Korea, Italy, Singapore, Japan, and Iran to quarantine for 14-days once since their arrival.
- Sint-Maarten: Officials will deny entry to any foreign traveler who in the previous 21 days has been in China (including Hong Kong and Macao), Iran, Italy, Japan, South Korea, and Singapore. The measure does not apply to citizens of Netherlands, or local residents.
- Trinidad and Tobago: Restricted entry for nonresidents who have traveled in mainland China, Iran, Italy, Japan, or Singapore within 14 days before their arrival.
- Turks and Caicos: Officials will not allow travelers coming from China, Iran, South Korea, Italy, Singapore, and Japan to enter the country.

Countries could expand travel restrictions in the coming days, particularly if the number of COVID-19 confirmed cases increases. Officials in most countries have also announced additional measures to combat the spread of the infection, including a ban on mass gatherings, and temporarily...
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- Costa Rica: Travelers who have been in China within 14 days must inform their airlines as well as immigration authorities so that additional screenings can be conducted.
- Dominica: Restricted entry for those who have traveled in China recently.
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- El Salvador: The entrance of foreign nationals other than Salvadoran residents, diplomats, and Guatemalan truck drivers engaged in international
trade is prohibited. Salvadorans arriving from abroad are subject to a 30-day quarantine period except those arriving through land ports or entry on the border with Guatemala.

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- Argentina: Travelers arriving from China, Iran, South Korea, Japan, Italy, France, Spain, Germany, Switzerland, Norway, Netherlands, Sweden, Denmark, UK, Belgium, Austria, Czech Republic, Iceland, Portugal, Finland, Slovenia, Ireland, Poland, and the US will be subject to a 14-day quarantine period. Temporarily, no new visas will be issued for residents of the most affected countries. Officials have canceled all flights from Europe, the US, South Korea, Japan, China, and Iran through at least mid-April.
- Bolivia: Officials temporarily ban entry for all travelers from China, Italy, South Korea, and Spain. Authorities canceled all flights to and from Europe starting March 14.
- Brazil: Authorities advise all travelers from abroad to remain in quarantine for seven days from the time they enter Brazil, even if they are asymptomatic. Symptomatic travelers must self-isolate for 14 days.
- Chile: Persons arriving from China, France, Germany, Italy, Iran, Japan, South Korea, and Spain will be subject to a 14-day quarantine period.
- Colombia: Officials temporarily ban entry for all foreign travelers arriving from Asia and Europe starting March 16. Authorities have closed border...
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- Ecuador: Officials temporarily suspend all international air arrivals from March 15. A temporary entry ban is in place for all foreign nationals traveling by air, land, and sea transportation from March 16 until further notice.

- Guyana: Travelers arriving from Jamaica, Dominican Republic, Brazil, French Guiana, Panama, St. Vincent and the Grenadines, US, China, Italy, South Korea, Singapore, Japan, Thailand, Malaysia, or Iran will be subject to additional screenings and may be subject to quarantine.

- Paraguay: Authorities have suspended the issuance of new visas for Chinese passport holders. Officials have canceled all flights from Europe through March 26.

- Peru: Officials suspend all flights to and from Europe and Asia from March 16 for a period of 30 days.

- Suriname: Officials suspend all inbound and outbound international flights at Johan Adolf Pengel International Airport (JAP) through March 21.

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Egyptian authorities previously announced that they would bar Qataris from entering the country starting March 4. The measure affects Qataris with valid residency. Egyptian officials also stated that their decision was in response to Doha imposing similar travel restrictions on visitors from Egypt.

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- Albania: Authorities will close land borders from 0001 March 16 until further notice; they also closed maritime borders to all nationals. Officials have canceled ferry services between Albania and Greece and Italy. The transportation (land and maritime) of goods continues. Airports are reporting disruptions on flights. Officials have canceled connections to Greece and Italy. Direct flights to the UK continue, but with disruptions. Persons traveling via Tirana International Airport Nene Tereza (TIA) need special clearance from authorities before departing for the airport. Authorities closed businesses, state offices (except essential services), parks, museums, cinemas, and schools through April 3. Pharmacies and groceries will remain open. Authorities have ordered a 14-day self-quarantine for anyone who has entered Albania from Italy and Greece after March 1. Persons ignoring the directive will receive fines. Restrictions on nationals from other high-risk locations are also likely to be included in the quarantine measure. There are widespread restrictions on inter- and intra-city travel nationwide. Officials may amend health and travel measures in the coming weeks in response to government threat assessments.

- Armenia: Authorities have suspended visa-free travel for Chinese nationals. All land borders with Iran have been closed until March 24. Scheduled flights to and from Iran have been suspended, with the exception of those allowing Armenian and Iranian citizens to return to their home countries. Enhanced health screenings are underway at all points of entry.

- Austria: Authorities have suspended flights from China, Iran, South Korea, Italy, Switzerland, France, and Spain. Border controls will be introduced on the Swiss and Liechtenstein borders; the Vorarlberg crossing with Germany will remain open. Authorities have temporarily barred entry to persons traveling from Italy; the measure will not apply to travelers in possession of a health certificate declaring them to be free of the virus; non-stop transit through Austria is unaffected. Restaurants and bars will close daily at 1500 from March 16.

- Azerbaijan: All flights between Baku and Tehran have been suspended, and flights to mainland China could face disruptions. Enhanced health screening is in operation at ports of entry. Authorities have suspended visa-free travel for Chinese nationals. The closure of all of the country’s border crossings with Iran, which went into effect on Feb. 29, has been extended for an additional two weeks through March 28; further extensions are possible. Disruptions to flights connecting with Turkey, as well as along the Turkish border in Naxivan, are possible at short notice.

- Belgium: Educational facilities will remain closed until the end of the Easter holidays in late April. Bars and restaurants, with the exception of takeaways, are currently closed. All public gatherings have been banned. Public transport services continue to operate.

- Bosnia and Herzegovina: Foreign nationals traveling from Italy, Iran, South Korea, and the province of Hubei and the city of Wuhan in China are forbidding entry. Travelers from Germany, France, and Spain are required to self-isolate for 14 days upon arrival. From March 16, all travelers entering the country will be required to self-isolate for 14 days.

- Croatia: Authorities have imposed a mandatory 14-day quarantine measure for all foreign nationals arriving from the Hubei region of China, Heinsburg County in North Rhine-Westphalia of Germany, Iran, Italy, and Cheongdo County and Daegu in South Korea; individuals will stay at a government facility during the quarantine period. Additionally, a 14-day self-quarantine measure is required for all travelers arriving from Austria, Bahrain, mainland China other than Hubei, France, Germany other than Heinsburg, Hong Kong, Japan, Malaysia, Netherlands, Singapore, Bela Krajina region of Slovenia, South Korea except Cheongdo County and Daegu, Spain, Sweden, Switzerland, and the UK. All educational facilities will be closed for two weeks beginning March 16.

- Cyprus: Travelers who have visited the Hubei region of China or Iran, Italy, or South Korea in the last 14 days are required to enter quarantine. Travelers who have visited other regions of China, or Japan, Hong Kong, France, Germany, the Achaia, Ila and Zanythos regions of Greece, Spain, or the UK in the last 14 days are requested to self-isolate. The Ledra Street, Astronomerits, Lefka, Dherynia, Kato Pyrgos, and Strovilia border crossings with Turkish-administered Northern Cyprus are currently closed.

- Czech Republic: Officials have announced a 30-day nationwide state of emergency March 12. The measures include a temporary entry ban on most foreigners, as well as a ban on citizens leaving the country, from 0001 March 16. Some cross-border workers, as well as foreign nationals with Czech
residency, will not be affected. Officials are maintaining border controls at the land borders with Austria and Germany, with access allowed only at designated points until further notice. The border with Slovakia is temporarily closed. Authorities will ban public transport vehicles with more than nine seats from entering the country. In addition, the state of emergency includes a ban on gatherings of more than 30 people and the closure of public facilities, including sports centers and educational establishment, as well as restrictions on restaurants.

- Denmark: Authorities in Denmark close air, land, and sea borders from 1200 March 14. The closure is in place through April 13; officials will bar all non-nationals from entry. Persons wishing to leave will be allowed to do so. The rule does not apply to Danish passport holders, EU citizens holding a Danish social security card, and third-country nationals carrying a Danish residency permit. Authorities will make exceptions for foreign nationals in some emergencies, such as attending a medical visit or persons in transit with onward travel documentation. The restriction does not apply to the movement of goods and will not impact supply chains. Authorities have suspended cruise ship travel. All kindergartens, schools, and universities will be closed from March 13. In addition, authorities have banned all gatherings of more than 100 people through at least March 31.

- Estonia: Officials will reintroduce border controls from March 17. The new measures will bar foreign nationals from entering the country. Estonians, persons with resident permits, and foreigners with family members in Estonia are exempt. Foreigners may transit Estonia if they do not show symptoms of COVID-19. There are no restrictions on leaving Estonia. The transport of goods will continue as per normal. The border control end date is not available as yet, and officials will review measures every two weeks. Authorities declared an emergency situation March 12-May 1. Officials have banned all public gatherings. Education authorities have established distance learning schools. Health screenings are in place at borders. Authorities have closed cultural institutions. Persons arriving from high-risk locations must self-quarantine for 14 days. Travel to and from Estonia's Western Islands is limited to residents. Authorities have suspended the Tallinn-Stockholm ferry.

- France: Gatherings of more than 100 people have been banned. Schools and universities throughout the country will be closed for 15 days from March 16. Cafes, restaurants, shops, and movie theaters will be closed starting at 0001 March 14 until further notice.

- Georgia: Authorities have suspended travel to Iran and Italy. Land borders are closed to Iranian goods and vehicles. Enhanced health screening is occurring at ports of entry. Flights to and from China remain suspended until at least March 29. Foreign travelers who have been in Iran in the past 14 days or China in the past 21 days will be denied entry. Authorities may quarantine Georgian residents arriving from these countries for at least 14 days.

- Germany: Schools in the states of Bavaria and Saarland are closed until the end of the Easter holidays in late April. Schools in Berlin will begin to close from March 16.

- Greece: Authorities have suspended all flights, excluding freight, with Italy through at least March 29. Large public gatherings, including conferences, have been prohibited until April 5. Educational facilities and most commercial establishments nationwide are closed through at least March 23.

- Hungary: Nationals and travelers, excluding Hungarians and European Economic Area permanent residents, from China, Italy, Iran, Israel, and South Korea, are barred from entry. Persons entering from these areas will be requested to enter quarantine for 14 days. All flights, buses, and trains from the afore-mentioned states is banned. Health screenings are in place at ports of entry. Gatherings of more than 100 people (indoors) and 500 people (outdoors) are banned.

- Ireland: As of March 12, officials in Ireland have ordered the closures of all universities, schools, and childcare facilities until at least March 29. In addition, authorities have advised against indoor gatherings of over 100 people, and outdoor gatherings of over 500 people.

- Italy*: All flights to and from China and Iran remain suspended indefinitely.

- Kosovo: Authorities in Kosovo have taken several measures to curb the spread of coronavirus disease (COVID-19), as of March 14. All flights to Pristina International Airport (PRN) will be suspended from March 16. All medical and military flights are exempt. It is not clear if some limited departure flights will still proceed; however, it is likely that departure flights will be subject to disruptions. The period of the suspension is unclear. Land borders will be closed to all travelers except Kosovo citizens, again from March 16. Citizens entering the country will be required to self-quarantine for 14 days. The government reportedly plans to suspend all inter-city public transport. It is not clear if this order has already been enforced. Citizens of the Klina and Vlita municipalities have been restricted from moving to and from these areas. The government has ordered the nationwide closure of cafes, bars, and shopping centers. All restrictions are subject to amendment at short notice in response to government reviews.

- Latvia: Authorities will suspend international travel via land, sea, and air from March 17. The prohibition does not apply to the transport of goods. Latvian nationals and permanent residents will still be able to enter the country. Restrictions do not impact leaving the country; however, disruptions on cross-border/international travel are highly likely given ongoing health screenings. A State of Emergency was declared March 12-April 14. Public gatherings are prohibited. The prohibition extends to political gatherings, recreational events, and cultural occasions. Educational facilities are required to provide training remotely.

- Lithuania: From 0001 March 16-March 30, officials will implement land border controls. Authorities will prohibit foreign nationals from entering the country; they will make exceptions for drivers and crews of goods transport vehicles, permanent residents, and NATO members and families. Persons planning to transit via Lithuania can do so until March 19. Lithuanian nationals will not be able to travel outside of the country without official authorization. Authorities are limiting inter- and intra-city transport and prohibiting cruise ships from docking at Klaipeda. Officials will suspend flights from Italy to Lithuania March 16; they had suspended flights from Lithuania to Italy March 13. Further flight restrictions and disruptions for departure and arrival are likely in the coming days. State workers are required to work remotely. Authorities are enforcing restrictions on education, entertainment, sports, cultural and leisure venues.
- Malta: As of March 13, all travelers entering Malta must observe a 14-day quarantine. Persons who do not observe the quarantine may receive fines. Air travel restrictions are also in place. Officials halted air and sea passenger travel between Malta and France, Germany, Spain, and Switzerland at 2359 March 11.

- Montenegro: As of March 14, multiple border crossings with Bosnia and Herzegovina, Albania, Croatia, and Serbia are closed. The duration of the closures is unclear. It is also not clear if all crossings are closed. Cruise ships are prohibited from docking at Montenegro's Adriatic ports through April 2. The government has implemented restrictions on public gatherings and closed educational facilities for 15 days from March 16. Officials will impose quarantine measures for travelers from Japan, France, Germany, Switzerland, Denmark, Slovenia, and Austria.

- Netherlands: Authorities in the Netherlands banned all flights from China, Hong Kong, Iran, Italy, and South Korea beginning 1800 March 13 to prevent the spread of coronavirus disease (COVID-19). The flight ban and related disruptions will continue through at least March 27. Authorities may implement further flight restrictions and amend current restrictions in response to developments over the coming days. Authorities have also banned events of more than 100 people March 12-31.

- North Macedonia: Foreign nationals traveling from medium- and high-risk areas, including the UK and Greece, may not enter North Macedonia as of March 14. The locations are those determined by WHO data. Exceptions are available for persons acquiring a certificate from the Ministry of Health. Anyone who has arrived from a medium- or high-risk area must observe a 14-day self-isolation. Land border crossings are closed except for Tabanovce (Serbia), Deve Bair (Bulgaria), Kafasan (Albania), Bogorodica (Greece), and Blace (Kosovo). Officials will close Ohрид St. Paul the Apostle Airport (OHD) from March 16. Skopje International Airport (SKP) remains operational. Authorities have also imposed entry and exit restrictions on several areas in the country, including the Debar and Centar Zhupa municipalities. Multiple public areas, including cafes, bars, and shopping centers are closed. Grocery stores remain open. Schools are closed through March. Public gatherings of over 1,000 people are prohibited.

- Norway: Norwegian officials announced March 14 that they would close the country's sea and air ports starting at 0800 March 16. Authorities have closed all kindergartens, schools, and universities indefinitely from March 12. In addition, authorities have been requiring since Feb. 27 that all travelers arriving in Norway from anywhere other than Scandinavia self-quarantine for 14 days. Authorities will also close sports, leisure, and entertainment venues throughout the country.

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- Romania: Educational facilities have closed nationwide March 11 until at least March 22. Flights and overland public transport connecting with northern Italy have been suspended until March 31. Travelers arriving from China, Iran, South Korea, or the Italian regions of Lombardy, Veneto, and Emilia Romagna, are required to self-isolate for 14 days. Travelers who have visited certain designated outbreak hot spots in China, Italy, or South Korea could be placed into institutional quarantine. Authorities have banned public gatherings of more than 1,000 people.

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- Slovakia: Authorities have ordered the closures of all airports in the country for passenger travel from March 13; freight and private planes will not be affected. Authorities have also suspended all visits to the country by non-residents; all Slovak citizens returning from abroad will be subject to a 14-day quarantine. It remains unclear how long these measures will remain in effect. Authorities will also close all school and universities for 14 days starting March 16. Authorities also plan to close sports, leisure, and entertainment venues, and will close all shopping centers the weekend of March 14.

- Spain**: Spanish authorities announced on March 14 that they would impose a nationwide lockdown on the entire country from March 15 to last through at least March 29. All flights from Italy are suspended until March 25. Authorities in Madrid, the Basque Country, La Rioja, and Castilla y León have closed schools and public establishments, and have prohibited public gatherings of more than 1,000 people.

- Sweden: No mandatory preventative measures or restrictions are in place.

- Switzerland: Flights to and from mainland China remain suspended until March 28, and reduced flights are operating to and from Italy; in particular, flights connecting with northern Italy are suspended. Authorities have banned all gatherings of more than 1,000 participants, including demonstrations, public events, and major sporting events, until at least March 15. Some cities, including Bern, have banned smaller public gatherings.

- Spain: Authorities have closed schools in Madrid and the Basque Country. Public gatherings of more than 1,000 people in Catalonia are currently prohibited.

- Turkey: Turkish officials announced March 14 that they would temporarily suspend all air and land travel to and from Azerbaijan. The restriction
not include cargo shipments. Authorities announced March 12 that schools and universities nationwide would close for at least 21 days from March 16. Public gatherings, including sporting events, are likely to be prohibited; sports matches will reportedly proceed, though fans will not be permitted to attend.

- UK: Authorities request that all travelers who have visited Hubei Province, China, in the last 14 days, as well as travelers who have returned from Iran since Feb. 19 and from Italy since March 9, remain indoors and minimize contact with other people. Travelers who have returned from elsewhere in China and South Korea, as well as from Hong Kong, Japan, Macau, Malaysia, Singapore, Taiwan, and Thailand, in the last 14 days and have possible COVID-19 symptoms should also self-isolate immediately. This guidance also applies to travelers with possible symptoms who have returned from elsewhere in northern Italy, Cambodia, Laos, Myanmar, or Vietnam since Feb. 19.

- Ukraine: Authorities implement temporary entry ban for foreign nationals traveling by rail, road, and air, and close all land passenger border crossings from 0001 March 16-March 30. All regular international air traffic has been suspended from March 17; the exact duration of the closure is unknown. Public places nationwide, including educational establishments, conference centers, cinemas, and other entertainment venues, are closed until at least March 31.

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Governments could expand their responses in the coming weeks, particularly if COVID-19 activity increases in-country. The measures are unlikely to impact most travelers but may lead to immigration delays, especially for passengers from mainland China and other countries with significant numbers of COVID-19 cases.

Governments in Europe are maintaining travel and other restrictions to prevent the spread of coronavirus disease (COVID-19). Although specific measures vary by country, the following procedures were in effect as of March 13:

- Albania: Authorities will close land borders from 0001 March 16 until further notice; they also closed maritime borders to all nationals. Officials have canceled ferry services between Albania and Greece and Italy. The transportation (land and maritime) of goods continues. Airports are reporting disruptions on flights. Officials have canceled connections to Greece and Italy. Direct flights to the UK continue, but with disruptions. Persons traveling via Tirana International Airport Nene Tereza (TIA) need special clearance from authorities before departing for the airport. Authorities closed businesses, state offices (except essential services), parks, museums, cinemas, and schools through April 3. Pharmacies and groceries will remain open. Authorities have ordered a 14-day self-quarantine for anyone who has entered Albania from Italy and Greece after March 1. Persons ignoring the directive will receive fines. Restrictions on nationals from other high-risk locations are also likely to be included in the quarantine measure. There are widespread restrictions on inter- and intra-city travel nationwide. Officials may amend health and travel measures in the coming weeks in response to government threat assessments.

- Armenia: Authorities have suspended visa-free travel for Chinese nationals. All land borders with Iran have been closed until March 24. Scheduled flights to and from Iran have been suspended, with the exception of those allowing Armenian and Iranian citizens to return to their home countries. Enhanced health screenings are underway at all points of entry.

- Austria: Authorities have suspended flights from China, Iran, South Korea, Italy, Switzerland, France, and Spain. Border controls will be introduced on the Swiss and Liechtenstein borders; the Vorarlberg crossing with Germany will remain open. Authorities have temporarily barred entry to persons traveling from Italy; the measure will not apply to travelers in possession of a health certificate declaring them to be free of the virus; non-stop transit through Austria is unaffected. Restaurants and bars will close daily at 1500 from March 16.

- Azerbaijan: All flights between Baku and Tehran have been suspended, and flights to mainland China could face disruptions. Enhanced health screening is in operation at ports of entry. Authorities have suspended visa-free travel for Chinese nationals. The closure of all of the country’s border crossings with Iran, which went into effect on Feb. 29, has been extended for an additional two weeks through March 28; further extensions are possible. Disruptions to flights connecting with Turkey, as well as along the Turkish border in Naxcivan, are possible at short notice.
- Belgium: Educational facilities will remain closed until the end of the Easter holidays in late April. Bars and restaurants, with the exception of takeaways, are currently closed. All public gatherings have been banned. Public transport services continue to operate.

- Bosnia and Herzegovina: Foreign nationals traveling from Italy, Iran, South Korea, and the province of Wuhan in China are forbidding from entry. Travelers from Germany, France, and Spain are required to self-isolate for 14 days upon arrival. From March 16, all travelers entering the country will be required to self-isolate for 14 days.

- Croatia: Authorities have imposed a mandatory 14-day quarantine measure for all foreign nationals arriving from the Hubei region of China, Heinsburg County in North Rhine-Westphalia of Germany, Iran, Italy, and Cheongdo County and Daegu in South Korea; individuals will stay at a government facility during the quarantine period. Additionally, a 14-day self-quarantine measure is required for all travelers arriving from Austria, Bahrain, mainland China other than Hubei, France, Germany, other than Heinsburg, Hong Kong, Japan, Malaysia, Netherlands, Singapore, Beia Krajina region of Slovenia, South Korea except Cheongdo County and Daegu, Spain, Sweden, Switzerland, and the UK. All educational facilities will be closed for two weeks beginning March 16.

- Cyprus: Travelers who have visited the Hubei region of China or Iran, Italy, or South Korea in the last 14 days are required to enter quarantine. Travelers who have visited other regions of China, or Japan, Hong Kong, France, Germany, the Achaia, Ilia and Zarnikos regions of Greece, Spain, or the UK in the last 14 days are requested to self-isolate. The Ledra Street, Astromeritis, Lefka, Dherynia, Kato Pyrgos, and Strovilia border crossings with Turkish-administered Northern Cyprus are currently closed.

- Czech Republic: Officials have announced a 30-day nationwide state of emergency March 12. The measures include a temporary entry ban on most foreigners, as well as a ban on citizens leaving the country, from 0001 March 16. Some cross-border workers, as well as foreign nationals with Czech residency, will not be affected. Officials are maintaining border controls at the land borders with Austria and Germany, with access allowed only at designated points until further notice. The border with Slovakia is temporarily closed. Authorities will ban public transport vehicles with more than nine seats from entering the country. In addition, the state of emergency includes a ban on gatherings of more than 30 people and the closure of public facilities, including sports centers and educational establishment, as well as restrictions on restaurants.

- Denmark: Authorities in Denmark close air, land, and sea borders from 1200 March 14. The closure is in place through April 13; officials will bar all non-nationals from entry. Persons wishing to leave will be allowed to do so. The rule does not apply to Danish passport holders, EU citizens holding a Danish social security card, and third-country nationals carrying a Danish residency permit. Authorities will make exceptions for foreign nationals in some emergencies, such as attending a funeral, visit or pension. The restriction does not apply to the movement of goods and will not impact supply chains. Authorities have suspended cruise ship travel. All kindergartens, schools, and universities will be closed from March 13. In addition, authorities have banned all gatherings of more than 100 people through at least March 31.

- Estonia: Officials will reintroduce border controls from March 17. The new measures will bar foreign nationals from entering the country. Estonians, persons with resident permits, and foreigners with family members in Estonia are exempt. Foreigners may transit Estonia if they do not show symptoms of COVID-19. There are no restrictions on leaving Estonia. The transport of goods will continue as per normal. The border control end date is not available as yet, and officials will review measures every two weeks. Authorities declared an emergency situation March 12-May 1. Officials have banned all public gatherings. Education authorities have established distance learning schools. Health screenings are in place at borders. Authorities have closed cultural institutions. Persons arriving from high-risk locations must self-quarantine for 14 days. Travel to and from Estonia's Western Islands is limited to residents. Authorities have suspended the Tallinn-Stockholm ferry.

- France: Gatherings of more than 100 people have been banned. Schools and universities throughout the country will be closed for 15 days from March 16. Cafes, restaurants, shops, and movie theaters will be closed starting at 0001 March 14 until further notice.

- Georgia: Authorities have suspended travel to Iran and Italy. Land borders are closed to Iranian goods and vehicles. Enhanced health screening is occurring at ports of entry. Flights to and from China remain suspended until at least March 29. Foreign travelers who have been in Iran in the past 14 days or China in the past 21 days will be denied entry. Authorities may quarantine Georgian residents arriving from these countries for at least 14 days.

- Germany: Schools in the states of Bavaria and Saarland are closed until the end of the Easter holidays in late April. Schools in Berlin will begin to close from March 16.

- Greece: Authorities have suspended all flights, excluding freight, with Italy through at least March 29. Large public gatherings, including conferences, have been prohibited until April 5. Educational facilities and most commercial establishments nationwide are closed through at least March 23.

- Hungary: Nationals and travelers, excluding Hungarians and European Economic Area permanent residents, from China, Italy, Iran, Israel, and South Korea, are barred from entry. Persons entering from these areas will be requested to enter quarantine for 14 days. All flights, buses, and trains from the afore-mentioned states are banned. Health screenings are in place at ports of entry. Gatherings of more than 100 people (indoors) and 500 people (outdoors) are banned.

- Ireland: As of March 12, officials in Ireland have ordered the closures of all universities, schools, and childcare facilities until at least March 29. In addition, authorities have advised against indoor gatherings of over 100 people, and outdoor gatherings of over 500 people.

- Italy*: All flights to and from China and Iran remain suspended indefinitely.
- Kosovo: Authorities in Kosovo have taken several measures to curb the spread of coronavirus disease (COVID-19), as of March 14. All flights to Pristina International Airport (PRN) will be suspended from March 16. All medical and military flights are exempt. It is not clear if some limited departure flights will still proceed; however, it is likely that departure flights will be subject to disruptions. The period of the suspension is unclear. Land borders will be closed to all travelers except Kosovan citizens, again from March 16. Citizens entering the country will be required to self-quarantine for 14 days. The government reportedly plans to suspend all inter-city public transport. It is not clear if this order has already been enforced. Citizens of the Klina and Vitina municipalities have been restricted from moving to and from these areas. The government has ordered the nationwide closure of cafes, bars, and shopping centers. All restrictions are subject to amendment at short notice in response to government reviews.

- Latvia: Authorities will suspend international travel via land, sea, and air from March 17. The prohibition does not apply to the transport of goods. Latvian nationals and permanent residents will still be able to enter the country. Restrictions do not impact leaving the country; however, disruptions on cross-border/international travel are highly likely given ongoing health screenings. A State of Emergency was declared March 12-April 14. Public gatherings are prohibited. The prohibition extends to political gatherings, recreational events, and cultural occasions. Educational facilities are required to provide training remotely.

- Lithuania: From 0001 March 16-March 30, officials will implement land border controls. Authorities will prohibit foreign nationals from entering the country; they will make exceptions for drivers and crews of goods transport vehicles, permanent residents, and NATO members and families. Persons planning to transit via Lithuania can do so until March 19. Lithuanian nationals will not be able to travel outside of the country without official authorization. Authorities are limiting inter- and intra-city transport and prohibiting cruise ships from docking at Klaipeda. Officials will suspend flights from Italy to Lithuania March 16; they had suspended flights from Lithuania to Italy March 13. Further flight restrictions and disruptions for departure and arrival are likely in the coming days. State workers are required to work remotely. Authorities are enforcing restrictions on education, entertainment, sports, cultural and leisure venues.

- Malta: As of March 13, all travelers entering Malta must observe a 14-day quarantine. Persons who do not observe the quarantine may receive fines. Air travel restrictions are also in place. Officials halted air and sea passenger travel between Malta and France, Germany, Spain, and Switzerland at 2359 March 11.

- Montenegro: As of March 14, multiple border crossings with Bosnia and Herzegovina, Albania, Croatia, and Serbia are closed. The duration of the closures is unclear. It is also not clear if all crossings are closed. Cruise ships are prohibited from docking at Montenegro's Adriatic ports through April 2. The government has implemented restrictions on public gatherings and closed educational facilities for 15 days from March 16. Officials will impose quarantine measures for travelers from Japan, France, Germany, Switzerland, Denmark, Slovenia, and Austria.

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- UK: Authorities request that all travelers who have visited Hubei Province, China, in the last 14 days, as well as travelers who have returned from Iran since Feb. 19 and from Italy since March 9, remain indoors and minimize contact with other people. Travelers who have returned from elsewhere in China and South Korea, as well as from Hong Kong, Japan, Macau, Malaysia, Singapore, Taiwan, and Thailand, in the last 14 days and have possible COVID-19 symptoms should also self-isolate immediately. This guidance also applies to travelers with possible symptoms who have returned from elsewhere in northern Italy, Cambodia, Laos, Myanmar, or Vietnam since Feb. 19.

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Governments could expand their responses in the coming weeks, particularly if COVID-19 activity increases in-country. The measures are unlikely to impact most travelers but may lead to immigration delays, especially for passengers from mainland China and other countries with significant numbers of COVID-19 cases. Georgian authorities will temporarily close the country's border with Russia in an effort to stem the spread of the coronavirus disease (COVID-19). The measure will not impact cargo shipments between the two countries.

Georgia has banned direct air travel to and from China through March 29. The banning order only applies to direct flights. Travelers who have recently visited China and return to Georgia via another country will likely be subject to health screenings, including thermal imaging, at border control. Additional travel restrictions and business disruptions remain likely in the coming days.

The ban comes amid the ongoing outbreak of COVID-19, which originated in China's Wuhan City in Hubei Province. The WHO has declared the virus a pandemic.

Background and Analysis

Georgia’s travel restrictions and preventive measures correspond with similar actions other governments are taking globally in response to the spread of COVID-19. COVID-19 is a viral respiratory disease caused by infection with the SARS-CoV-2 virus (previously known as 2019-nCoV). Symptoms occur 1-14 days following exposure (average of 3-7 days). These symptoms include fever, fatigue, cough, difficulty breathing, sometimes worsening to pneumonia and kidney failure - especially in those with underlying medical conditions. On March 11, the WHO declared the ongoing COVID-19 outbreak a pandemic.
Goverments in Europe are maintaining travel and other restrictions to prevent the spread of coronavirus disease (COVID-19). Although specific measures vary by country, the following procedures were in effect as of March 13:

- **Albania**: Authorities will close land borders from 0001 March 16 until further notice; they also closed maritime borders to all nationals. Officials have canceled ferry services between Albania and Greece and Italy. The transportation (land and maritime) of goods continues. Airports are reporting disruptions on flights. Officials have canceled connections to Greece and Italy. Direct flights to the UK continue, but with disruptions. Persons traveling via Tirana International Airport Nene Tereza (TIA) need special clearance from authorities before departing for the airport. Authorities closed businesses, state offices (except essential services), parks, museums, cinemas, and schools through April 3. Pharmacies and groceries will remain open. Authorities have ordered a 14-day self-quarantine for anyone who has entered Albania from Italy and Greece after March 1. Persons ignoring the directive will receive fines. Restrictions on nationals from other high-risk locations are also likely to be included in the quarantine measure. There are widespread restrictions on inter- and intra-city travel nationwide. Officials may amend health and travel measures in the coming weeks in response to government threat assessments.

- **Armenia**: Authorities have suspended visa-free travel for Chinese nationals. All land borders with Iran have been closed until March 24. Scheduled flights to and from Iran have been suspended, with the exception of those allowing Armenian and Iranian citizens to return to their home countries. Enhanced health screenings are underway at all points of entry.

- **Austria**: Authorities have suspended flights from China, Iran, South Korea, Italy, Switzerland, France, and Spain. Border controls will be introduced on the Swiss and Liechtenstein borders; the Vorarlberg crossing with Germany will remain open. Authorities have temporarily barred entry to persons traveling from Italy; the measure will not apply to travelers in possession of a health certificate declaring them to be free of the virus; non-stop transit through Austria is unaffected. Restaurants and bars will close daily at 1500 from March 16.

- **Azerbaijan**: All flights between Baku and Tehran have been suspended, and flights to mainland China could face disruptions. Enhanced health screening is in operation at ports of entry. Authorities have suspended visa-free travel for Chinese nationals. The closure of all of the country's border crossings with Iran, which went into effect on Feb. 29, has been extended for an additional two weeks through March 28; further extensions are possible. Disruptions to flights connecting with Turkey, as well as along the Turkish border in Naxcivan, are possible at short notice.

- **Belgium**: Educational facilities will remain closed until the end of the Easter holidays in late April. Bars and restaurants, with the exception of takeaways, are currently closed. All public gatherings have been banned. Public transport services continue to operate.

- **Bosnia and Herzegovina**: Foreign nationals traveling from Italy, Iran, South Korea, and the province of Hubei and the city of Wuhan in China are forbidding from entry. Travelers from Germany, France, and Spain are required to self-isolate for 14 days upon arrival. From March 16, all travelers entering the country will be required to self-isolate for 14 days.

- **Croatia**: Authorities have imposed a mandatory 14-day quarantine measure for all foreign nationals arriving from the Hubei region of China, Heinsburg County in North Rhine-Westphalia of Germany, Iran, Italy, and Cheongdo County and Daegu in South Korea; individuals will stay at a government facility during the quarantine period. Additionally, a 14-day self-quarantine measure is required for all travelers arriving from Austria, Bahrain, mainland China other than Hubei, France, Germany other than Heinsburg, Hong Kong, Japan, Malaysia, Netherlands, Singapore, Bela Krajina region of Slovenia, South Korea except Cheongdo County and Daegu, Spain, Sweden, Switzerland, and the UK. All educational facilities will be closed for two weeks beginning March 16.

- **Czech Republic**: Officials have announced a 30-day nationwide state of emergency March 12. The measures include a temporary entry ban on most
foreigners, as well as a ban on citizens leaving the country, from 0001 March 16. Some cross-border workers, as well as foreign nationals with Czech residency, will not be affected. Officials are maintaining border controls at the land borders with Austria and Germany, with access allowed only at designated points until further notice. The border with Slovakia is temporarily closed. Authorities will ban public transport vehicles with more than nine seats from entering the country. In addition, the state of emergency includes a ban on gatherings of more than 30 people and the closure of public facilities, including sports centers and educational establishment, as well as restrictions on restaurants.

- Denmark: Authorities in Denmark close air, land, and sea borders from 1200 March 14. The closure is in place through April 13; officials will bar all non-nationals from entry. Persons wishing to leave will not be allowed to do so. The rule does not apply to Danish passport holders. EU citizens holding a Danish social security card, and third-country nationals carrying a Danish residency permit. Authorities will make exceptions for foreign nationals in some emergencies, such as attending a medical visit or persons in transit with onward travel documentation. The restriction does not apply to the movement of goods and will not impact supply chains. Authorities have suspended cruise ship travel. All kindergartens, schools, and universities will be closed from March 13. In addition, authorities have banned all gatherings of more than 100 people through at least March 31.

- Estonia: Officials will reintroduce border controls from March 17. The new measures will bar foreign nationals from entering the country. Estonians, persons with resident permits, and foreigners with family members in Estonia are exempt. Foreigners may transit Estonia if they do not show symptoms of COVID-19. There are no restrictions on leaving Estonia. The transport of goods will continue as per normal. The border control end date is not available as yet, and officials will review measures every two weeks. Authorities declared an emergency situation March 12-May 1. Officials have banned all public gatherings. Education authorities have established distance learning schools. Health screenings are in place at borders. Authorities have closed cultural institutions. Persons arriving from high-risk locations must self-quarantine for 14 days. Travel to and from Estonia's Western Islands is limited to residents. Authorities have suspended the Tallinn-Stockholm ferry.

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- Georgia: Authorities have suspended travel to Iran and Italy. Land borders are closed to Iranian goods and vehicles. Enhanced health screening is occurring at ports of entry. Flights to and from China remain suspended until at least March 29. Foreign travelers who have been in Iran in the past 14 days or China in the past 21 days will be denied entry. Authorities may quarantine Georgian residents arriving from these countries for at least 14 days.

- Germany: Schools in the states of Bavaria and Saarland are closed until the end of the Easter holidays in late April. Schools in Berlin will begin to close from March 16.

- Greece: Authorities have suspended all flights, excluding freight, with Italy through at least March 29. Large public gatherings, including conferences, have been prohibited until April 5. Educational facilities and most commercial establishments nationwide are closed through at least March 23.

- Hungary: Nationals and travelers, excluding Hungarians and European Economic Area permanent residents, from China, Italy, Iran, Israel, and South Korea, are barred from entry. Persons entering from these areas will be requested to enter quarantine for 14 days. All flights, buses, and trains from the afore-mentioned states are banned. Health screenings are in place at ports of entry. Gatherings of more than 100 people (indoors) and 500 people (outdoors) are banned.

- Ireland: As of March 12, officials in Ireland have ordered the closures of all universities, schools, and childcare facilities until at least March 29. In addition, authorities have advised against indoor gatherings of over 100 people, and outdoor gatherings of over 500 people.

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- Kosovo: Authorities in Kosovo have taken several measures to curb the spread of coronavirus disease (COVID-19), as of March 14. All flights to Pristina International Airport (PRN) will be suspended from March 16. All medical and military flights are exempt. It is not clear if some limited departure flights will still proceed; however, it is likely that departure flights will be subject to disruptions. The period of the suspension is unclear. Land borders will be closed to all travelers except Kosovo citizens, again from March 16. Citizens entering the country will be required to self-quarantine for 14 days. The government reportedly plans to suspend all inter-city public transport. It is not clear if this order has already been enforced. Citizens of the Kína and Vína municipalities have been restricted from moving to and from these areas. The government has ordered the nationwide closure of cafes, bars, and shopping centers. All restrictions are subject to amendment at short notice in response to government reviews.

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- **Turkey:** Turkish officials announced March 14 that they would temporarily suspend all air and land travel to and from Azerbaijan. The restriction does not include cargo shipments. Authorities announced March 12 that schools and universities nationwide would close for at least 21 days from March 16. Public gatherings, including sporting events, are likely to be prohibited; sports matches will reportedly proceed, though fans will not be permitted to attend.

- **UK:** Authorities request that all travelers who have visited Hubei Province, China, in the last 14 days, as well as travelers who have returned from Iran since Feb. 19 and from Italy since March 9, remain indoors and minimize contact with other people. Travelers who have returned from elsewhere in China and South Korea, as well as from Hong Kong, Japan, Macau, Malaysia, Singapore, Taiwan, and Thailand, in the last 14 days and have possible COVID-19 symptoms should also self-isolate immediately. This guidance also applies to travelers with possible symptoms who have returned from elsewhere in northern Italy, Cambodia, Laos, Myanmar, or Vietnam since Feb. 19.

- **Ukraine:** Authorities implement temporary entry ban for foreign nationals traveling by rail, road, and air, and close all land passenger border crossings from 0001 March 16-March 30. All regular international air traffic has been suspended from March 17; the exact duration of the closure is unknown. Public places nationwide, including educational establishments, conference centers, cinemas, and other entertainment venues, are closed until at least March 31.

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**- Albania:** Authorities will close land borders from 0001 March 16 until further notice; they also closed maritime borders to all nationals. Officials have canceled ferry services between Albania and Greece and Italy. The transportation (land and maritime) of goods continues. Airports are reporting disruptions on flights. Officials have canceled connections to Greece and Italy. Direct flights to the UK continue, but with disruptions. Persons traveling via Tirana International Airport Nene Tereza (TIA) need special clearance from authorities before departing for the airport. Authorities closed businesses, state offices (except essential services), parks, museums, cinemas, and schools through April 3. Pharmacies and groceries will remain open. Authorities have ordered a 14-day self-quarantine for anyone who has entered Albania from Italy and Greece after March 1. Persons ignoring the directive will receive fines. Restrictions on nationals from other high-risk locations are also likely to be included in the quarantine measure. There are widespread restrictions on inter- and intra-city travel nationwide. Officials may amend health and travel measures in the coming weeks in response to government threat assessments.

- **Armenia:** Authorities have suspended visa-free travel for Chinese nationals. All land borders with Iran have been closed until March 24. Scheduled flights to and from Iran have been suspended, with the exception of those allowing Armenian and Iranian citizens to return to their home countries. Enhanced health screenings are underway at all points of entry.

- **Austria:** Authorities have suspended flights from China, Iran, South Korea, Italy, Switzerland, France, and Spain. Border controls will be introduced on the Swiss and Liechtenstein borders; the Vorarlberg crossing with Germany will remain open. Authorities have temporarily barred entry to persons traveling from Italy; the measure will not apply to travelers in possession of a health certificate declaring them to be free of the virus; non-stop transit through Austria is unaffected. Restaurants and bars will close daily at 1500 from March 16.

- **Ukraine:** Authorities have suspended visa-free travel for Chinese nationals. All land borders with Iran have been closed until March 24. Scheduled flights to and from Iran have been suspended, with the exception of those allowing Armenian and Iranian citizens to return to their home countries. Enhanced health screenings are underway at all points of entry. Authorities have suspended visas-free travel for Chinese nationals. The closure of all of the country’s border crossings with Iran, which went into effect on Feb. 29, has been extended for an additional two weeks through March 28; further extensions are possible. Disruptions to flights connecting with Turkey, as well as along the Turkish border in Naxcivan, are possible at short notice.
- Belgium: Educational facilities will remain closed until the end of the Easter holidays in late April. Bars and restaurants, with the exception of takeaways, are currently closed. All public gatherings have been banned. Public transport services continue to operate.

- Bosnia and Herzegovina: Foreign nationals traveling from Italy, Iran, South Korea, and the province of Wuhan in China are forbidden from entry. Travelers from Germany, France, and Spain are required to self-isolate for 14 days upon arrival. From March 16, all travelers entering the country will be required to self-isolate for 14 days.

- Croatia: Authorities have imposed a mandatory 14-day quarantine measure for all foreign nationals arriving from the Hubei region of China, Heinsburg County in North Rhine-Westphalia of Germany, Iran, Italy, and Cheongdo County and Daegu in South Korea; individuals will stay at a government facility during the quarantine period. Additionally, a 14-day self-quarantine measure is required for all travelers arriving from Austria, Bahrain, mainland China other than Hubei, France, Germany other than Heinsburg, Hong Kong, Japan, Malaysia, Netherlands, Singapore, Beia Krajina region of Slovenia, South Korea except Cheongdo County and Daegu, Spain, Sweden, Switzerland, and the UK. All educational facilities will be closed for two weeks beginning March 16.

- Cyprus: Travelers who have visited the Hubei region of China or Iran, Italy, or South Korea in the last 14 days are required to enter quarantine. Travelers who have visited other regions of China, or Japan, Hong Kong, France, Germany, the Achaia, Ila and Zanykthos regions of Greece, Spain, or the UK in the last 14 days are requested to self-isolate. The Ledra Street, Astromeritis, Lefka, Dhernya, Kato Pyrgos, and Strovilia border crossings with Turkish-administered Northern Cyprus are currently closed.

- Czech Republic: Officials have announced a 30-day nationwide state of emergency March 12. The measures include a temporary entry ban on most foreigners, as well as a ban on citizens leaving the country, from 0001 March 16. Some cross-border workers, as well as foreign nationals with Czech residency, will not be affected. Officials are maintaining border controls at the land borders with Austria and Germany, with access allowed only at designated points until further notice. The border with Slovakia is temporarily closed. Authorities will ban public transport vehicles with more than nine seats from entering the country. In addition, the state of emergency includes a ban on gatherings of more than 30 people and the closure of public facilities, including sports centers and educational establishments, as well as restrictions on restaurants.

- Denmark: Authorities in Denmark close air, land, and sea borders from 1200 March 14. The closure is in place through April 13; officials will bar all non-nationals from entry. Persons wishing to leave will be allowed to do so. The rule does not apply to Danish passport holders, EU citizens holding a Danish social security card, and third-country nationals carrying a Danish residency permit. Authorities will make exceptions for foreign nationals in some emergencies, such as attending a death in the family or for the movement of goods and will not impact supply chains. Authorities have suspended cruise ship travel. All kindergartens, schools, and universities will be closed from March 13. In addition, authorities have banned all gatherings of more than 100 people through at least March 31.

- Estonia: Officials will reintroduce border controls from March 17. The new measures will bar foreign nationals from entering the country. Estonians, persons with resident permits, and foreigners with family members in Estonia are exempt. Foreigners may transit Estonia if they do not show symptoms of COVID-19. There are no restrictions on leaving Estonia. The transport of goods will continue as per normal. The border control end date is not available as yet, and officials will review measures every two weeks. Authorities declared an emergency situation March 12-May 1. Officials have banned all public gatherings. Education authorities have established distance learning schools. Health screenings are in place at borders. Authorities have closed cultural institutions. Persons arriving from high-risk locations must self-quarantine for 14 days. Travel to and from Estonia's Western Islands is limited to residents. Authorities have suspended the Tallinn-Stockholm ferry.

- France: Gatherings of more than 100 people have been banned. Schools and universities throughout the country will be closed for 15 days from March 16. Cafes, restaurants, shops, and movie theaters will be closed starting at 0001 March 14 until further notice.

- Georgia: Authorities have suspended travel to Iran and Italy. Land borders are closed to Iranian goods and vehicles. Enhanced health screening is occurring at ports of entry. Flights to and from China remain suspended until at least March 29. Foreign travelers who have been in Iran in the past 14 days or China in the past 21 days will be denied entry. Authorities may quarantine Georgian residents arriving from these countries for at least 14 days.

- Germany: Schools in the states of Bavaria and Saarland are closed until the end of the Easter holidays in late April. Schools in Berlin will begin to close from March 16.

- Greece: Authorities have suspended all flights, excluding freight, with Italy through at least March 29. Large public gatherings, including conferences, have been prohibited until April 5. Educational facilities and most commercial establishments nationwide are closed through at least March 23.

- Hungary: Nationals and travelers, excluding Hungarians and European Economic Area permanent residents, from China, Italy, Iran, Israel, and South Korea, are banned from entry. Persons entering from these areas will be requested to enter quarantine for 14 days. All flights, buses, and trains from the above-mentioned states are banned. Health screenings are in place at ports of entry. Gatherings of more than 100 people (indoors) and 500 people (outdoors) are banned.

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Dominica: Restricted entry for those who have traveled in China recently.

Dominican Republic: Suspension of all flights to and from China, Europe, Iran and South Korea from March 16.

El Salvador: The entrance of foreign nationals other than Salvadoran residents, diplomats, and Guatemalan truck drivers engaged in international trade is prohibited. Salvadorans arriving from abroad are subject to a 30-day quarantine period except those arriving through land ports or entry on the border with Guatemala.

Grenada: Officials will deny entry to foreign travelers arriving from China, France, Germany, Iran, Italy, Singapore, South Korea, and Japan. Grenada citizens or residents will be ordered to quarantine for 14 days after arriving from those countries.

Haiti: People arriving from China, France, Germany, Iran, Italy, or South Korea within 14 days are prohibited from entry.

Honduras: Citizens and foreigners traveling from China, Iran, Italy, Spain, France, Germany, Japan, and South Korea, will be ordered to quarantine for 14 days.

Jamaica: Restricted entry for nonresidents who have traveled in China, France, Germany, Iran, Italy, Singapore, South Korea, and Spain within 15 days before their arrival. Residents of Jamaica who have been in mainland China recently will be subject to immediate quarantine for a maximum of 14 days.

Panama: Suspension of all flights from Europe and Asia until further notice.

Saint Kitts and Nevis: Nonresidents who have traveled to China, Singapore, South Korea, Italy, Japan, and Iran within 14 days before their arrival are advised not to travel to Saint Kitts and Nevis; they will be required to quarantine if they do.

Saint Lucia: Restricted entry for nonresidents who have traveled in mainland China, Hong Kong, South Korea, Italy, and Singapore, within 14 days before their arrival. Residents of Saint Lucia who have been in any of those areas within 14 days will be subject to immediate quarantine of 14 days.

Saint Vincent and the Grenadines: Officials will require travelers who have recently been to China (including Hong Kong), South Korea, Italy, Singapore, Japan, and Iran to quarantine for 14-days once since their arrival.

Sint-Maarten: Officials will deny entry to any foreign traveler who in the previous 21 days has been in China (including Hong Kong and Macao), Iran, Italy, Japan, South Korea, and Singapore. The measure does not apply to citizens of Netherlands, or local residents.

Trinidad and Tobago: Restricted entry for nonresidents who have traveled in mainland China, Iran, Italy, Japan, or Singapore within 14 days before their arrival.

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As of March 15, authorities in several countries in the Caribbean and Central America are likely to continue implementing travel and other restrictions through at least late March, to prevent the spread of the coronavirus disease (COVID-19). The duration of the measures will likely depend on the course of the outbreak in China and other countries.

Antigua and Barbuda: Restricted entry for nonresidents who have traveled in China, Italy, Iran, Japan, Singapore and South Korea, within 14 days.
- Aruba: Restricted entry for nonresidents who have traveled to China, Iran, Japan, Singapore, South Korea, the EU, as well as the UK, Norway and Switzerland, within 14 days.

- Bahamas: Restricted entry for nonresidents who have traveled to China, Iran, Italy, and South Korea within 20 days before their arrival. Residents of the Bahamas who have been in these countries within 20 days will be subject to quarantine for a maximum of 14 days.

- Barbados: Persons that have been in China, Iran, Italy or South Korea within 14 days before their arrival will be subject to quarantine protocols.

- Belize: Restricted entry for nonresidents who have traveled to China, Europe, Iran, Japan, and South Korea within 14 days before their arrival.

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- Argentina: Travelers arriving from China, Iran, South Korea, Japan, Italy, France, Spain, Germany, Switzerland, Norway, Netherlands, Sweden, Denmark, UK, Belgium, Austria, Czech Republic, Iceland, Portugal, Finland, Slovenia, Ireland, Poland, and the US will be subject to a 14-day quarantine period. Temporarily, no new visas will be issued for residents of the most affected countries. Officials have canceled all flights from Europe, the US, South Korea, Japan, China, and Iran through at least mid-April.

- Bolivia: Officials temporarily ban entry for all travelers from China, Italy, South Korea, and Spain. Authorities canceled all flights to and from Europe starting March 14.

- Brazil: Authorities advise all travelers from abroad to remain in quarantine for seven days from the time they enter Brazil, even if they are asymptomatic. Symptomatic travelers must self-isolate for 14 days.

- Chile: Persons arriving from China, France, Germany, Italy, Iran, Japan, South Korea, and Spain will be subject to a 14-day quarantine period.

- Colombia: Officials temporarily ban entry for all foreign travelers arriving from Asia and Europe starting March 16. Authorities have closed border crossings with Venezuela and increased controls at the border with Ecuador.

- Ecuador: Officials temporarily suspend all international air arrivals from March 15. A temporary entry ban is in place for all foreign nationals traveling by air, land, and sea transportation from March 16 until further notice.

- Guyana: Travelers arriving from Jamaica, Dominican Republic, Brazil, French Guiana, Panama, St. Vincent and the Grenadines, US, China, Italy, South Korea, Singapore, Japan, Thailand, Malaysia, or Iran will be subject to additional screenings and may be subject to quarantine.

- Paraguay: Authorities have suspended the issuance of new visas for Chinese passport holders. Officials have canceled all flights from Europe through
March 26.

- Peru: Officials suspend all flights to and from Europe and Asia from March 16 for a period of 30 days.
- Suriname: Officials suspend all inbound and outbound international flights at Johan Adolf Pengel International Airport (JAP) through March 21.
- Uruguay: Persons arriving from China, France, Germany, Italy, Iran, Japan, Singapore, South Korea, and Spain will be subject to a 14-day quarantine period.
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Governments in Europe are maintaining travel and other restrictions to prevent the spread of coronavirus disease (COVID-19). Although specific measures vary by country, the following procedures were in effect as of March 13:

- Albania: Authorities will close land borders from 0001 March 16 until further notice; they also closed maritime borders to all nationals. Officials have canceled ferry services between Albania and Greece and Italy. The transportation (land and maritime) of goods continues. Airports are reporting disruptions on flights. Officials have canceled connections to Greece and Italy. Direct flights to the UK continue, but with disruptions. Persons traveling via Tirana International Airport Nene Tereza (TIA) need special clearance from authorities before departing for the airport. Authorities closed businesses, state offices (except essential services), parks, museums, cinemas, and schools through April 3. Pharmacies and groceries will remain open.

- Austria: Authorities have canceled all events with more than 500 people from March 16 until further notice.

- Belgium: Belgium has canceled all events with more than 500 people until further notice.

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Authorities have ordered a 14-day self-quarantine for anyone who has entered Albania from Italy and Greece after March 1. Persons ignoring the directive will receive fines. Restrictions on nationals from other high-risk locations are also likely to be included in the quarantine measure. There are widespread restrictions on inter- and intra-city travel nationwide. Officials may amend health and travel measures in the coming weeks in response to government threat assessments.

- Armenia: Authorities have suspended visa-free travel for Chinese nationals. All land borders with Iran have been closed until March 24. Scheduled flights to and from Iran have been suspended, with the exception of those allowing Armenian and Iranian citizens to return to their home countries. Enhanced health screenings are underway at all points of entry.

- Austria: Authorities have suspended flights from China, Iran, South Korea, Italy, Switzerland, France, and Spain. Border controls will be introduced on the Swiss and Liechtenstein borders; the Vorarlberg crossing with Germany will remain open. Authorities have temporarily barred entry to persons traveling from Italy; the measure will not apply to travelers in possession of a health certificate declaring them to be free of the virus, non-stop transit through Austria is unaffected. Restaurants and bars will close daily at 1500 from March 16.

- Azerbaijan: All flights between Baku and Tehran have been suspended, and flights to mainland China could face disruptions. Enhanced health screenings is in operation at ports of entry. Authorities have suspended visa-free travel for Chinese nationals. The closure of all of the country’s border crossings with Iran, which went into effect on Feb. 29, has been extended for an additional two weeks through March 28; further extensions are possible. Disruptions to flights connecting with Turkey, as well as along the Turkish border in Naxcivan, are possible at short notice.

- Belgium: Educational facilities will remain closed until the end of the Easter holidays in late April. Bars and restaurants, with the exception of takeaways, are currently closed. All public gatherings have been banned. Public transport services continue to operate.

- Bosnia and Herzegovina: Foreign nationals traveling from Italy, Iran, South Korea, and the province of Wuhan in China are forbidding from entry. Travelers from Germany, France, and Spain are required to self-isolate for 14 days upon arrival. From March 16, all travelers entering the country will be required to self-isolate for 14 days.

- Croatia: Authorities have imposed a mandatory 14-day quarantine measure for all foreign nationals arriving from the Hubei region of China, Heinsburg County in North Rhine-Westphalia of Germany, Iran, Italy, and Cheongdo County and Daegu in South Korea; individuals will stay at a government facility during the quarantine period. Additionally, a 14-day self-quarantine measure is required for all travelers arriving from Austria, Bahrain, mainland China other than Hubei, France, Germany other than Heinsburg, Hong Kong, Japan, Malaysia, Netherlands, Singapore, Bela Krajina region of Slovenia, South Korea except Cheongdo County and Daegu, Spain, Sweden, Switzerland, and the UK. All educational facilities will be closed for two weeks beginning March 16.

- Cyprus: Travelers who have visited the Hubei region of China or Iran, Italy, or South Korea in the last 14 days are required to enter quarantine. Travelers who have visited other regions of China, or Japan, Hong Kong, France, Germany, the Achaia, Ilia and Zephyrtos regions of Greece, Spain, or the UK in the last 14 days are requested to self-isolate. The Ledra Street, Astromeritis, Lefka, Dherynia, Kato Pyrgos, and Strovilia border crossings with Turkish-administered Northern Cyprus are currently closed.

- Czech Republic: Officials have announced a 30-day nationwide state of emergency March 12. The measures include a temporary entry ban on most foreigners, as well as a ban on citizens leaving the country, from 0001 March 16. Some cross-border workers, as well as foreign nationals with Czech residency, will not be affected. Officials are maintaining border controls at the land borders with Austria and Germany, with access allowed only at designated points until further notice. The border with Slovakia is temporarily closed. Authorities will ban public transport vehicles with more than nine seats from entering the country. In addition, the state of emergency includes a ban on gatherings of more than 30 people and the closure of public facilities, including sports centers and educational establishment, as well as restrictions on restaurants.

- Denmark: Authorities in Denmark close air, land, and sea borders from 1200 March 14. The closure is in place through April 13; officials will bar all non-nationals from entry. Persons wishing to leave will be allowed to do so. The rule does not apply to Danish passport holders, EU citizens holding a Danish social security card, and third-country nationals carrying a Danish residency permit. Authorities will make exceptions for foreign nationals in some emergencies, such as attending a medical visit or persons in transit with onward travel documentation. The restriction does not apply to the movement of goods and will not impact supply chains. Authorities have suspended cruise ship travel. All kindergartens, schools, and universities will be closed from March 13. In addition, authorities have banned all gatherings of more than 100 people through at least March 31.

- Estonia: Officials will reintroduce border controls from March 17. The new measures will bar foreign nationals from entering the country. Estonians, persons with resident permits, and foreigners with family members in Estonia are exempt. Officials may transit Estonia if they do not show symptoms of COVID-19. There are no restrictions on leaving Estonia. The transport of goods will continue as per normal. The border control end date is not available as yet, and officials will review measures every two weeks. Authorities declared an emergency situation March 12-May 1. Officials have banned all public gatherings. Education authorities have established distance learning schools. Health screenings are in place at borders. Authorities have closed cultural institutions. Persons arriving from high-risk locations must self-quarantine for 14 days. Travel to and from Estonia’s Western Islands is limited to residents. Authorities have suspended the Tallinn-Stockholm ferry.

- France: Gatherings of more than 100 people have been banned. Schools and universities throughout the country will be closed for 15 days from March 16. Cafes, restaurants, shops, and movie theaters will be closed starting at 0001 March 14 until further notice.

- Georgia: Authorities have suspended travel to Iran and Italy. Land borders are closed to Iranian goods and vehicles. Enhanced health screening is occurring at ports of entry. Flights to and from China remain suspended until at least March 29. Foreign travelers who have been in Iran in the past 14
days or China in the past 21 days will be denied entry. Authorities may quarantine Georgian residents arriving from these countries for at least 14 days.

- Germany: Schools in the states of Bavaria and Saarland are closed until the end of the Easter holidays in late April. Schools in Berlin will begin to close from March 16.

- Greece: Authorities have suspended all flights, excluding freight, with Italy through at least March 29. Large public gatherings, including conferences, have been prohibited until April 5. Educational facilities and most commercial establishments nationwide are closed through at least March 23.

- Hungary: Nationals and travelers, excluding Hungarians and European Economic Area permanent residents, from China, Italy, Iran, Israel, and South Korea, are barred from entry. Persons entering from these areas will be requested to enter quarantine for 14 days. All flights, buses, and trains from the aforementioned states is banned. Health screenings are in place at ports of entry. Gatherings of more than 100 people (indoors) and 500 people (outdoors) are banned.

- Ireland: As of March 12, officials in Ireland have ordered the closures of all universities, schools, and childcare facilities until at least March 29. In addition, authorities have advised against indoor gatherings of over 100 people, and outdoor gatherings of over 500 people.

- Italy*: All flights to and from China and Iran remain suspended indefinitely.

- Kosovo: Authorities in Kosovo have taken several measures to curb the spread of coronavirus disease (COVID-19), as of March 14. All flights to Pristina International Airport (PRN) will be suspended from March 16. All medical and military flights are exempt. It is not clear if some limited departure flights will still proceed; however, it is likely that departure flights will be subject to disruptions. The period of the suspension is unclear. Land borders will be closed to all travelers except Kosovo citizens, again from March 16. Citizens entering the country will be required to self-quarantine for 14 days. The government reportedly plans to suspend all inter-city public transport. It is not clear if this order has already been enforced. Citizens of the Klin and Vitina municipalities have been restricted from moving to and from these areas. The government has ordered the nationwide closure of cafés, bars, and shopping centers. All restrictions are subject to amendment at short notice in response to government reviews.

- Latvia: Authorities will suspend international travel via land, sea, and air from March 17. The prohibition does not apply to the transport of goods. Latvian nationals and permanent residents will still be able to enter the country. Restrictions do not impact leaving the country; however, disruptions on cross-border/international travel are highly likely given ongoing health screenings. A State of Emergency was declared March 12-April 14. Public gatherings are prohibited. The prohibition extends to political gatherings, recreational events, and cultural occasions. Educational facilities are required to provide training remotely.

- Lithuania: From 0001 March 16-March 30, officials will implement land border controls. Authorities will prohibit foreign nationals from entering the country; they will make exceptions for drivers and crews of goods transport vehicles, permanent residents, and NATO members and families. Persons planning to transit via Lithuania can do so until March 19. Lithuanian nationals will not be able to travel outside of the country without official authorization. Authorities are limiting inter- and intra-city transport and prohibiting cruise ships from docking at Klaipeda. Officials will suspend flights from Italy to Lithuania March 16; they had suspended flights from Lithuania to Italy March 13. Further flight restrictions and disruptions for departure and arrival are likely in the coming days. State workers are required to work remotely. Authorities are enforcing restrictions on education, entertainment, sports, cultural and leisure venues.

- Malta: As of March 13, all travelers entering Malta must observe a 14-day quarantine. Persons who do not observe the quarantine may receive fines. Air travel restrictions are also in place. Officials halted air and sea passenger travel between Malta and France, Germany, Spain, and Switzerland at 2359 March 11.

- Montenegro: As of March 14, multiple border crossings with Bosnia and Herzegovina, Albania, Croatia, and Serbia are closed. The duration of the closures is unclear. It is also not clear if all crossings are closed. Cruise ships are prohibited from docking at Montenegro’s Adriatic ports through April 2. The government has implemented restrictions on public gatherings and closed educational facilities for 15 days from March 16. Officials will impose quarantine measures for travelers from Japan, France, Germany, Switzerland, Denmark, Slovenia, and Austria.

- Netherlands: Authorities in the Netherlands banned all flights from China, Hong Kong, Iran, Italy, and South Korea beginning 1800 March 13 to prevent the spread of coronavirus disease (COVID-19). The flight ban and related disruptions will continue through at least March 27. Authorities may implement further flight restrictions and amend current restrictions in response to developments over the coming days. The authorities have also banned events of more than 100 people March 12-31.

- North Macedonia: Foreign nationals traveling from medium- and high-risk areas, including the UK and Greece, may not enter North Macedonia as of March 14. The locations are those determined by WHO data. Exceptions are available for persons acquiring a certificate from the Ministry of Health. Anyone who has arrived from a medium- or high-risk area must observe a 14-day self-isolation. Land border crossings are closed expect for Tabanovce (Serbia), Deve Bair (Bulgaria), Kafasan (Albania), Bogorodica (Greece), and Blace (Kosovo). Officials will close Ohrid St. Paul the Apostle Airport (OHD) from March 16. Skopje International Airport (SKP) remains operational. Authorities have also imposed entry and exit restrictions on several areas in the country, including the Debar and Centar Zhupa municipalities. Multiple public areas, including cafes, bars, and shopping centers are closed. Grocery stores remain open. Schools are closed through March. Public gatherings of over 1,000 people are prohibited.

- Norway: Norwegian officials announced March 14 that they would close the country’s sea and air ports starting at 0800 March 16. Authorities have closed all kindergartens, schools, and universities indefinitely from March 12. In addition, authorities have been requiring since Feb. 27 that all travelers arriving in Norway from anywhere other than Scandinavia self-quarantine for 14 days. Authorities will also close sports, leisure, and entertainment venues
throughout the country.

- Poland: Authorities implement a temporary travel ban for foreigners and suspension of international passenger air and rail transport March 15 through March 24. There is a ban on gatherings of more than 50 people, and a partial closure of shopping malls and educational facilities nationwide through March 25. Educational facilities nationwide will be closed March 16-25.

- Portugal: All passenger flights to and from Italy are suspended until March 24. All schools will close indefinitely from March 16. Public places in several locations, particularly in Porto District, have been closed.

- Romania: Educational facilities have closed nationwide March 11 until at least March 22. Flights and overland public transport connecting with northern Italy have been suspended until March 31. Travelers arriving from China, Iran, South Korea, or the Italian regions of Lombardy, Veneto, and Emilia Romagna, are required to self-isolate for 14 days. Travelers who have visited certain designated outbreak hot spots in China, Italy, or South Korea could be placed into institutional quarantine. Authorities have banned public gatherings of more than 1,000 people.

- Serbia: Authorities have closed secondary border crossing points to allow officials to better screen travelers.

- Slovenia: Authorities announced that the country's border with Italy will partially close by March 16. The following border crossings will remain open subject to heightened health screenings: Ratece border crossing, Robic-Stupizza border crossing, Gorizia-Vrtojba border crossing, Fernetti-Sezana border crossing, Kozina border crossing, Skofije border crossing. Authorities have also introduced restrictions on public gatherings of more than 500 people.

- Slovakia: Authorities have ordered the closures of all airports in the country for passenger travel from March 13; freight and private planes will not be affected. Authorities have also suspended all visits to the country by non-residents; all Slovak citizens returning from abroad will be subject to a 14-day quarantine. It remains unclear how long these measures will remain in effect. Authorities will also close all school and universities for 14 days starting March 16. Authorities also plan to close sports, leisure, and entertainment venues, and will close all shopping centers the weekend of March 14.

- Spain**: Spanish authorities announced on March 14 that they would impose a nationwide lockdown on the entire country from March 15 to last through at least March 29. All flights from Italy are suspended until March 25. Authorities in Madrid, the Basque Country, La Rioja, and Castilla y León have closed schools and public establishments, and have prohibited public gatherings of more than 1,000 people.

- Sweden: No mandatory preventative measures or restrictions are in place.

- Switzerland: Flights to and from mainland China remain suspended until March 28, and reduced flights are operating to and from Italy; in particular, flights connecting with northern Italy are suspended. Authorities have banned all gatherings of more than 1,000 participants, including demonstrations, public events, and major sporting events, until at least March 15. Some cities, including Bern, have banned smaller public gatherings.

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- UK: Authorities request that all travelers who have visited Hubei Province, China, in the last 14 days, as well as travelers who have returned from Iran since Feb. 19 and from Italy since March 9, remain indoors and minimize contact with other people. Travelers who have returned from elsewhere in China and South Korea, as well as from Hong Kong, Japan, Macau, Malaysia, Singapore, Taiwan, Thailand, and the last 14 days and have possible COVID-19 symptoms should also self-isolate immediately. This guidance also applies to travelers with possible symptoms who have returned from elsewhere in northern Italy, Cambodia, Laos, Myanmar, or Vietnam since Feb. 19.

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Effective 1200 GMT March 13, Indian officials will suspend previously issued visas of all international travelers - except diplomatic, official, UN/International Organizations, employment, and project visas through at least April 15. However, visas will remain valid for travelers already in the country; those planning essential travel to India can approach Indian consulates for visa issuance after medical checks. Authorities are advising Indian nationals to suspend all nonessential international travel. All incoming travelers, including Indian nationals, arriving from or having visited mainland China, France, Germany, Italy, Iran, South Korea, and Spain on or after Feb. 15 will be required to undergo a 14-day quarantine at home or in a medical facility. Indian authorities are already enforcing previously announced visa cancelations for nationals of mainland China, Italy, Iran, Japan, and South Korea since March 3. The measures are aimed at preventing the spread of coronavirus disease (COVID-19).

Officials have enhanced health checks at all air, sea, and land ports. Authorities continue to quarantine passengers from mainland China, regardless of symptoms, as of March 11; such passengers must remain in their homes or a medical facility for at least 14 days after arrival. Officials are universally screening all international passengers and carrying out enhanced health monitoring for passengers with a travel history to affected areas. Health staff may continue to follow up on passengers from affected countries, typically by phone, for up to the first 28 days of their stay in India. All other passengers are required to sign a health and travel history declaration upon entry into India. Symptomatic passengers will be subject to further checks and possible quarantine.

Indian authorities have expanded land border closures with Bangladesh, Myanmar, and Pakistan, and limited cross-border passenger traffic to selected checkpoints for enhanced screening. International passenger bus and train services are also suspended until further notice. Travel restrictions and low demand have affected flights to countries affected by COVID-19, such as France, Italy, Iran, Kuwait, Qatar, Singapore, Spain, South Korea, and Thailand. At least two Indian air carriers - Air India (AI) and IndiGo Airlines (6E) - have suspended flight operations to mainland China and Hong Kong until at least June 30 and June 14, respectively. Further flight disruptions are highly likely, as demand for international travel decreases sharply.

India has also expanded in-country measures such as limited screening of domestic air passengers, advisories to minimize public gatherings, as well as closure of schools and other public places in multiple states. Additional measures could be introduced in the coming days, particularly if the number of in-country cases increases. Passengers from affected countries and those with flu-like symptoms are especially likely to be impacted. Increased health screenings are likely to result in increased wait times at international airports and some land border crossings.
Countries in Southeast Asia have intensified health screenings and travel restrictions to prevent the spread of coronavirus disease (COVID-19). Screening measures vary across the region, and the following health and transport restrictions are in effect as of March 16:

- Brunei: The government has banned Bruneian nationals from leaving the country, except for medical emergency or resuming studies abroad. Authorities had earlier barred foreigners with a travel history to mainland China's Hubei, Jiangsu, and Zhejiang provinces, as well as Iran and Italy, within the last 14 days of date of arrival in Brunei. Bruneian citizens and permanent residents returning from EU countries, mainland China, Iran, Italy, and South Korea will have to undergo self-quarantine for two weeks. The national carrier, Royal Brunei Airlines (BRI), has suspended flights to and from mainland China, South Korea's Seoul, and Saudi Arabia's Jeddah; the carrier has reduced flights to and from Hong Kong and Taiwan. Authorities also brought forward the start of school holidays from March 16 to March 11; the break will last through the end of March.

- Cambodia: Reports indicate that authorities will bar entry for foreign nationals coming from France, Germany, Italy, Spain, and the US for 30 days starting March 17. Officials have also urged Cambodian citizens to avoid visiting European countries, Iran, and the US, unless for urgent reasons. The government also temporarily banned on cruise ships from entering through K'am Samnar International Checkpoint in Kandal province, after earlier declaring a ban on all cruise ships from international routes. Officials have also increased health screenings for incoming passengers at ports, though the effectiveness of the checks remains unclear. Local authorities in Siem Reap have also suspended all public and private schools from kindergartens to higher education institutions.

- Indonesia: Authorities have banned foreigners with recent visits to mainland China, as well as specific parts of Iran, Italy, and South Korea, from entering Indonesia. The affected regions are Gilan, Qom, and Tehran in Iran; Emilia-Romagna, Lombardy, Marche, Piedmont, and Veneto regions in Italy; and Daegu and North Gyeongsang Province in South Korea. Indonesian citizens entering from the aforementioned places will need to undergo enhanced health screenings. Officials have earlier suspended flights to and from mainland China. Authorities have also increased health screenings, such as the use of thermal scanners, for visitors from all international flights, especially those from mainland China, Iran, Italy, Singapore, and South Korea. Additionally, officials at several airports, including Aceh's Sultan Iskandar Muda International Airport (BTJ) and Bali's Ngurah Rai International Airport (DPS), have boosted health checks for passengers on domestic flights. Officials in Jakarta have ordered school closures for two weeks from March 16, while authorities in other places such as Banten and Central Java provinces, as well as Manado, have also suspended schools for varying durations. Local governments have also closed some public recreational facilities, including the National Monument and Ragunan Zoo, in the capital.

- Laos: Authorities have closed the national border checkpoints, located along the northern province of Houaphanh, with Vietnam. The government has also advised the public to reduce the size and duration of large events, like Lao New Year celebrations, while local authorities in Luang Prabang have announced it will downsize Lao New Year festivities in April. Officials had suspended most flights to and from mainland China. Immigration officials have increased health screenings at checkpoints, especially for foreign visitors from mainland China and South Korea in the previous 14 days. Additionally, reports indicate that authorities have asked airlines to obtain passengers' temperatures before flying to Laos. Officials reportedly also require travelers who show physical symptoms, such as fever and coughing, to undergo medical observation and testing at hospitals.
- Myanmar: Officials have canceled the annual Thingyan water festival scheduled April 13-16. Earlier reports state that authorities require airlines to ensure that travelers from Iran, Italy, and South Korea show health documents certifying they are free from COVID-19 before boarding Myanmar-bound flights. Officials stopped providing visas on arrival for Chinese citizens and suspended flights with mainland China. Authorities have increased screenings at overland border checkpoints. The Indian government has also closed its border with Myanmar as a precaution. Additionally, reports indicate that the authorities have stopped preschools through April 30.

- Vietnam: Through at least April 13, authorities are banning the entry of foreigners coming from or transiting through mainland China, 26 Schengen countries, the UK, and Northern Ireland within 14 days preceding their entry into Vietnam. The restrictions will not apply to diplomatic, official, employment, and business visa holders, who will be allowed entry after health checks. On-arrival visa issuance stands suspended indefinitely, regardless of nationality. Prime Minister Nguyen Xuan Phuc has also instructed large cities, including Hanoi and Ho Chi Minh City, to prepare for possible large-scale quarantine measures in the event of a COVID-19 outbreak. The national government had suspended visa-free travel for citizens of Denmark, Finland, France, Germany, Italy, Norway, South Korea, Spain, Sweden, and the UK. Authorities had also required all travelers entering from mainland China, Iran, Italy, and South Korea to undergo quarantine for two weeks, and had banned flights to and from mainland China. Reports indicate that authorities are increasing health screenings for visitors who enter from Cambodia and Laos.

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Iran

Iranian authorities announced March 13 that security forces would begin clearing the streets and shopping centers in Iran's cities starting March 14 in an effort to stem the spread of coronavirus disease (COVID-19). The announcement came after the World Health Organization (WHO) stated that Iran needed to do more to contain the disease.

Iran Air (IR) announced March 10 that it would start resuming flights to Europe, with the exception of Vienna in Austria, and Stockholm and Gothenburg in Sweden. Airline officials did not, however, specify when service would resume. The carrier had suspended all flights to and from Europe beginning March 8 without giving any specific reasons. The announcement regarding the resumption of flights follows talks between Iran's Ministry of Foreign Affairs and European officials.

Iranian authorities have restricted travel within the country, temporarily released some 70,000 prisoners, and are urging citizens to reduce the use of paper banknotes in an attempt to prevent the spread of COVID-19. The new measures have been put in place as the death toll from the disease has risen to 514. Schools and universities have been shut down until early April, and Nowruz (Persian New Year) celebrations will likely be canceled. Supreme leader Ayatollah Ali Khamenei canceled his Nowruz speech March 9.

Authorities have also suspended large religious gatherings throughout the country. Several countries, including Saudi Arabia and Iraq, have banned travel to and from Iran. Further travel restrictions are likely as authorities detect additional new cases.

Iraq

Iraqi authorities announced March 15 that they would suspend flights to and from Baghdad International Airport (BGW) March 17-24. The ban on flights does not apply to cargo flights. Officials will impose a curfew in Baghdad during the same period and will close governmental and non-governmental offices with the exception of security and health services, March 17-19. The measures are intended to stem the spread of the coronavirus disease (COVID-19).

The Iraqi Ministry of Health announced March 13 that foreigners would be banned from entering Iraq from Germany and Qatar until further notice. Iraqi authorities had previously prohibited foreigners arriving from France, Nigeria, Spain, Turkey, Bahrain, China, Iran, Italy, Japan, Kuwait, Singapore, South Korea, and Thailand from entering the country. The ban excludes foreign diplomats. Authorities have also prohibited domestic travel between provinces March 15-25, except for emergencies, trade, and job commuting purposes.
Additionally, the Kurdistan Regional Government (KRG) extended March 15 the curfew that is in place in the cities of Erbil, Sulaymaniyah, and the surrounding towns for another 72 hours. Further measures, including the implementation or extension of curfews and other restrictions, are likely in the KRG and elsewhere in Iraq over the coming days and weeks. On March 11, the KRG announced the cancellation of the Nowruz (Persian New Year) holiday celebrations, scheduled to take place March 21-25. Nowruz is a national secular holiday in Iraqi Kurdistan and Iran and is celebrated annually by millions of people.

Government offices and shopping centers throughout Iraq have limited operating hours. Schools and universities will remain closed through at least March 21. The Iraq Border Ports Authority has suspended trade with Iran and Kuwait March 8-15 to allow the Ministry of Health time to organize its response to the spread of COVID-19. Iraqis who are currently in Iran will be allowed to return to Iraq as usual until March 15, after which they will be subject to unspecified health screenings and disease prevention measures.

Major religious gatherings are prohibited through at least March 24. Authorities have also imposed a temporary lockdown on An-Najaf Province starting March 11 and are preventing nonresidents from entering for one week. An-Najaf is home to many holy Muslim Shi’a sites and is a major destination for pilgrims.

Background and Analysis

Iraq's travel restrictions and preventive measures correspond with similar actions other governments are taking globally in response to the spread of COVID-19. COVID-19 is a viral respiratory disease caused by infection with the SARS-CoV-2 virus (previously known as 2019-nCoV). Symptoms occur 1-14 days following exposure (average of 3-7 days). These symptoms include fever, fatigue, cough, difficulty breathing, sometimes worsening to pneumonia and kidney failure - especially in those with underlying medical conditions. On March 11, the WHO declared the ongoing COVID-19 outbreak a pandemic.
- Bosnia and Herzegovina: Foreign nationals traveling from Italy, Iran, South Korea, and the province of Hubei in China are forbidding from entry. Travelers from Germany, France, and Spain are required to self-isolate for 14 days upon arrival. From March 16, all travelers entering the country will be required to self-isolate for 14 days.

- Croatia: Authorities have imposed a mandatory 14-day quarantine measure for all foreign nationals arriving from the Hubei region of China, Heinsburg County in North Rhine-Westphalia of Germany, Iran, Italy, and Cheongdo County and Daegu in South Korea; individuals will stay at a government facility during the quarantine period. Additionally, a 14-day self-quarantine measure is required for all travelers arriving from Austria, Bahrain, mainland China other than Hubei, France, Germany other than Heinsburg, Hong Kong, Japan, Malaysia, Netherlands, Singapore, Bela Krajina region of Slovenia, South Korea except Cheongdo County and Daegu, Spain, Sweden, Switzerland, and the UK. All educational facilities will be closed for two weeks beginning March 16.

- Cyprus: Travelers who have visited the Hubei region of China or Iran, Italy, or South Korea in the last 14 days are required to enter quarantine. Travelers who have visited other regions of China, or Japan, Hong Kong, France, Germany, the Achaia, Ilaa and Zanythos regions of Greece, Spain, or the UK in the last 14 days are requested to self-isolate. The Ledra Street, Astromeritis, Lefka, Dherynia, Kato Pyrgos, and Strovilia border crossings with Turkish-administered Northern Cyprus are currently closed.

- Czech Republic: Officials have announced a 30-day nationwide state of emergency March 12. The measures include a temporary entry ban on most foreigners, as well as a ban on citizens leaving the country. From 0001 March 16. Some cross-border workers, as well as foreign nationals with Czech residency, will not be affected. Officials are maintaining border controls at the land borders with Austria and Germany, with access allowed only at designated points until further notice. The border with Slovakia is temporarily closed. Authorities will ban public transport vehicles with more than nine seats from entering the country. In addition, the state of emergency includes a ban on gatherings of more than 30 people and the closure of public facilities, including sports centers and educational establishment, as well as restrictions on restaurants.

- Denmark: Authorities in Denmark close air, land, and sea borders from 1200 March 14. The closure is in place through April 13; officials will bar all non-nationals from entry. Persons wishing to leave will be allowed to do so. The rule does not apply to Danish passport holders, EU citizens holding a Danish social security card, and third-country nationals carrying a Danish residency permit. Authorities will make exceptions for foreign nationals in some emergencies, such as attending a medical visit or persons in transit with onward travel documentation. The restriction does not apply to the movement of goods and will not impact supply chains. Authorities have suspended cruise ship travel. All kindergartens, schools, and universities will be closed from March 13. In addition, authorities have banned all gatherings of more than 100 people through at least March 31.

- Estonia: Officials will reintroduce border controls from March 17. The new measures will bar foreign nationals from entering the country. Estonians, persons with resident permits, and foreigners with family members in Estonia are exempt. Foreigners may transit Estonia if they do not show symptoms of COVID-19. There are no restrictions on leaving Estonia. The transport of goods will continue as per normal. The border control end date is not available as yet, and officials will review measures every two weeks. Authorities declared an emergency situation March 12-May 1. Officials have banned all public gatherings. Education authorities have established distance learning schools. Health screenings are in place at borders. Authorities have closed cultural institutions. Persons arriving from high-risk locations must self-quarantine for 14 days. Travel to and from Estonia’s Western Islands is limited to residents. Authorities have suspended the Tallinn-Stockholm ferry.

- France: Gatherings of more than 100 people have been banned. Schools and universities throughout the country will be closed for 15 days from March 16. Cafes, restaurants, shops, and movie theaters will be closed starting at 0001 March 14 until further notice.

- Georgia: Authorities have suspended travel to Iran and Italy. Land borders are closed to Iranian goods and vehicles. Enhanced health screening is occurring at ports of entry. Flights to and from China remain suspended until at least March 29. Foreign travelers who have been in Iran in the past 14 days or China in the past 21 days will be denied entry. Authorities may quarantine Georgian residents arriving from these countries for at least 14 days.

- Germany: Schools in the states of Bavaria and Saarland are closed until the end of the Easter holidays in late April. Schools in Berlin will begin to close from March 16.

- Greece: Authorities have suspended all flights, excluding freight, with Italy through at least March 29. Large public gatherings, including conferences, have been prohibited until April 5. Educational facilities and most commercial establishments nationwide are closed through at least March 23.

- Hungary: Nationals and travelers, excluding Hungarians and European Economic Area permanent residents, from China, Italy, Iran, Israel, and South Korea, are barred from entry. Persons entering from these areas will be requested to enter quarantine for 14 days. All flights, buses, and trains from the aforementioned states is banned. Health screenings are in place at ports of entry. Gatherings of more than 100 people indoors and 500 people outdoors are banned.

- Ireland: As of March 12, officials in Ireland have ordered the closures of all universities, schools, and childcare facilities until at least March 29. In addition, authorities have advised against indoor gatherings of over 100 people, and outdoor gatherings of over 500 people.

- Italy*: All flights to and from China and Iran remain suspended indefinitely.

- Kosovo: Authorities in Kosovo have taken several measures to curb the spread of coronavirus disease (COVID-19), as of March 14. All flights to Pristina International Airport (PRN) will be suspended from March 16. All medical and military flights are exempt. It is not clear if some limited departure flights will still proceed; however, it is likely that departure flights will be subject to disruptions. The period of the suspension is unclear. Land borders will remain open to people traveling to Kosovo, with the exception of Chinese nationals.
be closed to all travelers except Kosovo citizens, again from March 16. Citizens entering the country will be required to self-quarantine for 14 days.
The government reportedly plans to suspend all inter-city public transport. It is not clear if this order has already been enforced. Citizens of the Klina and
Vitina municipalities have been restricted from moving to and from these areas. The government has ordered the nationwide closure of cafes, bars, and
shopping centers. All restrictions are subject to amendment at short notice in response to government reviews.

- Latvia: Authorities will suspend international travel via land, sea, and air from March 17. The prohibition does not apply to the transport of goods.
Latvian nationals and permanent residents will still be able to enter the country. Restrictions do not impact leaving the country; however, disruptions on
cross-border/international travel are highly likely given ongoing health screenings. A State of Emergency was declared March 12-April 14. Public gatherings are prohibited. The prohibition extends to political gatherings, recreational
events, and cultural occasions. Educational facilities are required to provide training remotely.

- Lithuania: From 0001 March 16-March 30, officials will implement land border controls. Authorities will prohibit foreign nationals from entering the
country; they will make exceptions for drivers and crews of goods transport vehicles, permanent residents, and NATO members and families. Persons
planning to transit via Lithuania can do so until March 19. Lithuanian nationals will not be able to travel outside of the country without official authorization.
Authorities are limiting inter- and intra-city transport and prohibiting cruise ships from docking at Klaipeda. Officials will suspend flights from Italy to
Lithuania March 16; they had suspended flights from Italy to Lithuania March 10. Further flight restrictions and disruptions for departure and arrival are
likely in the coming days.
State workers are required to work remotely. Authorities are enforcing restrictions on education, entertainment, sports, cultural and leisure venues.

- Malta: As of March 13, all travelers entering Malta must observe a 14-day quarantine. Persons who do not observe the quarantine may receive fines.
Air travel restrictions are also in place. Officials halted air and sea passenger travel between Malta and France, Germany, Spain, and Switzerland at 2359
March 11.

- Montenegro: As of March 14, multiple border crossings with Bosnia and Herzegovina, Albania, Croatia, and Serbia are closed. The duration of the
 closures is unclear. It is also not clear if all crossings are closed. Cruise ships are prohibited from docking at Montenegro's Adriatic ports through April 2.
The government has implemented restrictions on public gatherings and closed educational facilities for 15 days from March 16. Officials will impose
quarantine measures for travelers from Japan, France, Germany, Switzerland, Denmark, Slovenia, and Austria.

- Netherlands: Authorities in the Netherlands banned all flights from China, Hong Kong, Iran, Italy, and South Korea beginning 1800 March 13 to
prevent the spread of coronavirus disease (COVID-19). The flight ban and related disruptions will continue through at least March 27. Authorities may
implement further flight restrictions and amend current restrictions in response to developments over the coming days. Authorities have also banned
events of more than 100 people March 12-31.

- North Macedonia: Foreign nationals traveling from medium- and high-risk areas, including the UK and Greece, may not enter North Macedonia as of
March 14. The locations are those identified by WHO data. Exemptions are available for persons acquiring a certificate from the Ministry of Health.
Anyone who has arrived from a medium- or high-risk area must observe a 14-day self-isolation. Land border crossings are closed expect for Tabanovce
(Serbia), Deve Bair (Bulgaria), Kafasan (Albania), Bogorodica (Greece), and Blace (Kosovo). Officials will close Ohrid St. Paul the Apostle Airport (OHD)
from March 16. Skopje International Airport (SKP) remains operational. Authorities have also imposed entry and exit restrictions on several areas in the country, including the Debar and Centar Zhupa municipalities. Multiple public
areas, including cafes, bars, and shopping centers are closed. Grocery stores remain open. Schools are closed through March. Public gatherings
of over 1,000 people are prohibited.

- Norway: Norwegian officials announced March 14 that they would close the country's sea and air ports starting at 0800 March 16. Authorities have
closed all kindergartens, schools, and universities indefinitely from March 12. In addition, authorities have been requiring since Feb. 27 that all travelers
arriving in Norway from anywhere other than Scandinavia self-quarantine for 14 days. Authorities will also close sports, leisure, and entertainment venues
throughout the country.

- Poland: Authorities implement a temporary travel ban for foreigners and suspension of international passenger air and rail transport March 15 through
March 24. There is a ban on gatherings of more than 50 people, and a partial closure of shopping malls and educational facilities nationwide through
March 25. Educational facilities nationwide will be closed March 16-25.

- Portugal: All passenger flights to and from Italy are suspended until March 24. All schools will close indefinitely from March 16. Public places in
several locations, particularly in Porto District, have been closed.

- Romania: Educational facilities have closed nationwide March 11 until at least March 22. Flights and overland public transport connecting with
northern Italy have been suspended until March 31. Travelers arriving from China, Iran, South Korea, or the Italian regions of Lombardy, Veneto, and
Emilia Romagna, are required to self-isolate for 14 days. Travelers who have visited certain designated outbreak hot spots in China, Italy, or South Korea
could be placed into institutional quarantine. Authorities have banned public gatherings of more than 1,000 people.

- Serbia: Authorities have closed secondary border crossing points to allow officials to better screen travelers.

- Slovenia: Authorities announced that the country's border with Italy will partially close by March 16. The following border crossings will remain open
subject to heightened health screenings: Ratece border crossing, Robic-Stupizza border crossing, Gorizia-Vrtojba border crossing, Fernetti-Sezana
border crossing, Kozina border crossing, Skofije border crossing. Authorities have also introduced restrictions on public gatherings of more than 500
people.
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Slovakia: Authorities have ordered the closures of all airports in the country for passenger travel from March 13; freight and private planes will not be affected. Authorities have also suspended all visits to the country by non-residents; all Slovak citizens returning from abroad will be subject to a 14-day quarantine. It remains unclear how long these measures will remain in effect. Authorities will also close all school and universities for 14 days starting March 16. Authorities also plan to close sports, leisure, and entertainment venues, and will close all shopping centers the weekend of March 14.

Spain**: Spanish authorities announced on March 14 that they would impose a nationwide lockdown on the entire country from March 15 to last through at least March 29. All flights from Italy are suspended until March 25. Authorities in Madrid, the Basque Country, La Rioja, and Castilla y León have closed schools and public establishments, and have prohibited public gatherings of more than 1,000 people.

Sweden: No mandatory preventive measures or restrictions are in place.

Switzerland: Flights to and from mainland China remain suspended until March 28, and reduced flights are operating to and from Italy; in particular, flights connecting with northern Italy are suspended. Authorities have banned all gatherings of more than 1,000 participants, including demonstrations, public events, and major sporting events, until at least March 15. Some cities, including Bern, have banned smaller public gatherings.

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Israeli authorities announced a series of preventive measures to stem the spread of the coronavirus disease (COVID-19), March 14. Cafes, restaurants, movie theaters, and shops will be closed starting March 15 for a period of at least five weeks. The new measures do not affect grocery stores, fuel stations, and pharmacies. While there have not been any measures impacting public transport, authorities have asked the public to limit its use. Authorities have also imposed a ban on any gatherings that exceed 10 people. Leisure, entertainment, and sports venues will also be closed effective the morning of March 15.

Officials announced March 12 that Israel would close schools and universities nationwide until further notice. The measure does not include kindergartens, special education facilities, and boarding schools. Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu previously announced March 11 a ban on indoor gatherings of more than 100 people, with possible exceptions related to security issues and public need.

Authorities previously announced that all arrivals to Israel will be required to self-quarantine at home for two weeks. The quarantine order is effective for Israelis as of 2000 March 9 and for foreigners as of 2000 March 12. Foreigners will be required to demonstrate that they have adequate accommodations to self-quarantine or they will be barred from entry. Netanyahu stated that the order will be effective for two weeks. International travelers arriving at Ben Gurion Airport (TLV) will be denied access to its train station from March 11. Domestic travelers, aircrew, and airport staff will be permitted access, upon showing valid travel permits or flight tickets.

Israel closed the Taba crossing point with Egypt on March 8 and barred the entry of foreigners who have traveled to Egypt within the past 14 days, in addition to those who have traveled to Austria, China, France, Germany, Hong Kong, Italy, Japan, Macau, Singapore, South Korea, Spain, Switzerland, and Thailand.

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The travel restrictions and other measures come amid the ongoing outbreak of COVID-19, which originated in China’s Wuhan City in Hubei Province. The purpose of the measures is to prevent the spread of the disease. The WHO has declared the virus a global health emergency. As of March 14, Israeli authorities have confirmed at least 193 cases of COVID-19.

Governments in Europe are maintaining travel and other restrictions to prevent the spread of coronavirus disease (COVID-19). Although specific measures vary by country, the following procedures were in effect as of March 13:

- Albania: Authorities will close land borders from 0001 March 16 until further notice; they also closed maritime borders to all nationals. Officials have canceled ferry services between Albania and Greece and Italy. The transportation (land and maritime) of goods continues. Airports are reporting disruptions on flights. Officials have canceled connections to Greece and Italy. Direct flights to the UK continue, but with disruptions. Persons traveling via Tirana International Airport Nene Tereza (TIA) need special clearance from authorities before departing for the airport. Authorities closed businesses, state offices (except essential services), parks, museums, cinemas, and schools through April 3. Pharmacies and groceries will remain open. Authorities have ordered a 14-day self-quarantine for anyone who has entered Albania from Italy and Greece after March 1. Persons ignoring the directive will receive fines. Restrictions on nationals from other high-risk locations are also likely to be included in the quarantine measure. There are widespread restrictions on inter- and intra-city travel nationwide. Officials may amend health and travel measures in the coming weeks in response to government threat assessments.

- Armenia: Authorities have suspended visa-free travel for Chinese nationals. All land borders with Iran have been closed until March 24. Scheduled flights to and from Iran have been suspended, with the exception of those allowing Armenian and Iranian citizens to return to their home countries. Enhanced health screenings are underway at all points of entry.

- Austria: Authorities have suspended flights from China, Iran, South Korea, Italy, Switzerland, France, and Spain. Border controls will be introduced on the Swiss and Liechtenstein borders; the Vorarlberg crossing with Germany will remain open. Authorities have temporarily barred entry to persons traveling from Italy; the measure will not apply to travelers in possession of a health certificate declaring them to be free of the virus; non-stop transit through Austria is unaffected. Restaurants and bars will close daily at 1500 from March 16.

- Azerbaijan: All flights between Baku and Tehran have been suspended, and flights to mainland China could face disruptions. Enhanced health screening is in operation at ports of entry. Authorities have suspended visa-free travel for Chinese nationals. The closure of all of the country’s border crossings with Iran, which went into effect on Feb. 29, has been extended for an additional two weeks through March 28; further extensions are possible. Disruptions to flights connecting with Turkey, as well as along the Turkish border in Naxcivan, are possible at short notice.

- Belgium: Educational facilities will remain closed until the end of the Easter holidays in late April. Bars and restaurants, with the exception of takeaways, are currently closed. All public gatherings have been banned. Public transport services continue to operate.

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- Cyprus: Travelers who have visited the Hubei region of China or Iran, Italy, or South Korea in the last 14 days are required to enter quarantine. Travelers who have visited other regions of China, or Japan, Hong Kong, France, Germany, the Achaia, Ilia and Zanykthos regions of Greece, Spain, or the UK in the last 14 days are requested to self-isolate. The Ledra Street, Astromeritis, Lefka, Dherynia, Kato Pyrgos, and Strovilia border crossings with Turkish-administered Northern Cyprus are currently closed.

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- Kosovo: Authorities in Kosovo have taken several measures to curb the spread of coronavirus disease (COVID-19), as of March 14. All flights to Pristina International Airport (PRN) will be suspended from March 16. All medical and military flights are exempt. It is not clear if some limited departure flights will still proceed; however, it is likely that departure flights will be subject to disruptions. The period of the suspension is unclear. Land borders will be closed to all travelers except Kosovo citizens, again from March 16. Citizens entering the country will be required to self-quarantine for 14 days. The government reportedly plans to suspend all inter-city public transport. It is not clear if this order has already been enforced. Citizens of the Klinë and Vlora municipalities have been restricted from moving to and from these areas. The government has ordered the nationwide closure of cafes, bars, and shopping centers. All restrictions are subject to amendment at short notice in response to government reviews.

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In addition, authorities have been requiring since Feb. 27 that all travelers arriving in Norway from anywhere other than Scandinavia self-quarantine for 14 days. Authorities will also close sports, leisure, and entertainment venues.

- Portugal: All passenger flights to and from Italy are suspended until March 24. All schools will close indefinitely from March 16. Public places in several locations, particularly in Porto District, have been closed.

- Romania: Educational facilities have closed nationwide March 11 until at least March 23. Flights and overland public transport connecting with northern Italy have been suspended until March 31. Travelers arriving from China, Iran, South Korea, or the Italian regions of Lombardy, Veneto, and Emilia Romagna, are required to self-isolate for 14 days. Travelers who have visited certain designated outbreak hot spots in China, Italy, or South Korea could be placed into institutional quarantine. Authorities have banned public gatherings of more than 1,000 people.

- Serbia: Authorities have closed secondary border crossing points to allow officials to better screen travelers.

- Slovenia: Authorities announced that the country's border with Italy will partially close by March 16. The following border crossings will remain open subject to heightened health screenings: Ratece border crossing, Robic-Stupizza border crossing, Gorizia-Vrtojba border crossing, Fernetti-Sezana border crossing, Kozina border crossing, Skofje border crossing. Authorities have also introduced restrictions on public gatherings of more than 500 people.

- Slovakia: Authorities have ordered the closures of all airports in the country for passenger travel from March 13; freight and private planes will not be affected. Authorities have also suspended all visits to the country by non-residents; all Slovak citizens returning from abroad will be subject to a 14-day quarantine. It remains unclear how long these measures will remain in effect. Authorities will also close all school and universities for 14 days starting March 16. Authorities also plan to close sports, leisure, and entertainment venues, and will close all shopping centers the weekend of March 14.

- Spain**: Spanish authorities announced on March 14 that they would impose a nationwide lockdown on the entire country from March 15 to last through at least March 29. All flights from Italy are suspended until March 25. Authorities in Madrid, the Basque Country, La Rioja, and Castilla y León have closed schools and public establishments, and have prohibited public gatherings of more than 1,000 people.

- Sweden: No mandatory preventative measures or restrictions are in place.
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- **Ukraine:** Authorities implement temporary entry ban for foreign nationals traveling by rail, road, and air, and close all land passenger border crossings from 0001 March 16-March 30. All regular international air traffic has been suspended from March 17; the exact duration of the closure is unknown. Public places nationwide, including educational establishments, conference centers, cinemas, and other entertainment venues, are closed until at least March 31.

  "Local movement restrictions in Italy are detailed in a separate WorldAware alert titled "Italy - Travel Restrictions - Nationwide"."

  "Local movement restrictions in Spain's Catalonia region are detailed in a separate WorldAware alert titled "Spain - Travel Restrictions - Catalonia"."

  Panic buying of essential goods, particularly hygiene products, has been reported in many locations and has led to temporary shortages. Such shortages are likely to be quickly resolved. School closures will probably result in increased absenteeism among employees who are the parents or guardians of school-aged children. In addition, increasing numbers of workers will likely work from home in the coming weeks as a routine health precaution and due to voluntary self-isolation.

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**Jamaica**

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- **Antigua and Barbuda:** Restricted entry for nonresidents who have traveled in China, Italy, Iran, Japan, Singapore and South Korea, within 14 days.

- **Aruba:** Restricted entry for nonresidents who have traveled to China, Iran, Japan, Singapore, South Korea, the EU, as well as the UK, Norway and Switzerland, within 14 days.

- **Bahamas:** Restricted entry for nonresidents who have traveled in China, Iran, Italy, and South Korea within 20 days before their arrival. Residents of the Bahamas who have been in these countries within 20 days will be subject to quarantine for a maximum of 14 days.

- **Barbados:** Persons that have been in China, Iran, Italy or South Korea within 14 days before their arrival will be subject to quarantine protocols.

- **Belize:** Restricted entry for nonresidents who have traveled in China, Europe, Iran, Japan, and South Korea within 14 days before their arrival.

- **British Virgin Islands:** Restricted entry for nonresidents who have traveled China, France, Germany, Italy, Iran, South Korea and Spain, within 14 days.

- **Costa Rica:** Travelers who have been in China within 14 days must inform their airlines as well as immigration authorities so that additional screenings can be conducted.

- **Dominica:** Restricted entry for those who have traveled in China recently.

- **Dominican Republic:** Suspension of all flights to and from China, Europe, Iran and South Korea from March 16.

- **El Salvador:** The entrance of foreign nationals other than Salvadoran residents, diplomats, and Guatemalan truck drivers engaged in international
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Japanese officials have announced that, from March 11, foreign nationals with recent travel history in specified locations with high numbers of coronavirus disease (COVID-19) will be barred from entering Japan. The measures apply to travelers who have been in specified areas within 14 days before their arrival in Japan. As of March 10, such restrictions apply to the Italian regions of Veneto, Emilia-Romagna, Piedmont, Lombardy, and Marche, the Iranian provinces of Tehran, Qom, Gilan, Alborz, Qazvin, Golestan, Esfahan, Lorestan, Markazi, Mazandaran, and Semnan, along with San Marino. Japan also continues to ban entry by foreign nationals who have recently traveled to North Gyeongsang Province, South Korea, and China's Zhejiang and Hubei provinces. Authorities could expand travel bans and quarantine measures to cover additional areas, including entire countries, at short notice in the coming days and weeks due to COVID-19 activity.

Officials have also invalidated visas for travelers from China - including Hong Kong and Macau - and South Korea as part of the country's effort to prevent the spread of COVID-19. The Japanese government has suspended visa-free travel for South Korea, Hong Kong, and Macau. The measure will not impact Chinese and South Korean visitors already in Japan, but those people cannot reenter Japan on the same visa if they depart the country, until the restrictions end.

Authorities are also enforcing mandatory 14-day quarantines for passengers arriving from mainland China and South Korea at designated government sites. Officials will require passengers to pay for the quarantine accommodation. The measures, which are slated to remain in place through at least March 31, apply to both Japanese and foreign nationals.

Flights from South Korea and China are only authorized to land at Narita International Airport (NRT) and Kansai International Airport (KIX). International trade is prohibited. Salvadorans arriving from abroad are subject to a 30-day quarantine period except those arriving through land ports or entry on the border with Guatemala.

- Grenada: Officials will deny entry to foreign travelers arriving from Italy, Iran, South Korea, China, and Germany. Grenada citizens or residents will be ordered to quarantine for 14 days after arriving from those countries.
- Guatemala: Restricted entry for nonresidents arriving from China, Iran, South Korea, and Europe, as well as from the US and Canada from March 16.
- Haiti: People arriving from China, France, Germany, Iran, Italy, or South Korea within 14 days are prohibited from entry.
- Honduras: Citizens and foreigners traveling from China, Iran, Italy, Spain, France, Germany, Japan, and South Korea, will be ordered to quarantine for 14 days.
- Jamaica: Restricted entry for nonresidents who have traveled in China, France, Germany, Iran, Italy, Singapore, South Korea, and Spain within 15 days before their arrival. Residents of Jamaica who have been in mainland China recently will be subject to immediate quarantine for a maximum of 14 days.
- Panama: Suspension of all flights from Europe and Asia until further notice.
- Saint Kitts and Nevis: Nonresidents who have traveled to China, Singapore, South Korea, Italy, Japan, and Iran within 14 days before their arrival are advised not to travel to Saint Kitts and Nevis; they will be required to quarantine if they do.
- Saint Lucia: Restricted entry for nonresidents who have traveled in mainland China, Hong Kong, South Korea, Italy, and Singapore, within 14 days before their arrival. Residents of Saint Lucia who have been in any of those areas within 14 days will be subject to immediate quarantine of 14 days.
- Saint Vincent and the Grenadines: Officials will require travelers who have recently been to China (including Hong Kong), South Korea, Italy, Singapore, Japan, and Iran to quarantine for 14-days once since their arrival.
- Sint-Maarten: Officials will deny entry to any foreign traveler who in the previous 21 days has been in China (including Hong Kong and Macao), Iran, Italy, Japan, South Korea, and Singapore. The measure does not apply to citizens of Netherlands, or local residents.
- Trinidad and Tobago: Restricted entry for nonresidents who have traveled in mainland China, Iran, Italy, Japan, or Singapore within 14 days before their arrival.
- Turks and Caicos: Officials will not allow travelers coming from China, Iran, South Korea, Italy, Singapore, and Japan to enter the country.

Countries could expand travel restrictions in the coming days, particularly if the number of COVID-19 confirmed cases increases. Officials in most countries have also announced additional measures to combat the spread of the infection, including a ban on mass gatherings, and temporarily cancelling in-person classes in schools and universities. Multiple private businesses and public offices are allowing employees to work remotely. Health screenings in airports have also increased.

Background and Analysis
The measures taken by these governments correspond with similar actions taken by other governments globally in recent days in response to the spread of coronavirus disease (COVID-19). COVID-19 is a viral respiratory disease caused by infection with the SARS-CoV-2 virus (previously known as 2019-nCoV). Symptoms occur 1-14 days following exposure (average of 3-7 days). These symptoms include fever, fatigue, cough, difficulty breathing, sometimes worsening to pneumonia and kidney failure - especially in those with underlying medical conditions. On March 11, the WHO declared the ongoing COVID-19 outbreak a pandemic.
passenger ferry services are also suspended. International flight disruptions will probably continue in the coming weeks, and possibly months, due to decreased demand. Additional service cancellations are likely.

Officials continue to carry out enhanced health screenings at points of entry across the country. Travelers will still need to complete a health declaration and report any symptoms or potential exposure upon arrival. Immigration authorities may implement more restrictions, such as enforced hospitalization or banning infected passengers.

Several countries are advising their citizens against nonessential travel to Japan. Numerous national governments have raised their alert levels for Japan due to sustained community spread of COVID-19 in the country. As of March 10, officials in Israel, Iraq, Micronesia, and Mongolia have banned foreign nationals with recent travel history in Japan from entering their countries; additional travel restrictions to and from Japan are likely in the coming days and weeks.

Jordanian officials introduced a series of preventative measures to stem the spread of coronavirus disease (COVID-19), March 14. Jordan will suspend all flights to and from the Kingdom as well as closing all its land borders and seaports from March 17 until further notice; the restriction excludes some diplomatic flights and cargo shipments. Authorities will also close schools and universities for two weeks, suspend collective prayers, including mid-day Friday prayers, at mosques and churches. Additionally, Jordan will cancel all major sporting events and shut movie theaters and tourist sites for a period of two weeks.

Authorities previously announced that they would bar entry to travelers from Israel, the West Bank, Egypt, and Iraq March 10. Jordan has closed its border crossings with Israel, the West Bank, and its seaports to shipping from Egypt.

Authorities have also already banned travel to Lebanon and Syria and will ban travel to France, Germany, and Spain, starting March 16.

Authorities announced a series of measures March 8 to help prevent the spread of COVID-19 in the country. Jordan will temporarily suspend visas for expatriate workers and foreign students. Jordan has also decided to suspend foreign school trips as well as the travel of government staff abroad.

Officials have barred entry to foreigners traveling from China, Iran, South Korea, and Italy. Jordanian citizens who are returning from these countries will be permitted to enter but will be placed under mandatory quarantine for two weeks. Additionally, Royal Jordanian Airlines (RJ) has suspended flights between Amman and the Italian city of Rome until further notice.

The WHO has declared the ongoing outbreak of the virus to be a global health emergency. COVID-19 originated in China’s city of Wuhan in Hubei Province.

Governments in Central Asia continue to implement travel and other restrictions to prevent the spread of coronavirus disease (COVID-19). Specific measures vary by country. The following measures were in effect as of March 11:

- Kazakhstan: From March 15, Kazakhstan has closed its borders and declared a State of Emergency to inhibit the spread of coronavirus disease 2019 (COVID-19), following the first confirmation of COVID-19 cases in the country on March 13. The measures effectively bar entry for all people into Kazakhstan, except for returning citizens, diplomats, and those invited by the government; Kazakh citizens are also not allowed to leave the country. The measures are set to last at least until April 15. Kazakh authorities have already closed all entertainment venues and canceled Nowruz (New Year) festivities and celebrations.
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Governments in Europe are maintaining travel and other restrictions to prevent the spread of coronavirus disease (COVID-19). Although specific measures vary by country, the following procedures were in effect as of March 13:

- Albania: Authorities will close land borders from 0001 March 16 until further notice; they also closed maritime borders to all nationals. Officials have canceled ferry services between Albania and Greece and Italy. The transportation (land and maritime) of goods continues. Airports are reporting disruptions on flights. Officials have canceled connections to Greece and Italy. Direct flights to the UK continue, but with disruptions. Persons traveling via Tirana International Airport Nene Tereza (TIA) need special clearance from authorities before departing for the airport. Authorities closed businesses, state offices (except essential services), parks, museums, cinemas, and schools through April 3. Pharmacies and groceries will remain open. Authorities have ordered a 14-day self-quarantine for anyone who has entered Albania from Italy and Greece after March 1. Persons ignoring the directive will receive fines. Restrictions on nationals from other high-risk locations are also likely to be included in the quarantine measure. There are widespread restrictions on inter- and intra-city travel nationwide. Officials may amend health and travel measures in the coming weeks in response to government threat assessments.

- Armenia: Authorities have suspended visa-free travel for Chinese nationals. All land borders with Iran have been closed until March 24. Scheduled flights to and from Iran have been suspended, with the exception of those allowing Armenian and Iranian citizens to return to their home countries. Enhanced health screenings are underway at all points of entry.

- Austria: Authorities have suspended flights from China, Iran, South Korea, Italy, Switzerland, France, and Spain. Border controls will be introduced on the Swiss and Liechtenstein borders; the Vorarlberg crossing with Germany will remain open. Authorities have temporarily barred entry to persons traveling from these countries will be quarantined for 14 days. Flights to and from Afghanistan, China, and Iran have been suspended. Authorities have also indefinitely closed the Kulma Pass border crossing with China. Authorities have ordered the temporary closure of all mosques, canceled some sporting events, and canceled public Persian New Year (Nowruz) celebrations scheduled March 20-24.

- Turkmenistan: As of March 11, all inbound international flights are being redirected to Turkmenabad International Airport (CRZ) for health screenings before completing the 480-km (300-mile) journey to Ashgabat. Turkmen Airlines has also reduced flights to India, Kazakhstan, Russia, and Turkey up to April 30. Authorities have closed land borders with Afghanistan, Iran, and Uzbekistan; travelers from all other locations will undergo medical screening and those infected with COVID-19 will be quarantined for at least 14 days, likely at their own expense. Ferry travel has been indefinitely suspended. Media reports indicate authorities have banned public gatherings; however, this is unconfirmed.

- Uzbekistan: From March 15, Uzbekistan has closed its borders to inhibit the spread of coronavirus disease 2019 (COVID-19), following the first confirmation of COVID-19 cases in the country the same day. The measures effectively bar entry for all people into Uzbekistan, except for returning citizens, diplomats, and those invited by the government; Uzbek citizens are also not allowed to leave the country. The Uzbek government has also closed schools, universities, and canceled all public events.

Information on official restrictions is fluid and can be contradictory or ambiguous. Authorities could expand their response in the coming weeks, particularly if COVID-19 activity increases in-country. The measures are unlikely to impact most travelers but may lead to immigration delays, especially for passengers from mainland China and other countries with significant numbers of COVID-19 cases.
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Malta: As of March 13, all travelers entering Malta must observe a 14-day quarantine. Persons who do not observe the quarantine may receive fines. Air travel restrictions are also in place. Officials halted air and sea passenger travel between Malta and France, Germany, Spain, and Switzerland at 2359 March 11.

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border crossing, Kozina border crossing, Skofije border crossing. Authorities have also introduced restrictions on public gatherings of more than 500 people.

- Slovakia: Authorities have ordered the closures of all airports in the country for passenger travel from March 13; freight and private planes will not be affected. Authorities have also suspended all visits to the country by non-residents; all Slovak citizens returning from abroad will be subject to a 14-day quarantine. It remains unclear how long these measures will remain in effect. Authorities will also close all school and universities for 14 days starting March 16. Authorities also plan to close sports, leisure, and entertainment venues, and will close all shopping centers the weekend of March 14.

- Spain**: Spanish authorities announced on March 14 that they would impose a nationwide lockdown on the entire country from March 15 to last through at least March 29. All flights from Italy are suspended until March 25. Authorities in Madrid, the Basque Country, La Rioja, and Castilla y León have closed schools and public establishments, and have prohibited public gatherings of more than 1,000 people.

- Sweden: No mandatory preventative measures or restrictions are in place.

- Switzerland: Flights to and from mainland China remain suspended until March 28, and reduced flights are operating to and from Italy; in particular, flights connecting with northern Italy are suspended. Authorities have banned all gatherings of more than 1,000 participants, including demonstrations, public events, and major sporting events, until at least March 15. Some cities, including Bern, have banned smaller public gatherings.

- Spain: Authorities have closed schools in Madrid and the Basque Country. Public gatherings of more than 1,000 people in Catalonia are currently prohibited.

- Turkey: Turkish officials announced March 14 that they would temporarily suspend all air and land travel to and from Azerbaijan. The restriction does not include cargo shipments. Authorities announced March 12 that schools and universities nationwide would close for at least 21 days from March 16. Public gatherings, including sporting events, are likely to be prohibited; sports matches will reportedly proceed, though fans will not be permitted to attend.

- UK: Authorities request that all travelers who have visited Hubei Province, China, in the last 14 days, as well as travelers who have returned from Iran since Feb. 19, and from Italy since March 9, remain indoors and minimize contact with other people. Travelers who have returned from elsewhere in China and South Korea, as well as from Hong Kong, Japan, Macau, Malaysia, Singapore, Taiwan, and Thailand, in the last 14 days and have possible COVID-19 symptoms should also self-isolate immediately. This guidance also applies to travelers with possible symptoms who have returned from elsewhere in northern Italy, Cambodia, Laos, Myanmar, or Vietnam since Feb. 19.

- Ukraine: Authorities implement temporary entry ban for foreign nationals traveling by rail, road, and air, and close all land passenger border crossings from 0001 March 16-March 30. All regular international air traffic has been suspended from March 17; the exact duration of the closure is unknown. Public places nationwide, including educational establishments, conference centers, cinemas, and other entertainment venues, are closed until at least March 31.

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Panic buying of essential goods, particularly hygiene products, has been reported in many locations and has led to temporary shortages. Such shortages are likely to be quickly resolved. School closures will probably result in increased absenteeism among employees who are the parents or guardians of school-aged children. In addition, increasing numbers of workers will likely work from home in the coming weeks as a routine health precaution and due to voluntary self-isolation.

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Authorities announced the suspension of all commercial flights to and from Kuwait effective March 13 until further notice. Flight arrivals will be limited to Kuwaiti nationals and cargo planes. Cargo flights will remain operational. The measure has been taken to stem the spread of the coronavirus disease (COVID-19).

Authorities have announced a public holiday from March 12 to March 26. Business operations will begin resuming March 29; however, companies that provide vital services will remain open. Authorities have also banned Kuwaiti citizens from meeting in restaurants, cafes, and commercial centers.

Kuwait's Ministry of Health announced March 10 that any expatriate who arrived in Kuwait Feb. 27 or thereafter is to visit the ministry's new headquarters for screening measures. Attendance is compulsory, and expatriates must bring their civil identification cards and passport. Visits to the ministry's headquarters are to be arranged according to the following schedule:

- Residents of Al Jahra Governorate: March 12
- Residents of Mubarak Al-Kabeer Governorate: March 13
Governments in Central Asia continue to implement travel and other restrictions to prevent the spread of coronavirus disease (COVID-19). Specific measures vary by country. The following measures were in effect as of March 11:

- Kazakhstan: From March 15, Kazakhstan has closed its borders and declared a State of Emergency to inhibit the spread of coronavirus disease 2019 (COVID-19), following the first confirmation of COVID-19 cases in the country on March 13. The measures effectively bar entry for all people into Kazakhstan, except for returning citizens, diplomats, and those invited by the government; Kazakh citizens are also not allowed to leave the country. The measures are set to last at least until April 15. Kazakh authorities have already closed all entertainment venues and canceled New Year (Nowruz) festivities and celebrations.

- Kyrgyzstan: The government has announced that foreign nationals arriving from countries with a significant rise in COVID-19 cases will be barred from the country. At present, the entry of foreigners from China, Iran, Italy, Japan, and South Korea remains indefinitely suspended, though additional countries could also face restrictions. Travelers arriving from Afghanistan will be placed in quarantine for 14 days. Authorities have banned large public events.

- Tajikistan: Authorities have canceled an earlier directive preventing airlines from selling flight tickets to and from Dushanbe to citizens of 35 countries, though restrictions could be reintroduced at short notice. Entry suspended for citizens of Afghanistan, China, Italy, Iran, and South Korea; travelers arriving from these countries will be quarantined for 14 days. Flights to and from Afghanistan, China, and Iran have been suspended. Authorities have also indefinitely closed the Kulma Pass border crossing with China. Authorities have ordered the temporary closure of all mosques, canceled some sporting events, and canceled public New Year (Nowruz) celebrations scheduled March 20-24.

- Turkmenistan: As of March 11, all inbound international flights are being redirected to Turkmenabad International Airport (CRZ) for health screenings before completing the 480-km (300-mile) journey to Ashgabat. Turkmen Airlines has also reduced flights to India, Kazakhstan, Russia, and Turkey up to April 30. Authorities have closed land borders with Afghanistan, Iran, and Uzbekistan; travelers from all other locations will undergo medical screening and those infected with COVID-19 will be quarantined for at least 14 days, likely at their own expense. Ferry travel has been indefinitely suspended. Media reports indicate authorities have banned public gatherings; however, this is unconfirmed.
- Uzbekistan: From March 15, Uzbekistan has closed its borders to inhibit the spread of coronavirus disease 2019 (COVID-19), following the first confirmation of COVID-19 cases in the country the same day. The measures effectively bar entry for all people into Uzbekistan, except for returning citizens, diplomats, and those invited by the government; Uzbek citizens are also not allowed to leave the country. The Uzbek government has also closed schools, universities, and canceled all public events.

Information on official restrictions is fluid and can be contradictory or ambiguous. Authorities could expand their response in the coming weeks, particularly if COVID-19 activity increases in-country. The measures are unlikely to impact most travelers but may lead to immigration delays, especially for passengers from mainland China and other countries with significant numbers of COVID-19 cases.

- Laos

Countries in Southeast Asia have intensified health screenings and travel restrictions to prevent the spread of coronavirus disease (COVID-19). Screening measures vary across the region, and the following health and transport restrictions are in effect as of March 16:

- Brunei: The government has banned Bruneian nationals from leaving the country, except for medical emergency or resuming studies abroad. Authorities had earlier barred foreigners with a travel history to mainland China's Hubei, Jiangsu, and Zhejiang provinces, as well as Iran and Italy, within the last 14 days of date of arrival in Brunei. Bruneian citizens and permanent residents returning from EU countries, mainland China, Iran, Italy, and South Korea will have to undergo self-quarantine for two weeks. The national carrier, Royal Brunei Airlines (RB), has suspended flights to and from mainland China, South Korea's Seoul, and Saudi Arabia's Jeddah; the carrier has reduced flights to and from Hong Kong and Taiwan. Authorities also brought forward the start of school holidays from March 16 to March 11; the break will last through the end of March.

- Cambodia: Reports indicate that authorities will bar entry for foreign nationals coming from France, Germany, Italy, Spain, and the US for 30 days starting March 17. Officials have also urged Cambodian citizens to avoid visiting European countries, Iran, and the US, unless for urgent reasons. The government also temporarily banned on cruise ships from entering through K'am Sornar International Checkpoint in Kandal province, after earlier declaring a ban on all cruise ships from international routes. Officials have also increased health screenings for incoming passengers at ports, though the effectiveness of the checks remains unclear. Local authorities in Siem Reap have also suspended all public and private schools from kindergartens to higher education institutions.

- Indonesia: Authorities have banned foreigners with recent visits to mainland China, as well as specific parts of Iran, Italy, and South Korea, from entering Indonesia. The affected regions are Gilan, Qom, and Tehran in Iran; Emilia-Romagna, Lombardy, Marche, Piedmont, and Veneto regions in Italy; and Daegu and North Gyeongsang Province in South Korea. Indonesian citizens entering from the aforementioned places will need to undergo enhanced health screenings. Officials have also suspended all public and private schools from kindergartens to higher education institutions.

Additionally, officials at several airports, including Aceh's Sultan Iskandar Muda International Airport (BTJ) and Bali's Ngurah Rai International Airport (DPS), have boosted health checks for passengers on domestic flights. Officials in Jakarta have ordered school closures for two weeks from March 16, while authorities in other places such as Banten and Central Java provinces, as well as Manado, have also suspended schools for varying durations. Local governments have also closed some public recreational facilities, including the National Monument and Ragunan Zoo, in the capital.
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- Albania: Authorities will close land borders from 0001 March 16 until further notice; they also closed maritime borders to all nationals. Officials have canceled ferry services between Albania and Greece and Italy. The transportation (land and maritime) of goods continues. Airports are reporting disruptions on flights. Officials have canceled connections to Greece and Italy. Direct flights to the UK continue, but with disruptions. Persons traveling via Tirana International Airport Nene Tereza (TIA) need special clearance from authorities before departing for the airport. Authorities closed businesses, state offices (except essential services), parks, museums, cinemas, and schools through April 3. Pharmacies and groceries will remain open. Authorities have ordered a 14-day self-quarantine for anyone who has entered Albania from Italy and Greece after March 1. Persons ignoring the directive will receive fines. Restrictions on nationals from other high-risk locations are also likely to be included in the quarantine measure. There are widespread restrictions on inter- and intra-city travel nationwide. Officials may amend health and travel measures in the coming weeks in response to government threat assessments.

- Armenia: Authorities have suspended visa-free travel for Chinese nationals. All land borders with Iran have been closed until March 24. Scheduled flights to and from Iran have been suspended, with the exception of those allowing Armenian and Iranian citizens to return to their home countries. Enhanced health screenings are underway at all points of entry.

- Austria: Authorities have suspended flights from China, Iran, South Korea, Italy, Switzerland, France, and Spain. Border controls will be introduced on the Swiss and Liechtenstein borders; the Vorarlberg crossing with Germany will remain open. Authorities have temporarily barred entry to persons traveling from Italy; the measure will not apply to travelers in possession of a health certificate declaring them to be free of the virus; non-stop transit is unaffected. Restaurants and bars will close daily at 1500 from March 16.

- Azerbaijan: All flights between Baku and Tehran have been suspended, and flights to mainland China could face disruptions. Enhanced health screenings at checkpoints, especially for foreign visitors from mainland China and South Korea in the previous 14 days. Additionally, reports indicate that authorities have asked airlines to obtain passengers' temperatures before flying to Azerbaijan. Officials reportedly also require travelers who show physical symptoms, such as fever and coughing, to undergo medical observation and testing at hospitals.

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- Latvia: Authorities have closed the national border checkpoints, located along the northern province of Houaphan, with Vietnam. The government has also advised the public to reduce the size and duration of large events, like Lao New Year festivities in April. Officials have suspended most flights to and from mainland China. Immigration officials have increased health screenings at checkpoints, especially for foreign visitors from mainland China and South Korea in the previous 14 days. Additionally, reports indicate that authorities have asked airlines to obtain passengers' temperatures before flying to Laos. Officials reportedly also require travelers who show physical symptoms, such as fever and coughing, to undergo medical observation and testing at hospitals.

- Myanmar: Officials have canceled the annual Thingyan water festival scheduled April 13-16. Earlier reports state that authorities require airlines to ensure that travelers from Iran, Italy, and South Korea show health documents certifying they are free from COVID-19 before boarding Myanmar-bound flights. Officials stopped providing visas on arrival for Chinese citizens and suspended flights with mainland China. Authorities have increased screenings at overland border checkpoints. The Indian government has also closed its border with Myanmar as a precaution. Additionally, reports indicate that the authorities have stopped preschools through April 30.

- Vietnam: Through at least April 13, authorities are banning the entry of foreigners coming from or transiting through mainland China. 26 Schengen countries, the UK, and Northern Ireland within 14 days preceding their entry into Vietnam. The restrictions will not apply to diplomatic, official, employment, and business visa holders, who will be allowed entry after health checks. On-arrival visa issuance stands suspended indefinitely, regardless of nationality. Prime Minister Nguyen Xuan Phuc has also instructed large cities, including Hanoi and Ho Chi Minh City, to prepare for possible large-scale quarantine measures in the event of a COVID-19 outbreak. The national government had suspended visa-free travel for citizens of Denmark, Finland, France, Germany, Italy, Norway, South Korea, Spain, Sweden, and the UK. Authorities had also required all travelers entering from mainland China, Iran, Italy, and South Korea to undergo quarantine for two weeks, and had banned flights to and from mainland China. Reports indicate that authorities are increasing health screenings for visitors who enter from Cambodia and Laos.

Countries could expand their response in the coming weeks, particularly if COVID-19 activity increases in-country. The measures are unlikely to impact most travelers but may lead to immigration delays, especially for passengers from mainland China and other locations with significant numbers of COVID-19 cases.
- Belgium: Educational facilities will remain closed until the end of the Easter holidays in late April. Bars and restaurants, with the exception of takeaways, are currently closed. All public gatherings have been banned. Public transport services continue to operate.

- Bosnia and Herzegovina: Foreign nationals traveling from Italy, Iran, South Korea, and the province of Wuhan in China are forbidding from entry. Travelers from Germany, France, and Spain are required to self-isolate for 14 days upon arrival. From March 16, all travelers entering the country will be required to self-isolate for 14 days.

- Croatia: Authorities have imposed a mandatory 14-day quarantine measure for all foreign nationals arriving from the Hubei region of China, Heinsburg County in North Rhine-Westphalia of Germany, Iran, Italy, and Cheongdo County and Daegu in South Korea; individuals will stay at a government facility during the quarantine period. Additionally, a 14-day self-quarantine measure is required for all travelers arriving from Austria, Bahrain, mainland China other than Hubei, France, Germany other than Heinsburg, Hong Kong, Japan, Malaysia, Netherlands, Singapore, Beia Krajina region of Slovenia, South Korea except Cheongdo County and Daegu, Spain, Sweden, Switzerland, and the UK. All educational facilities will be closed for two weeks beginning March 16.

- Cyprus: Travelers who have visited the Hubei region of China or Iran, Italy, or South Korea in the last 14 days are required to enter quarantine. Travelers who have visited other regions of China, or Japan, Hong Kong, France, Germany, the Achaia, Ilia and Zakythos regions of Greece, Spain, or the UK in the last 14 days are requested to self-isolate. The Ledra Street, Astromeritis, Lefka, Dherynia, Kato Pyrgos, and Strovilia border crossings with Turkish-administered Northern Cyprus are currently closed.

- Czech Republic: Officials have announced a 30-day nationwide state of emergency March 12. The measures include a temporary entry ban on most foreigners, as well as a ban on citizens leaving the country, from 0001 March 16. Some cross-border workers, as well as foreign nationals with Czech residency, will not be affected. Officials are maintaining border controls at the land borders with Austria and Germany, with access allowed only at designated points until further notice. The border with Slovakia is temporarily closed. Authorities will ban public transport vehicles with more than nine seats entering the country. In addition, the state of emergency includes a ban on gatherings of more than 30 people and the closure of public facilities, including sports centers and educational establishment, as well as restrictions on restaurants.

- Denmark: Authorities in Denmark close air, land, and sea borders from 1200 March 14. The closure is in place through April 13; officials will bar all nonnationals from entry. Persons wishing to leave will be allowed to do so. The rule does not apply to Danish passport holders, EU citizens holding a Danish social security card, and third-country nationals carrying a Danish residency permit. Authorities will make exceptions for foreign nationals in some emergencies, such as attending a funeral or visiting close relatives. The restriction does not apply to the movement of goods and will not impact supply chains. Authorities have suspended cruise ship travel. All kindergartens, schools, and universities will be closed from March 13. In addition, authorities have banned all gatherings of more than 100 people through at least March 31.

- Estonia: Officials will reintroduce border controls from March 17. The new measures will bar foreign nationals from entering the country. Estonians, persons with resident permits, and foreigners with family members in Estonia are exempt. Foreigners may transit Estonia if they do not show symptoms of COVID-19. There are no restrictions on leaving Estonia. The transport of goods will continue as per normal. The border control end date is not available as yet, and officials will review measures every two weeks. Authorities declared an emergency situation March 12-May 1. Officials have banned all public gatherings. Education authorities have established distance learning schools. Health screenings are in place at borders. Authorities have closed cultural institutions. Persons arriving from high-risk locations must self-quarantine for 14 days. Travel to and from Estonia’s Western Islands is limited to residents. Authorities have suspended the Tallinn-Stockholm ferry.

- France: Gatherings of more than 100 people have been banned. Schools and universities throughout the country will be closed for 15 days from March 16. Cafes, restaurants, shops, and movie theaters will be closed starting at 0001 March 14 until further notice.

- Georgia: Authorities have suspended travel to Iran and Italy. Land borders are closed to Iranian goods and vehicles. Enhanced health screening is occurring at ports of entry. Flights to and from China remain suspended until at least March 29. Foreign travelers who have been in Iran in the past 14 days or China in the past 21 days will be denied entry. Authorities may quarantine Georgian residents arriving from these countries for at least 14 days.

- Germany: Schools in the states of Bavaria and Saarland are closed until the end of the Easter holidays in late April. Schools in Berlin will begin to close from March 16.

- Greece: Authorities have suspended all flights, excluding freight, with Italy through at least March 29. Large public gatherings, including conferences, have been prohibited until April 5. Educational facilities and most commercial establishments nationwide are closed through at least March 23.

- Hungary: Nationals and travelers, excluding Hungarians and European Economic Area permanent residents, from China, Italy, Iran, Israel, and South Korea, are barred from entry. Persons entering from these areas will be requested to enter quarantine for 14 days. All flights, buses, and trains from the afore-mentioned states are banned. Health screenings are in place at ports of entry. Gatherings of more than 100 people (indoors) and 500 people (outdoors) are banned.

- Ireland: As of March 12, officials in Ireland have ordered the closures of all universities, schools, and childcare facilities until at least March 29. In addition, authorities have advised against indoor gatherings of over 100 people, and outdoor gatherings of over 500 people.

- Italy*: All flights to and from China and Iran remain suspended indefinitely.
- Kosovo: Authorities in Kosovo have taken several measures to curb the spread of coronavirus disease (COVID-19), as of March 14. All flights to Pristina International Airport (PRN) will be suspended from March 16. All medical and military flights are exempt. It is not clear if some limited departure flights will still proceed; however, it is likely that departure flights will be subject to disruptions. The period of the suspension is unclear. Land borders will be closed to all travelers except Kosovo citizens, again from March 16. Citizens entering the country will be required to self-quarantine for 14 days. The government reportedly plans to suspend all inter-city public transport. It is not clear if this order has already been enforced. Citizens of the Klina and Vitiña municipalities have been restricted from moving to and from these areas. The government has ordered the nationwide closure of cafes, bars, and shopping centers. All restrictions are subject to amendment at short notice in response to government reviews.

- Latvia: Authorities will suspend international travel via land, sea, and air from March 17. The prohibition does not apply to the transport of goods. Latvian nationals and permanent residents will still be able to enter the country. Restrictions do not impact leaving the country; however, disruptions on cross-border international travel are highly likely given ongoing health screenings. A State of Emergency was declared March 12-14. Public gatherings are prohibited. The prohibition extends to political gatherings, recreational events, and cultural occasions. Educational facilities are required to provide training remotely.

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- Norway: Norwegian officials announced March 14 that they would close the country's sea and air ports starting at 0800 March 16. Authorities have closed all kindergartens, schools, and universities indefinitely from March 12. In addition, authorities have been requiring since Feb. 27 that all travelers arriving in Norway from anywhere other than Scandinavia self-quarantine for 14 days. Authorities will also close sports, leisure, and entertainment venues throughout the country.

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Lebanese authorities announced March 15 that they would impose a nationwide partial lockdown on the entire country through at least March 29. The lockdown, which is intended to stem the spread of the coronavirus disease (COVID-19), comes on the same day President Michel Aoun declared a medical state of emergency. All businesses except grocery stores and pharmacies will be closed.

Authorities will shut down operations at Beirut-Rafic Hariri International Airport (BEY), regional airports, and all sea ports starting March 18. The restrictions do not apply to the UN, diplomatic, and cargo flights.

The lockdown, impacting around 6.8 million people, comes amid the rise of confirmed cases of COVID-19. Health officials are also urging residents to remain indoors. Other measures include:

- Ban on unnecessary travel
- Suspension of demonstrations or gatherings of any type, and of public or private events of any type (including cultural, sporting, recreational, or religious events)

- Closure of resorts, swimming pools, and gyms.
- Closure of museums and other cultural sites.
- Closure of all schools at all levels and suspension of classes and school activities, including professional and university courses, except distance learning classes and medical or healthcare training.

Authorities could include additional requirements and restrictions based on disease activity throughout the country.

Background and Analysis
Lebanon's travel restrictions and preventive measures correspond with similar actions other governments are taking globally in response to the spread of COVID-19. COVID-19 is a viral respiratory disease caused by infection with the SARS-CoV-2 virus (previously known as 2019-nCoV). Symptoms occur 1-14 days following exposure (average of 3-7 days). These symptoms include fever, fatigue, cough, difficulty breathing, sometimes worsening to pneumonia and kidney failure - especially in those with underlying medical conditions. On March 11, the WHO declared the ongoing COVID-19 outbreak a pandemic.

Libya
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- Estonia: Officials will reintroduce border controls from March 17. The new measures will bar foreign nationals from entering the country. Estonians, persons with resident permits, and foreigners with family members in Estonia are exempt. Foreigners may transit Estonia if they do not show symptoms of COVID-19. There are no restrictions on leaving Estonia. The transport of goods will continue as per normal. The border control end date is not available as yet, and officials will review measures every two weeks. Authorities declared an emergency situation March 12-May 1. Officials have banned all public gatherings. Education authorities have established distance learning schools. Health screenings are in place at borders. Authorities have closed cultural institutions. Persons arriving from high-risk locations must self-quarantine for 14 days. Travel to and from Estonia's Western Islands is limited to residents. Authorities have suspended the Tallinn-Stockholm ferry.

- France: Gatherings of more than 100 people have been banned. Schools and universities throughout the country will be closed for 15 days from March 16. Cafes, restaurants, shops, and movie theaters will be closed starting at 0001 March 14 until further notice.

- Georgia: Authorities have suspended travel to Iran and Italy. Land borders are closed to Iranian goods and vehicles. Enhanced health screening is occurring at ports of entry. Flights to and from China remain suspended until at least March 29. Foreign travelers who have been in Iran in the past 14 days or China in the past 21 days will be denied entry. Authorities may quarantine Georgian residents arriving from these countries for at least 14 days.

- Germany: Schools in the states of Bavaria and Saarland are closed until the end of the Easter holidays in late April. Schools in Berlin will begin to close from March 16.

- Greece: Authorities have suspended all flights, excluding freight, with Italy through at least March 29. Large public gatherings, including conferences, have been prohibited until April 5. Educational facilities and most commercial establishments nationwide are closed through at least March 23.

- Hungary: Nationals and travelers, excluding Hungarians and European Economic Area permanent residents, from China, Italy, Iran, Israel, and South Korea, are barred from entry. Persons entering from these areas will be requested to enter quarantine for 14 days. All flights, buses, and trains from the afore-mentioned states is banned. Health screenings are in place at ports of entry. Gatherings of more than 100 people (indoors) and 500 people (outdoors) are banned.
- Ireland: As of March 12, officials in Ireland have ordered the closures of all universities, schools, and childcare facilities until at least March 29. In addition, authorities have advised against indoor gatherings of over 100 people, and outdoor gatherings of over 500 people.

- Italy*: All flights to and from China and Iran remain suspended indefinitely.

- Kosovo: Authorities in Kosovo have taken several measures to curb the spread of coronavirus disease (COVID-19), as of March 14. All flights to Pristina International Airport (PRN) will be suspended from March 16. All medical and military flights are exempt. It is not clear if some limited departure flights will still proceed; however, it is likely that departure flights will be subject to disruptions. The period of the suspension is unclear. Land borders will be closed to all travelers except Kosovo citizens, again from March 16. Citizens entering the country will be required to self-quarantine for 14 days. The government reportedly plans to suspend all inter-city public transport. It is not clear if this order has already been enforced. Citizens of the Klinia and Vitina municipalities have been restricted from moving to and from these areas. The government has ordered the nationwide closure of cafes, bars, and shopping centers. All restrictions are subject to amendment at short notice in response to government reviews.

- Latvia: Authorities will suspend international travel via land, sea, and air from March 17. The prohibition does not apply to the transport of goods. Latvian nationals and permanent residents will still be able to enter the country. Restrictions do not impact leaving the country; however, disruptions on cross-border/international travel are highly likely given ongoing health screenings. A State of Emergency was declared March 12-April 14. Public gatherings are prohibited. The prohibition extends to political gatherings, recreational events, and cultural occasions. Educational facilities are required to provide training remotely.

- Lithuania: From 0001 March 16-March 30, officials will implement land border controls. Authorities will prohibit foreign nationals from entering the country; they will make exceptions for drivers and crews of goods transport vehicles, permanent residents, and NATO members and families. Persons planning to transit via Lithuania can do so until March 19. Lithuanian nationals will not be able to travel outside of the country without official authorization. Authorities are limiting inter- and intra-city transport and prohibiting cruise ships from docking at Klaipeda. Officials will suspend flights from Italy to Lithuania March 16; they had suspended flights from Lithuania to Italy March 13. Further flight restrictions and disruptions for departure and arrival are likely in the coming days. State workers are required to work remotely. Authorities are enforcing restrictions on education, entertainment, sports, cultural and leisure venues.

- Malta: As of March 13, all travelers entering Malta must observe a 14-day quarantine. Persons who do not observe the quarantine may receive fines. Air travel restrictions are also in place. Officials halted air and sea passenger travel between Malta and France, Germany, Spain, and Switzerland at 2359 March 11.

- Montenegro: As of March 14, multiple border crossings with Bosnia and Herzegovina, Albania, Croatia, and Serbia are closed. The duration of the closures is unclear. It is also not clear if all crossings are closed. Cruise ships are prohibited from docking at Montenegro’s Adriatic ports through April 2. The government has implemented restrictions on public gatherings and closed educational facilities for 15 days from March 16. Officials will impose quarantine measures for travelers from Japan, France, Germany, Switzerland, Denmark, Slovenia, and Austria.

- Netherlands: Authorities in the Netherlands banned all flights from China, Hong Kong, Iran, Italy, and South Korea beginning 1800 March 13 to prevent the spread of coronavirus disease (COVID-19). The flight ban and related disruptions will continue through at least March 27. Authorities may implement further flight restrictions and amend current restrictions in response to developments over the coming days. Authorities have also banned events of more than 100 people March 12-31.

- North Macedonia: Foreign nationals traveling from medium- and high-risk areas, including the UK and Greece, may not enter North Macedonia as of March 14. The locations are those determined by WHO data. Exceptions are available for persons acquiring a certificate from the Ministry of Health. Anyone who has arrived from a medium- or high-risk area must observe a 14-day self-isolation. Land border crossings are closed expect for Tabanovce (Serbia), Deve Bair (Bulgaria), Kafasan (Albania), Bogorodica (Greece), and Blace (Kosovo). Officials will close Ohrid St. Paul the Apostle Airport (OHD) from March 16. Skopje International Airport (SKP) remains operational. Authorities have also imposed entry and exit restrictions on several areas in the country, including the Debar and Centar Zhupa municipalities. Multiple public areas, including cafes, bars, and shopping centers are closed. Grocery stores remain open. Schools are closed through March. Public gatherings of over 1,000 people are prohibited.

- Norway: Norwegian officials announced March 14 that they would close the country's sea and air ports starting at 0800 March 16. Authorities have closed all kindergartens, schools, and universities indefinitely from March 12. In addition, authorities have been requiring since Feb. 27 that all travelers arriving in Norway from anywhere other than Scandinavia self-quarantine for 14 days. Authorities will also close sports, leisure, and entertainment venues throughout the country.

- Poland: Authorities implement a temporary travel ban for foreigners and suspension of international passenger air and rail transport March 15 through March 24. There is a ban on gatherings of more than 50 people, and a partial closure of shopping malls and educational facilities nationwide through March 25. Educational facilities nationwide will be closed March 16-25.

- Portugal: All passenger flights to and from Italy are suspended until March 24. All schools will close indefinitely from March 16. Public places in several locations, particularly in Porto District, have been closed.

- Romania: Educational facilities have closed nationwide March 11 until at least March 22. Flights and overland public transport connecting with northern Italy have been suspended until March 31. Travelers arriving from China, Iran, South Korea, or the Italian regions of Lombardy, Veneto, and Emilia Romagna, are required to self-isolate for 14 days. Travelers who have visited certain designated outbreak hot spots in China, Italy, or South Korea
could be placed into institutional quarantine. Authorities have banned public gatherings of more than 1,000 people.

- Serbia: Authorities have closed secondary border crossing points to allow officials to better screen travelers.

- Slovenia: Authorities announced that the country's border with Italy will partially close by March 16. The following border crossings will remain open subject to heightened health screenings: Ratece border crossing, Robic-Stupizza border crossing, Gorizia-Vrtojba border crossing, Fernetti-Sezana border crossing, Kozina border crossing, Skofije border crossing. Authorities have also introduced restrictions on public gatherings of more than 500 people.

- Slovakia: Authorities have ordered the closures of all airports in the country for passenger travel from March 13; freight and private planes will not be affected. Authorities have also suspended all visits to the country by non-residents; all Slovak citizens returning from abroad will be subject to a 14-day quarantine. It remains unclear how long these measures will remain in effect. Authorities will also close all school and universities for 14 days starting March 16. Authorities also plan to close sports, leisure, and entertainment venues, and will close all shopping centers the weekend of March 14.

- Spain**: Spanish authorities announced on March 14 that they would impose a nationwide lockdown on the entire country from March 15 to last through at least March 29. All flights from Italy are suspended until March 25. Authorities in Madrid, the Basque Country, La Rioja, and Castilla y León have closed schools and public establishments, and have prohibited public gatherings of more than 1,000 people.

- Sweden: No mandatory preventative measures or restrictions are in place.

- Switzerland: Flights to and from mainland China remain suspended until March 28, and reduced flights are operating to and from Italy; in particular, flights connecting with northern Italy are suspended. Authorities have banned all gatherings of more than 1,000 participants, including demonstrations, public events, and major sporting events, until at least March 15. Some cities, including Bern, have banned smaller public gatherings.

- Spain: Authorities have closed schools in Madrid and the Basque Country. Public gatherings of more than 1,000 people in Catalonia are currently prohibited.

- Turkey: Turkish officials announced March 14 that they would temporarily suspend all air and land travel to and from Azerbaijan. The restriction does not include cargo shipments. Authorities announced March 12 that schools and universities nationwide would close for at least 21 days from March 16. Public gatherings, including sporting events, are likely to be prohibited; sports matches will reportedly proceed, though fans will not be permitted to attend.

- UK: Authorities request that all travelers who have visited Hubei Province, China, in the last 14 days, as well as travelers who have returned from Iran since Feb. 19 and from Italy since March 9, remain indoors and minimize contact with other people. Travelers who have returned from elsewhere in China and South Korea, as well as from Hong Kong, Japan, Macau, Malaysia, Singapore, Taiwan, and Thailand, in the last 14 days and have possible COVID-19 symptoms should also self-isolate immediately. This guidance also applies to travelers with possible symptoms who have returned from elsewhere in northern Italy, Cambodia, Laos, Myanmar, or Vietnam since Feb. 19.

- Ukraine: Authorities implement temporary entry ban for foreign nationals traveling by rail, road, and air, and close all land passenger border crossings from 0001 March 16-March 30. All regular international air traffic has been suspended from March 17; the exact duration of the closure is unknown. Public places nationwide, including educational establishments, conference centers, cinemas, and other entertainment venues, are closed until at least March 31.

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Panic buying of essential goods, particularly hygiene products, has been reported in many locations and has led to temporary shortages. Such shortages are likely to be quickly resolved. School closures will probably result in increased absenteeism among employees who are the parents or guardians of school-aged children. In addition, increasing numbers of workers will likely work from home in the coming weeks as a routine health precaution and due to voluntary self-isolation.

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Authorities in Madagascar have reportedly enforced several measures, including travel restrictions, in late February to prevent the spread of coronavirus disease (COVID-19). Authorities have reportedly banned all travelers and airline crew from Italy, Iran, and South Korea from entering the country via air and sea. The restrictions, which currently extend through March 31, also apply to persons who have visited these countries in the previous 14 days. The new restrictions follow similar measures placed on travelers from China. Malagasy citizens wishing to return to Madagascar from China are required to apply for a special exemption from the government. Similar exemptions will likely now be required for Malagasy citizens traveling from Italy, Iran, and South Korea.

Furthermore, the government has recommended that all airlines prevent persons from - or who have transited - China, South Korea, Italy, or Iran, from traveling to Madagascar. Persons arriving in Madagascar from these destinations will be placed in quarantine. The Madagascar government will likely amend its restrictions in the coming weeks.
Malaysia 3/13/2020 7:13 Authorities in Malaysia announced that citizens of Denmark, as well as foreign nationals with travel history to the country, will be denied entry starting March 14. The measure, which is part of the government’s attempt to stem the spread of the coronavirus disease (COVID-19), follows a previous notice banning nationals from Iran, Italy, and South Korea, as well as foreign citizens with travel history to the countries from March 13. Additionally, Malaysian nationals, permanent residents, and pass holders who are returning from all four affected nations will need to self-quarantine for 14 days upon arrival in Malaysia.

Authorities had also banned foreign nationals who have been to mainland China's Hubei, Jiangsu, and Zhejiang provinces, as well as Hokkaido in Japan, in the past 14 days, from entering Malaysia. Additionally, officials earlier announced an entry ban for all cruise ships until further notice, while Malaysia Airlines (MH) has suspended flights to and from Seoul, South Korea, through March 31.

Local authorities of Sabah and Sarawak states in east Malaysia have also implemented the following measures:

- Sabah State authorities have banned non-residents and foreigners with travel history to mainland China, Iran, Italy, and South Korea within the past 14 days, from entering the state. Sabah residents who are returning from the four locations will need to undergo a two-week self-quarantine.

- Sarawak State officials have barred foreigners with recent travel to mainland China, Iran, Italy, and South Korea in the previous 14 days from entering the state. Officials are also advising Malaysians from outside Sarawak against traveling to the state if they have been to the aforementioned locations in the previous two weeks. Sarawak residents who have recently visited these locations will need to self-isolate for 14 days upon return.

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As of March 14, the following restrictions were in place, modified, or planned:

- Afghanistan: Enhanced health screenings are underway at all entry points - mainly land border crossings with Iran and Pakistan. Authorities briefly enforced a travel ban and land border closures between Afghanistan and Iran Feb. 25-26; such restrictions could recur intermittently in the coming weeks. Commercial disruptions due to the closure of the Chaman border with Pakistan are likely to continue through at least March 30, as Pakistani officials will close the crossing point until at least that date. Extended school closures until April and restrictions on public gatherings are underway in Herat Province and other border areas.

- Bhutan: Effective March 6, Bhutan has banned all incoming foreign tourists through at least March 20; non-local manpower availability may be affected in the coming days. Other elevated measures introduced include quarantine of suspected cases, as well as school closures and restrictions on public gatherings in Thimphu, Paro, and Punakha districts. Authorities had earlier mandated thermal scanning at all entry points, with health checks at land ports with India. Bhutan has advised its citizens against non-essential travel to countries with reported COVID-19 cases.

- Bangladesh: Indian officials have limited land border crossings with Bangladesh as of March 14; passenger trains and buses to Bangladesh will be suspended from March 15 until further notice. Bangladesh has also suspended flights to India due to suspension of visa issuance by Indian authorities through April 15. Enhanced health screenings are underway at other ports of entry, mainly airports and other land crossings between Bangladesh and India. Authorities have suspended on-arrival and electronic visa issuance for travelers from Iran, Iraq, Iran, Italy, and South Korea. Similar restrictions are ongoing for travelers from mainland China, Hong Kong, Macau, and Taiwan since Feb. 3. In addition, officials are barring entry for passengers from Italy, South Korea, Japan, and Kuwait who do not have medical certificates indicating that they are not infected with COVID-19. Authorities are advising Bangladeshi citizens to avoid non-essential international travel, and for returning travelers to minimize participation in public gatherings for at least the
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- Pakistan: Pakistani authorities will seal off all border crossings with Iran and Afghanistan from March 16 through at least March 30. All educational institutions will remain closed as a precaution through at least April 4. Authorities have indefinitely banned all flights to and from Iran. Additionally, authorities plan to restrict all international flights to just three airports - those serving Karachi (KHI), Islamabad (ISB), and Lahore (LHE), to allow for intensified health screening measures. Pakistan International Airlines (PK) has suspended flights to mainland China and Japan until at least March 15; additional disruptions are likely to disrupt air travel to other affected countries.

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- North Macedonia: Foreign nationals traveling from medium- and high-risk areas, including the UK and Greece, may not enter North Macedonia as of March 14. The locations are those determined by WHO data. Exceptions are available for persons acquiring a certificate from the Ministry of Health. Anyone who has arrived from a medium- or high-risk area must observe a 14-day self-isolation. Land border crossings are closed expect for Tabanovce (Serbia), Deve Bair (Bulgaria), Kafasan (Albania), Bogorodica (Greece), and Blace (Kosovo). Officials will close Ohrid St. Paul the Apostle Airport (OHD) from March 16. Skopje International Airport (SKP) remains operational. Authorities have also imposed entry and exit restrictions on several areas in the country, including the Debar and Centar Zhupa municipalities. Multiple public areas, including cafes, bars, and shopping centers are closed. Grocery stores remain open. Schools are closed through March. Public gatherings of over 1,000 people are prohibited.

- Norway: Norwegian officials announced March 14 that they would close the country's sea and air ports starting at 0800 March 16. Authorities have closed all kindergartens, schools, and universities indefinitely from March 12. In addition, authorities have been requiring since Feb. 27 that all travelers arriving in Norway from anywhere other than Scandinavia self-quarantine for 14 days. Authorities will also close sports, leisure, and entertainment venues throughout the country.

- Poland: Authorities implement a temporary travel ban for foreigners and suspension of international passenger air and rail transport March 15 through March 24. There is a ban on gatherings of more than 50 people, and a partial closure of shopping malls and educational facilities nationwide through March 25. Educational facilities nationwide will be closed March 16-25.

- Portugal: All passenger flights to and from Italy are suspended until March 24. All schools will close indefinitely from March 16. Public places in several locations, particularly in Porto District, have been closed.

- Romania: Educational facilities have closed nationwide March 11 until at least March 22. Flights and overland public transport connecting with northern Italy have been suspended until March 31. Travelers arriving from China, Iran, South Korea, or the Italian regions of Lombardy, Veneto, and Emilia Romagna, are required to self-isolate for 14 days. Travelers who have visited certain designated outbreak hot spots in China, Italy, or South Korea could be placed into institutional quarantine. Authorities have canceled public gatherings of more than 1,000 people.

- Serbia: Authorities have closed secondary border crossing points to allow officials to better screen travelers.
Authorities in the US, Canada, and Mexico will likely continue implementing travel restrictions and additional health screening measures through at least March 29. All flights from Italy are suspended until March 25. Authorities in Madrid, the Basque Country, La Rioja, and Castilla y León have closed schools and public establishments, and have prohibited public gatherings of more than 1,000 people.

- Slovenia: Authorities announced that the country's border with Italy will partially close by March 16. The following border crossings will remain open subject to heightened health screenings: Ratece border crossing, Robic-Stupizza border crossing, Gorizia-Vrtojba border crossing, Fernetti-Sezana border crossing, Kozina border crossing, Skofje border crossing. Authorities have also introduced restrictions on public gatherings of more than 500 people.

- Slovakia: Authorities have ordered the closures of all airports in the country for passenger travel from March 13; freight and private planes will not be affected. Authorities have also suspended all visits to the country by non-residents; all Slovak citizens returning from abroad will be subject to a 14-day quarantine. It remains unclear how long these measures will remain in effect. Authorities will also close all schools and universities for 14 days starting March 16. Authorities also plan to close sports, leisure, and entertainment venues, and will close all shopping centers the weekend of March 14.

- Spain**: Spanish authorities announced on March 14 that they would impose a nationwide lockdown on the entire country from March 15 to last through at least March 29. All flights from Italy are suspended until March 25. Authorities in Madrid, the Basque Country, La Rioja, and Castilla y León have closed schools and public establishments, and have prohibited public gatherings of more than 1,000 people.

- Sweden: No mandatory preventative measures or restrictions are in place.

- Switzerland: Flights to and from mainland China remain suspended until March 28, and reduced flights are operating to and from Italy; in particular, flights connecting with northern Italy are suspended. Authorities have banned all gatherings of more than 1,000 participants, including demonstrations, public events, and major sporting events, until at least March 15. Some cities, including Bern, have banned smaller public gatherings.

- Spain: Authorities have closed schools in Madrid and the Basque Country. Public gatherings of more than 1,000 people in Catalonia are currently prohibited.

- Turkey: Turkish officials announced March 14 that they would temporarily suspend all air and land travel to and from Azerbaijan. The restriction does not include cargo shipments. Authorities announced March 12 that schools and universities nationwide would close for at least 21 days from March 16. Public gatherings, including sporting events, are likely to be prohibited; sports matches will reportedly proceed, though fans will not be permitted to attend.

- UK: Authorities request that all travelers who have visited Hubei Province, China, in the last 14 days, as well as travelers who have returned from Iran since Feb. 19 and from Italy since March 9, remain indoors and minimize contact with other people. Travelers who have returned from elsewhere in China and South Korea, as well as from Hong Kong, Japan, Macau, Malaysia, Singapore, Taiwan, and Thailand, in the last 14 days and have possible COVID-19 symptoms should also self-isolate immediately. This guidance also applies to travelers with possible symptoms who have returned from elsewhere in northern Italy, Cambodia, Laos, Myanmar, or Vietnam since Feb. 19.

- Ukraine: Authorities implement temporary entry ban for foreign nationals traveling by rail, road, and air, and close all land passenger border crossings from 0001 March 16-March 30. All regular international air traffic has been suspended from March 17; the exact duration of the closure is unknown. Public places nationwide, including educational establishments, conference centers, cinemas, and other entertainment venues, are closed until at least March 31.

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Panic buying of essential goods, particularly hygiene products, has been reported in many locations and has led to temporary shortages. Such shortages are likely to be quickly resolved. School closures will probably result in increased absenteeism among employees who are the parents or guardians of school-aged children. In addition, increasing numbers of workers will likely work from home in the coming weeks as a routine health precaution and due to voluntary self-isolation.

Governments could expand their responses in the coming weeks, particularly if COVID-19 activity increases in-country. The measures are unlikely to impact most travelers but may lead to immigration delays, especially for passengers from mainland China and other countries with significant numbers of COVID-19 cases.

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US:

Entry Restrictions

US authorities have suspended entry for foreign nationals who have been in China (excluding Hong Kong and Macau), Iran, UK, Ireland and the Schengen Area within the last 14 days. The Schengen Area includes 26 European countries: Austria, Belgium, Czech Republic, Denmark, Estonia, Finland, France, Germany, Greece, Hungary, Iceland, Italy, Latvia, Liechtenstein, Lithuania, Luxembourg, Malta, the Netherlands, Norway, Poland, Portugal, Slovakia, Slovenia, Spain, Sweden, and Switzerland. US citizens and legal permanent residents who have traveled to the restricted country list within 14 days of arrival must self-quarantine for 14 days.

The Department of Homeland Security (DHS) announced that incoming flights from the above-affected countries are limited to landing in the following 13...
airports only:

- Boston-Logan International Airport (BOS)
- Chicago O'Hare International Airport (ORD)
- Dallas/Fort Worth International Airport (DFW)
- Detroit Metropolitan Airport (DTW)
- Daniel K. Inouye International Airport (HNL)
- Hartsfield-Jackson Atlanta International Airport (ATL)
- John F. Kennedy International Airport (JFK)
- Los Angeles International Airport, (LAX)
- Miami International Airport (MIA), Florida
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- Washington-Dulles International Airport (IAD)*

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Canada:

Canadian plan to redirect all overseas flights to a limited number of airports in the country. However, as of March 14 the airports have not been announced, and the policy has not been implemented. Authorities have asked citizens and residents to avoid all non-essential travels, and announced that no cruise ship with more than 500 passengers will be allowed to dock in Canadian ports until at least July 1.

Mexico:

Mexico has not suspended or limited entry for foreign nationals arriving in the country, due to COVID-19. Officials have announced increased screening measures at airports for all travelers coming from the most affected areas, including China, Iran, and Italy. Officials have advised Mexican nationals to avoid or postpone visits to China's Hubei Province.

Countries could expand their restrictions in the coming days, particularly if the number of COVID-19 confirmed cases increase.

Background and Analysis

Older individuals, infants, and those with chronic illness are more susceptible to infection and are at increased risk for severe complications. Human-to-human transmission can occur, though it remains unclear how easily the virus spreads between people.

COVID-19 is a viral respiratory disease caused by infection with the SARS-CoV-2 virus (previously known as 2019-nCoV). Symptoms occur 1-14 days following exposure (average of 3-7 days). These symptoms include fever, fatigue, cough, difficulty breathing, sometimes worsening to pneumonia and kidney failure - especially in those with underlying medical conditions.

Moldova

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Moldovan authorities announced an indefinite ban on air travel to Moldova starting March 10 for foreigners from countries affected by coronavirus disease MDA (COVID-19). According to reports, only Moldovan citizens will be allowed on flights to Moldova from Italy, Iran, China, and South Korea. It remains unclear how the ban will be implemented. In addition, schools and kindergartens will be closed for two weeks starting March 11.

Further measures and travel restrictions are likely in the coming weeks.

Background and Analysis

The WHO has declared the ongoing outbreak of the virus to be a global health emergency. COVID-19 originated in China's Wuhan City in Hubei Province and has since spread to several countries across the globe.

As of March 10, there are 3 confirmed cases of COVID-19 in Moldova. All cases were imported from Italy. COVID-19 has affected Italy the worst in the
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Governments in Europe are maintaining travel and other restrictions to prevent the spread of coronavirus disease (COVID-19). Although specific measures vary by country, the following procedures were in effect as of March 13:

- **Albania**: Authorities will close land borders from 0001 March 16 until further notice; they also closed maritime borders to all nationals. Officials have canceled ferry services between Albania and Greece and Italy. The transportation (land and maritime) of goods continues. Airports are reporting disruptions on flights. Officials have canceled connections to Greece and Italy. Direct flights to the UK continue, but with disruptions. Persons traveling via Tirana International Airport Nene Tereza (TIA) need special clearance from authorities before departing for the airport. Authorities closed businesses, state offices (excluding essential services), public services, businesses, bars, nightclubs, cafes, restaurants, shops, etc. Public transport services will also be ceased until further notice. Hotels and hostels will be closed to any new arrivals. The Ledra Street, Astromeritis, Lefka, Dherynia, Kato Pyrgos, and Strovilia border crossings with Turkey are currently closed. The border with Greece is unaffected. Officials are maintaining border controls at the land borders with Austria and Germany, with access allowed only at designated points until further notice. The border with Switzerland is temporarily closed. Authorities have temporarily barred entry to persons traveling from Italy; the measure will not apply to travelers in possession of a health certificate declaring them to be free of the virus; non-stop transit through Austria is unaffected. Restaurants and bars will close daily at 1500 from March 16.

- **Azerbaijan**: All flights between Baku and Tehran have been suspended, and flights to mainland China could face disruptions. Enhanced health screening is in operation at ports of entry. Authorities have suspended visa-free travel for Chinese nationals. The closure of all of the country's border crossings with Iran, which went into effect on Feb. 29, has been extended for an additional two weeks through March 28; further extensions are possible. Disruptions to flights connecting with Turkey, as well as along the Turkish border in Naxcivan, are possible at short notice.

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- Slovakia: Authorities have ordered the closures of all airports in the country for passenger travel from March 13; freight and private planes will not be affected. Authorities have also suspended all visits to the country by non-residents; all Slovak citizens returning from abroad will be subject to a 14-day quarantine. It remains unclear how long the restrictions will remain in effect. Authorities will also close all school and universities for 14 days starting March 16. Authorities also plan to close sports, leisure, and entertainment venues, and will close all shopping centers the weekend of March 14.

- Spain**: Spanish authorities announced on March 14 that they would impose a nationwide lockdown on the entire country from March 15 to last through at least March 29. All flights from Italy are suspended until March 25. Authorities in Madrid, the Basque Country, La Rioja, and Castilla y León have closed schools and public establishments, and have prohibited public gatherings of more than 1,000 people.

- Sweden: No mandatory preventative measures or restrictions are in place.

- Switzerland: Flights to and from mainland China remain suspended until March 28, and reduced flights are operating to and from Italy; in particular, flights connecting with northern Italy are suspended. Authorities have banned all gatherings of more than 1,000 participants, including demonstrations, public events, and major sporting events, until at least March 15. Some cities, including Bern, have banned smaller public gatherings.

- Spain: Authorities have closed schools in Madrid and the Basque Country. Public gatherings of more than 1,000 people in Catalonia are currently prohibited.

- Turkey: Turkish officials announced March 14 that they would temporarily suspend all air and land travel to and from Azerbaijan. The restriction does not include cargo shipments. Authorities announced March 12 that schools and universities nationwide would close for at least 21 days from March 16. Public gatherings, including sporting events, are likely to be prohibited; sports matches will reportedly proceed, though fans will not be permitted to attend.
- UK: Authorities request that all travelers who have visited Hubei Province, China, in the last 14 days, as well as travelers who have returned from Iran since Feb. 19 and from Italy since March 9, remain indoors and minimize contact with other people. Travelers who have returned from elsewhere in China and South Korea, as well as from Hong Kong, Japan, Macau, Malaysia, Singapore, Taiwan, and Thailand, in the last 14 days and have possible COVID-19 symptoms should also self-isolate immediately. This guidance also applies to travelers with possible symptoms who have returned from elsewhere in northern Italy, Cambodia, Laos, Myanmar, or Vietnam since Feb. 19.

- Ukraine: Authorities implement temporary entry ban for foreign nationals traveling by rail, road, and air, and close all land passenger border crossings from 0001 March 16-March 30. All regular international air traffic has been suspended from March 17; the exact duration of the closure is unknown. Public places nationwide, including educational establishments, conference centers, cinemas, and other entertainment venues, are closed until at least March 31.

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Panic buying of essential goods, particularly hygiene products, has been reported in many locations and has led to temporary shortages. Such shortages are likely to be quickly resolved. School closures will probably result in increased absenteeism among employees who are the parents or guardians of school-aged children. In addition, increasing numbers of workers will likely work from home in the coming weeks as a routine health precaution and due to voluntary self-isolation.

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**Morocco**

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Authorities have taken additional health and travel measures to curb the spread of coronavirus disease (COVID-19). Morocco's Ministry of Foreign Affairs MAR issued a statement March 15 indicating an indefinite suspension of all flights to and from Morocco. Suspension of sea travel to Spain, Gibraltar, and France and the closure of the border with the Spanish autonomous cities of Ceuta and Melilla, located on the north coast of Africa, remains in effect as of March 15. Officials may amend health and travel measures in the coming weeks in response to government threat assessments.

**Background and Analysis**

The measures taken by Morocco correspond with similar actions taken by other governments globally in recent days in response to the spread of coronavirus disease (COVID-19). COVID-19 is a viral respiratory disease caused by infection with the SARS-CoV-2 virus (previously known as 2019-nCoV). Symptoms occur 1-14 days following exposure (average of 3-7 days). These symptoms include fever, fatigue, cough, difficulty breathing, sometimes worsening to pneumonia and kidney failure - especially in those with underlying medical conditions. On March 11, the WHO declared the ongoing COVID-19 outbreak a pandemic.

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**Myanmar**

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Countries in Southeast Asia have intensified health screenings and travel restrictions to prevent the spread of coronavirus disease (COVID-19). Screening measures vary across the region, and the following health and transport restrictions are in effect as of March 16:

- Brunei: The government has banned Bruneian nationals from leaving the country, except for medical emergency or resuming studies abroad. Authorities had earlier barred foreigners with a travel history to mainland China's Hubei, Jiangsu, and Zhejiang provinces, as well as Iran and Italy, within the last 14 days of date of arrival in Brunei. Bruneian citizens and permanent residents returning from EU countries, mainland China, Iran, Italy, and South Korea will have to undergo self-quarantine for two weeks. The national carrier, Royal Brunei Airlines (BR), has suspended flights to and from mainland China, South Korea's Seoul, and Saudi Arabia's Jeddah; the carrier has reduced flights to and from Hong Kong and Taiwan. Authorities also brought forward the start of school holidays from March 16 to March 11; the break will last through the end of March.

- Cambodia: Reports indicate that authorities will bar entry for foreign nationals coming from France, Germany, Italy, Spain, and the US for 30 days starting March 17. Officials have also urged Cambodian citizens to avoid visiting European countries, Iran, and the US, unless for urgent reasons. The
government also temporarily banned on cruise ships from entering through K’Am Samnann International Checkpoint in Kandal province, after earlier declaring a ban on all cruise ships from international routes. Officials have also increased health screenings for incoming passengers at ports, though the effectiveness of the checks remains unclear. Local authorities in Siem Reap have also suspended all public and private schools from kindergartens to higher education institutions.

- Indonesia: Authorities have banned foreigners with recent visits to mainland China, as well as specific parts of Iran, Italy, and South Korea, from entering Indonesia. The affected regions are Gilan, Qom, and Tehran in Iran; Emilia-Romagna, Lombardy, Marche, Piedmont, and Veneto regions in Italy; and Daegu and North Gyeongsang Province in South Korea. Indonesian citizens entering from the aforementioned places will need to undergo enhanced health screenings. Officials have earlier suspended flights to and from mainland China. Authorities have also increased health screenings, such as the use of thermal scanners, for visitors from all international flights, especially those from mainland China, Iran, Italy, Singapore, and South Korea. Additionally, officials at several airports, including Aeon’s Islander Muda International Airport (BTJ) and Bali’s Ngurah Rai International Airport (DPS), have boosted health checks for passengers on domestic flights. Officials in Jakarta have ordered school closures for two weeks from March 16, while authorities in other places such as Banten and Central Java provinces, as well as Manado, have also suspended schools for varying durations. Local governments have also closed some public recreational facilities, including the National Monument and Ragunan Zoo, in the capital.

- Laos: Authorities have closed the national border checkpoints, located along the northern province of Huaphanh, with Vietnam. The government has also advised the public to reduce the size and duration of large events, like Lao New Year celebrations, while local authorities in Luang Prabang have announced it will downsize Lao New Year festivities in April. Officials had suspended most flights to and from mainland China. Immigration officials have increased health screenings at checkpoints, especially for foreign visitors from mainland China and South Korea in the previous 14 days. Additionally, reports indicate that authorities have asked airlines to obtain passengers’ temperatures before flying to Laos. Officials reportedly also require travelers who show physical symptoms, such as fever and coughing, to undergo medical observation and testing at hospitals.

- Myanmar: Officials have canceled the annual Thingyan water festival scheduled April 13-16. Earlier reports state that authorities require airlines to ensure that travelers from Iran, Italy, and South Korea show health documents certifying they are free from COVID-19 before boarding Myanmar-bound flights. Officials stopped providing visas on arrival for Chinese citizens and suspended flights with mainland China. Authorities have increased screenings at overland border checkpoints. The Indian government has also closed its border with Myanmar as a precaution. Additionally, reports indicate that the authorities have stopped preschools through April 30.

- Vietnam: Through at least April 13, authorities are banning the entry of foreigners coming from or transiting through mainland China, 26 Schengen countries, the UK, and Northern Ireland within 14 days preceding their entry into Vietnam. The restrictions will not apply to diplomatic, official, employment, and business visa holders, who will be allowed entry after health checks. On-arrival visa issuance stands suspended indefinitely, regardless of nationality. Prime Minister Nguyen Xuan Phuc has also instructed large cities, including Hanoi and Ho Chi Minh City, to prepare for possible large-scale quarantine measures in the event of a COVID-19 outbreak. The national government had suspended visa-free travel for citizens of Denmark, Finland, France, Germany, Italy, Norway, South Korea, Spain, Sweden, and the UK. Authorities had also required all travelers entering from mainland China, Iran, Italy, and South Korea to undergo quarantine for two weeks, and banned flights to and from mainland China. Reports indicate that authorities are increasing health screenings for visitors who enter from Cambodia and Laos.

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Several nations in South Asia have advised citizens to avoid travel to countries with significant coronavirus disease (COVID-19) outbreaks, and have implemented enhanced health screenings for incoming passengers. Travel restrictions on impacted countries have been expanded to include additional areas, especially in Nepal, as of March 14. Screening measures and entry restrictions, though variable, have expanded as in-country cases increase across the region.

As of March 14, the following restrictions were in place, modified, or planned:

- Afghanistan: Enhanced health screenings are underway at all entry points - mainly land border crossings with Iran and Pakistan. Authorities briefly enforced a travel ban and land border closures between Afghanistan and Iran Feb. 25-26; such restrictions could recur intermittently in the coming weeks. Commercial disruptions due to the closure of the Chaman border with Pakistan are likely to continue through at least March 30, as Pakistani officials will close the crossing point until at least that date. Extended school closures until April and restrictions on public gatherings are underway in Herat Province and other border areas.

- Bhutan: Effective March 6, Bhutan has banned all incoming foreign tourists through at least March 20; non-local manpower availability may be affected in the coming days. Other elevated measures introduced include quarantine of suspected cases, as well as school closures and restrictions on public gatherings in Thimphu, Paro, and Punakha districts. Authorities had earlier mandated thermal scanning at all entry points, with health checks at land ports with India. Bhutan has advised its citizens against non-essential travel to countries with reported COVID-19 cases.

- Bangladesh: Indian officials have limited land border crossings with Bangladesh as of March 14; passenger trains and buses to Bangladesh will be suspended from March 15 until further notice. Bangladesh has also suspended flights to India due to suspension of visa issuance by Indian authorities through April 15. Enhanced health screenings are underway at other ports of entry, mainly airports and other land crossings between Bangladesh and India. Authorities have suspended on-arrival and electronic visa issuance for travelers from Iran, Italy, Japan, and South Korea. Similar restrictions are ongoing for travelers from mainland China, Hong Kong, Macau, and Taiwan since Feb. 3. In addition, officials are barring entry for passengers from Italy, South Korea, Japan, and Kuwait who do not have medical certificates indicating that they are not infected with COVID-19. Authorities are advising
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Bangladeshi citizens to avoid non-essential international travel, and for returning travelers to minimize participation in public gatherings for at least the first 14 days of their stay in Bangladesh.

- Maldives: Authorities have suspended direct flights to and from China since Jan. 30, and barred cruise ships from Maldivian waters from Feb. 28. Officials are also temporarily banning entry for all foreign travelers and crew arriving from Spain, South Korea, Bangladesh, Italy, mainland China, and Iran, as an origin or transit point; the restrictions also apply to those from France's Île-de-France and Grand Est, as well as Germany's Bavaria, North Rhine-Westphalia and Baden-Württemberg. Authorities may quarantine Maldivian citizens arriving from affected territories for at least 14 days. The Health Protection Agency has advised Maldivian citizens to exercise caution when traveling abroad; authorities are limiting extracurricular activities in schools and enforcing temporary movement and exit restrictions in tourist resorts with confirmed or suspected COVID-19 cases. Foreign tourists cannot check in to hotels and guesthouses in Male effective 2359 March 15.

- Nepal: Nepal has temporarily suspended on-arrival and electronic visa issuance for all foreign nationals and non-resident Nepalese through April 30; travelers with an existing visa must contact their local Nepali diplomatic mission and submit result of a swab test conducted within 7 days of intended travel date. New applicants will also have to submit medical certification at consulates. Officials have advised Nepali citizens against non-essential international travel, and warned that they could be subject to quarantine upon return. The Kimathanka, Rasuwasagadi, and Tatopani land border crossings remain closed indefinitely. Health checks at land crossings with India, though authorities' effectiveness in enforcing checks remains unclear. Foreign nationals, except Indians, will have to enter only through the Tribhuvan International Airport (KTM). All travelers will be advised to self-quarantine for 14 days upon arrival; symptomatic passengers may be subject to enhanced checks and mandatory quarantine. Himalaya Airlines (H9) suspended flight operations to and from China starting Feb. 7. The flight suspension will continue until at least March 28.

- Pakistan: Pakistani authorities will seal off all border crossings with Iran and Afghanistan from March 16 through at least March 30. All educational institutions will remain closed as a precaution through at least April 4. Authorities have indefinitely banned all flights to and from Iran. Additionally, authorities plan to restrict all international flights to just three airports - those serving Karachi (KHI), Islamabad (ISB), and Lahore (LHE), to allow for intensified health screening measures. Pakistan International Airlines (PK) has suspended flights to mainland China and Japan until at least March 15; additional disruptions are likely to disrupt air travel to other affected countries.

- Sri Lanka: Sri Lankan authorities will restrict travel from France, Austria, Sweden, Denmark, the Netherlands, Switzerland, Germany, and Spain from March 15 to at least March 29. Airlines have been instructed not to board passengers from the aforementioned countries, along with those from Italy, South Korea, and Iran, on flights to Sri Lanka. Foreign nationals who have visited the specified countries within the previous 14 days are similarly banned. Sri Lankan nationals returning from affected countries are required to undergo mandatory 14-day quarantines upon repatriation. Visas for citizens from European countries will be suspended for at least two weeks beginning March 13. Sri Lanka indefinitely suspended the issuance of on-arrival visas for foreign tourists, from March 11 to prevent the spread of COVID-19; authorities removed initial exemptions for citizens of Maldives, Singapore, and Seychelles March 15. Officials had already suspended on-arrival visas for Chinese nationals beginning Feb. 3; electronic visas will continue to be issued. Travelers from other affected countries may be subject to possible quarantine in addition to enhanced screening in the coming days. Officials have also banned the disembarkation of international cruise ship passengers.

Countries could expand their restrictions in the coming days, particularly if the number of cases in-country increases. The measures may lead to immigration delays and possible quarantine for at least 14 days, especially for passengers from countries with significant cases of COVID-19. Increased health screenings are likely to result in increased wait times at international airports and some land border crossings. Airlines serving and operating out of impacted countries may suspend or curtail services due to precautionary measures, government restrictions, or low consumer demand.

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- Albania: Authorities will close land borders from 0001 March 16 until further notice; they also closed maritime borders to all nations. Officials have canceled ferry services between Albania and Greece and Italy. The transportation (land and maritime) of goods continues. Airports are reporting disruptions on flights. Officials have canceled connections to Greece and Italy. Direct flights to the UK continue, but with disruptions. Persons traveling via Tirana International Airport Nene Tereza (TIA) need special clearance from authorities before departing for the airport. Authorities closed businesses, state offices (except essential services), parks, museums, cinemas, and schools through April 3. Pharmacies and groceries will remain open. Authorities have ordered a 14-day self-quarantine for anyone who has entered Albania from Italy and Greece after March 1. Persons ignoring the directive will receive fines. Restrictions on nationals from other high-risk locations are also likely to be included in the quarantine measure. There are widespread restrictions on inter- and intra-city travel nationwide. Officials may amend health and travel measures in the coming weeks in response to government threat assessments.

- Armenia: Authorities have suspended visa-free travel for Chinese nationals. All land borders with Iran have been closed until March 24. Scheduled flights to and from Iran have been suspended, with the exception of those allowing Armenian and Iranian citizens to return to their home countries. Enhanced health screenings are underway at all points of entry.

- Austria: Authorities have suspended flights from China, Iran, South Korea, Italy, Switzerland, France, and Spain. Border controls will be introduced on the Swiss and Liechtenstein borders; the Vorarlberg crossing with Germany will remain open. Authorities have temporarily barred entry to persons traveling from Italy; the measure will not apply to travelers in possession of a health certificate declaring them to be free of the virus; non-stop transit through Austria is unaffected. Restaurants and bars will close daily at 1500 from March 16.

- Azerbaijan: All flights between Baku and Tehran have been suspended, and flights to mainland China could face disruptions. Enhanced health
screening is in operation at ports of entry. Authorities have suspended visa-free travel for Chinese nationals. The closure of all of the country’s border crossings with Iran, which went into effect on Feb. 29, has been extended for an additional two weeks through March 28; further extensions are possible. Disruptions to flights connecting with Turkey, as well as along the Turkish border in Naxcivan, are possible at short notice.

- Belgium: Educational facilities will remain closed until the end of the Easter holidays in late April. Bars and restaurants, with the exception of takeaways, are currently closed. All public gatherings have been banned. Public transport services continue to operate.

- Bosnia and Herzegovina: Foreign nationals traveling from Italy, Iran, South Korea, and the province of Hubei and the city of Wuhan in China are forbidding from entry. Travelers from Germany, France, and Spain are required to self-isolate for 14 days upon arrival. From March 16, all travelers entering the country will be required to self-isolate for 14 days.

- Croatia: Authorities have imposed a mandatory 14-day quarantine measure for all foreign nationals arriving from the Hubei region of China, Heinsburg County in North Rhine-Westphalia of Germany, Iran, Italy, and Cheongdo County and Daegu in South Korea; individuals will stay at a government facility during the quarantine period. Additionally, a 14-day self-quarantine measure is required for all travelers arriving from Austria, Bahrain, mainland China other than Hubei, France, Germany other than Heinsburg, Hong Kong, Japan, Malaysia, Netherlands, Singapore, Bela Krajina region of Slovenia, South Korea except Cheongdo County and Daegu, Spain, Sweden, Switzerland, and the UK. All educational facilities will be closed for two weeks beginning March 16.

- Cyprus: Travelers who have visited the Hubei region of China or Iran, Italy, or South Korea in the last 14 days are required to enter quarantine. Travelers who have visited other regions of China, or Japan, Hong Kong, France, Germany, the Achaia, Ila and Zaniki regions of Greece, Spain, or the UK in the last 14 days are requested to self-isolate. The Ledra Street, Astromeritis, Lefka, Dherynia, Kato Pyrgos, and Strovilia border crossings with Turkish-administered Northern Cyprus are currently closed.

- Czech Republic: Officials have announced a 30-day nationwide state of emergency March 12. The measures include a temporary entry ban on most foreigners, as well as a ban on citizens leaving the country, from 0001 March 16. Some cross-border workers, as well as foreign nationals with Czech residency, will not be affected. Officials are maintaining border controls at the land borders with Austria and Germany, with access allowed only at designated points until further notice. The border with Slovakia is temporarily closed. Authorities will ban public transport vehicles with more than nine seats from entering the country. In addition, the state of emergency includes a ban on gatherings of more than 30 people and the closure of public facilities, including sports centers and educational establishments, as well as restrictions on restaurants.

- Denmark: Authorities in Denmark close air, land, and sea borders from 1200 March 14. The closure is in place through April 13; officials will ban all non-nationals from entry. Persons wishing to leave will be allowed to do so. The rule does not apply to Danish passport holders, EU citizens holding a Danish social security card, and third-country nationals carrying a Danish residency permit. Authorities will make exceptions for foreign nationals in some emergencies, such as attending a medical visit or persons in transit with onward travel documentation. The restriction does not apply to the movement of goods and will not impact supply chains. Authorities have suspended cruise ship travel. All kindergartens, schools, and universities will be closed from March 13. In addition, authorities have banned all gatherings of more than 100 people through at least March 31.

- Estonia: Officials will reintroduce border controls from March 17. The new measures will bar foreign nationals from entering the country. Estonians, persons with resident permits, and foreigners with family members in Estonia are exempt. Foreigners may transit Estonia if they do not show symptoms of COVID-19. There are no restrictions on leaving Estonia. The transport of goods will continue as per normal. The border control end date is not available as yet, and officials will review measures every two weeks. Authorities declared an emergency situation March 12-May 1. Officials have banned all public gatherings. Education authorities have established distance learning schools. Health screenings are in place at borders. Authorities have closed cultural institutions. Persons arriving from high-risk locations must self-quarantine for 14 days. Travel to and from Estonia's Western Islands is limited to residents. Authorities have suspended the Tallinn-Stockholm ferry.

- France: Gatherings of more than 100 people have been banned. Schools and universities throughout the country will be closed for 15 days from March 16. Cafes, restaurants, shops, and movie theaters will be closed starting at 0001 March 14 until further notice.

- Georgia: Authorities have suspended travel to Iran and Italy. Land borders are closed to Iranian goods and vehicles. Enhanced health screening is occurring at ports of entry. Flights to and from China remain suspended until at least March 29. Foreign travelers who have been in Iran in the past 14 days or China in the past 21 days will be denied entry. Authorities may quarantine Georgian residents arriving from these countries for at least 14 days.

- Germany: Schools in the states of Bavaria and Saarland are closed until the end of the Easter holidays in late April. Schools in Berlin will begin to close from March 16.

- Greece: Authorities have suspended all flights, excluding freight, with Italy through at least March 29. Large public gatherings, including conferences, have been prohibited until April 5. Educational facilities and most commercial establishments nationwide are closed through at least March 23.

- Hungary: Nationals and travelers, excluding Hungarians and European Economic Area permanent residents, from China, Italy, Iran, Israel, and South Korea, are banned from entry. Persons entering from these areas will be requested to enter quarantine for 14 days. All flights, buses, and trains from the aforementioned states is banned. Health screenings are in place at ports of entry. Gatherings of more than 100 people (indoors) and 500 people (outdoors) are banned.

- Ireland: As of March 12, officials in Ireland have ordered the closures of all universities, schools, and childcare facilities until at least March 29. In addition, authorities have advised against indoor gatherings of over 100 people, and outdoor gatherings of over 500 people.
- Italy*: All flights to and from China and Iran remain suspended indefinitely.

- Kosovo: Authorities in Kosovo have taken several measures to curb the spread of coronavirus disease (COVID-19), as of March 14. All flights to Pristina International Airport (PRN) will be suspended from March 16. All medical and military flights are exempt. It is not clear if some limited departure flights will still proceed; however, it is likely that departure flights will be subject to disruptions. The period of the suspension is unclear. Land borders will be closed to all travelers except Kosovo citizens, again from March 16. Citizens entering the country will be required to self-quarantine for 14 days. The government reportedly plans to suspend all inter-city public transport. It is not clear if this order has already been enforced. Citizens of the Klina and Vitina municipalities have been restricted from moving to and from these areas. The government has ordered the nationwide closure of cafes, bars, and shopping centers. All restrictions are subject to amendment at short notice in response to government reviews.

- Latvia: Authorities will suspend international travel via land, sea, and air from March 17. The prohibition does not apply to the transport of goods. Latvian nationals and permanent residents will still be able to enter the country. Restrictions do not impact leaving the country; however, disruptions on cross-border international travel are highly likely given ongoing health screenings. A State of Emergency was declared March 12-April 14. Public gatherings are prohibited. The prohibition extends to political gatherings, recreational events, and cultural occasions. Educational facilities are required to provide training remotely.

- Lithuania: From 0001 March 16-March 30, officials will implement land border controls. Authorities will prohibit foreign nationals from entering the country; they will make exceptions for drivers and crews of goods transport vehicles, permanent residents, and NATO members and families. Persons planning to transit via Lithuania can enter the country until March 19. Lithuanian nationals will not be able to travel outside of the country without official authorization. Authorities are limiting inter- and intra-city transport and prohibiting cruise ships from docking at Klaipeda. Officials will suspend flights from Italy to Lithuania March 16; they had suspended flights from Lithuania to Italy March 13. Further flight restrictions and disruptions for departure and arrival are likely in the coming days.

- Malta: As of March 13, all travelers entering Malta must observe a 14-day quarantine. Persons who do not observe the quarantine may receive fines. Air travel restrictions are also in place. Officials halted air and sea passenger travel between Malta and France, Germany, Spain, and Switzerland at 2359 March 11.

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- Slovakia: Authorities have ordered the closures of all airports in the country for passenger travel from March 13; freight and private planes will not be affected. Authorities have also suspended all visits to the country by non-residents; all Slovak citizens returning from abroad will be subject to a 14-day quarantine. It remains unclear how long these measures will remain in effect. Authorities will also close all schools and universities for 14 days starting March 16. Authorities also plan to close sports, leisure, and entertainment venues, and will close all shopping centers the weekend of March 14.

- Spain**: Spanish authorities announced on March 14 that they would impose a nationwide lockdown on the entire country from March 15 to last through at least March 29. All flights from Italy are suspended until March 25. Authorities in Madrid, the Basque Country, La Rioja, and Castilla y León have closed schools and public establishments, and have prohibited public gatherings of more than 1,000 people.

- Sweden: No mandatory preventative measures or restrictions are in place.

- Switzerland: Flights to and from mainland China remain suspended until March 28, and reduced flights are operating to and from Italy; in particular, flights connecting with northern Italy are suspended. Authorities have banned all gatherings of more than 1,000 participants, including demonstrations, public events, and major sporting events, until at least March 15. Some cities, including Bern, have banned smaller public gatherings.

- Spain: Authorities have closed schools in Madrid and the Basque Country. Public gatherings of more than 1,000 people in Catalonia are currently prohibited.

- Turkey: Turkish officials announced March 14 that they would temporarily suspend all air and land travel to and from Azerbaijan. The restriction does not include cargo shipments. Authorities announced March 12 that schools and universities nationwide would close for at least 21 days from March 16. Public gatherings, including sporting events, are likely to be prohibited; sports matches will reportedly proceed, though fans will not be permitted to attend.

- UK: Authorities request that all travelers who have visited Hubei Province, China, in the last 14 days, as well as travelers who have returned from Iran since Feb. 19 and from Italy since March 9, remain indoors and minimize contact with other people. Travelers who have returned from elsewhere in China and South Korea, as well as from Hong Kong, Japan, Macau, Malaysia, Singapore, Taiwan, and Thailand, in the last 14 days and have possible COVID-19 symptoms should also self-isolate immediately. This guidance also applies to travelers with possible symptoms who have returned from elsewhere in northern Italy, Cambodia, Laos, Myanmar, or Vietnam since Feb. 19.

- Ukraine: Authorities implement temporary entry ban for foreign nationals traveling by rail, road, and air, and close all land passenger border crossings from 0001 March 16-March 30. All regular international air traffic has been suspended from March 17; the exact duration of the closure is unknown. Public places nationwide, including educational establishments, conference centers, cinemas, and other entertainment venues, are closed until at least March 31.

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Panic buying of essential goods, particularly hygiene products, has been reported in many locations and has led to temporary shortages. Such shortages are likely to be quickly resolved. School closures will probably result in increased absenteeism among employees who are the parents or guardians of school-aged children. In addition, increasing numbers of workers will likely work from home in the coming weeks as a routine health precaution and due to voluntary self-isolation.

Governments could expand their responses in the coming weeks, particularly if COVID-19 activity increases in-country. The measures are unlikely to impact most travelers but may lead to immigration delays, especially for passengers from mainland China and other countries with significant numbers of COVID-19 cases.

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New Zealand has expanded a self-isolation requirement to include all international passengers, including returning nationals of New Zealand, from midnight March 15 through at least March 30. Those from the Pacific Islands will be exempted. The measure, aimed to prevent the spread of coronavirus disease (COVID-19), along with previously announced bans on international travelers from mainland China, and foreign travelers who have traveled in or transited affected countries within 14 days of arrival from entering the country. Resident Australian citizens, permanent residents, and resident visa holders with valid travel conditions, as well as their immediate family members, are exempt from entry restrictions.

Officials will also issue limits on public gatherings in the coming days; additional extensions or adjustments to the measures are possible.
canceled ferry services between Albania and Greece and Italy. The transportation (land and maritime) of goods continues. Airports are reporting disruptions on flights. Officials have canceled connections to Greece and Italy. Direct flights to the UK continue, but with disruptions. Persons traveling via Tirana International Airport Nene Tereza (TIA) need special clearance from authorities before departing for the airport. Authorities closed businesses, state offices (except essential services), parks, museums, cinemas, and schools through April 13. Pharmacies and groceries will remain open.

Authorities have ordered a 14-day self-quarantine for anyone who has entered Albania from Italy and Greece after March 1. Persons ignoring the directive will receive fines. Restrictions on nationals from other high-risk locations are also likely to be included in the quarantine measure. There are widespread restrictions on inter- and intra-city travel nationwide. Officials may amend health and travel measures in the coming weeks in response to government threat assessments.

- Armenia: Authorities have suspended visa-free travel for Chinese nationals. All land borders with Iran have been closed until March 24. Scheduled flights to and from Iran have been suspended, with the exception of those allowing Armenian and Iranian citizens to return to their home countries. Enhanced health screenings are underway at all points of entry.

- Austria: Authorities have suspended flights from China, Iran, South Korea, Italy, Switzerland, France, and Spain. Border controls will be introduced on the Swiss and Liechtenstein borders; the Vorarlberg crossing with Germany will remain open. Authorities have temporarily barred entry to persons traveling from Italy; the measure will not apply to travelers in possession of a health certificate declaring them to be free of the virus; non-stop transit through Austria is unaffected. Restaurants and bars will close daily at 1500 from March 16.

- Azerbaijan: All flights between Baku and Tehran have been suspended, and flights to mainland China could face disruptions. Enhanced health screening is in operation at ports of entry. Authorities have suspended visa-free travel for Chinese nationals. The closure of all of the country's border crossings with Iran, which went into effect on Feb. 29, has been extended for an additional two weeks through March 28; further extensions are possible. Disruptions to flights connecting with Turkey, as well as along the Turkish border in Naxcivan, are possible at short notice.

- Belgium: Educational facilities will remain closed until the end of the Easter holidays in late April. Bars and restaurants, with the exception of takeaways, are currently closed. All public gatherings have been banned. Public transport services continue to operate.

- Bosnia and Herzegovina: Foreign nationals traveling from Italy, Iran, South Korea, and the province of Hubei and the city of Wuhan in China are forbidden from entry. Travelers from Germany, France, and Spain are required to self-isolate for 14 days upon arrival. From March 16, all travelers entering the country will be required to self-isolate for 14 days.

- Croatia: Authorities have imposed a mandatory 14-day quarantine measure for all foreign nationals arriving from the Hubei region of China, Heinsburg County in North Rhine-Westphalia of Germany, Iran, Italy, and Cheongdo County and Daegu in South Korea; individuals will stay at a government facility during the quarantine period. Additionally, a 14-day self-quarantine measure is required for all travelers arriving from Austria, Bahrain, mainland China other than Hubei, France, Germany other than Heinsburg, Hong Kong, Japan, Malaysia, Netherlands, Singapore, Bela Krajina region of Slovenia, South Korea except Cheongdo County and Daegu, Spain, Sweden, Switzerland, and the UK. All educational facilities will be closed for two weeks beginning March 16.

- Cyprus: Travelers who have visited the Hubei region of China or Iran, Italy, or South Korea in the last 14 days are required to enter quarantine. Travelers who have visited other regions of China, or Japan, Hong Kong, France, Germany, the Achaia, Ilia and Zandykths regions of Greece, Spain, or the UK in the last 14 days are requested to self-isolate. The Ledra Street, Astromeritis, Lefka, Dhernya, Kato Pyrgos, and Strovilia border crossings with Turkey, as well as along the Turkish border in Naxcivan, are possible at short notice.

- Czech Republic: Officials have announced a 30-day nationwide state of emergency March 12. The measures include a temporary entry ban on most foreigners, as well as a ban on citizens leaving the country, from 0001 March 16. Some cross-border workers, as well as foreign nationals with Czech residency, will not be affected. Officials are maintaining border controls at the land borders with Austria and Germany, with access allowed only at designated points until further notice. The border with Slovakia is temporarily closed. Authorities will ban public transport vehicles with more than nine seats from entering the country. In addition, authorities are closing all nonessential businesses, including sports centers and educational establishments, and restrictions on restaurants.

- Denmark: Authorities in Denmark close air, land, and sea borders from 1200 March 14. The closure is in place through April 13; officials will bar all non-nationals from entry. Persons wishing to leave will be allowed to do so. The rule does not apply to Danish passport holders, EU citizens holding a Danish social security card, and third-country nationals carrying a Danish residency permit. Authorities will make exceptions for foreign nationals in some emergencies, such as attending a medical visit or persons in transit with onward travel documentation. The restriction does not apply to the movement of goods and will not impact supply chains. Authorities have suspended cruise ship travel. All kindergartens, schools, and universities will be closed from March 13. In addition, authorities have banned all gatherings of more than 100 people through at least March 31.

- Estonia: Officials will reintroduce border controls from March 17. The new measures will bar foreign nationals from entering the country. Estonians, persons with resident permits, and foreigners with family members in Estonia are exempt. Foreigners may transit Estonia if they do not show symptoms of COVID-19. There are no restrictions on leaving Estonia. The transport of goods will continue as normal. The border control end date is not available as yet, and officials will review measures every two weeks. Authorities declared an emergency situation March 12-May 1. Officials have banned all public gatherings. Education authorities have established distance learning schools. Health screenings are in place at borders. Authorities have closed cultural institutions. Persons arriving from high-risk locations must self-quarantine for 14 days. Travel to and from Estonia's Western Islands is limited to residents. Authorities have suspended the Tallinn-Stockholm ferry.

- France: Gatherings of more than 100 people have been banned. Schools and universities throughout the country will be closed for 15 days from
March 16. Cafes, restaurants, shops, and movie theaters will be closed starting at 0001 March 14 until further notice.

- Georgia: Authorities have suspended travel to Iran and Italy. Land borders are closed to Iranian goods and vehicles. Enhanced health screening is occurring at ports of entry. Flights to and from China remain suspended until at least March 29. Foreign travelers who have been in Iran in the past 14 days or China in the past 21 days will be denied entry. Authorities may quarantine Georgian residents arriving from these countries for at least 14 days.

- Germany: Schools in the states of Bavaria and Saarland are closed until the end of the Easter holidays in late April. Schools in Berlin will begin to close from March 16.

- Greece: Authorities have suspended all flights, excluding freight, with Italy through at least March 29. Large public gatherings, including conferences, have been prohibited until April 5. Educational facilities and most commercial establishments nationwide are closed through at least March 23.

- Hungary: Nationals and travelers, excluding Hungarians and European Economic Area permanent residents, from China, Italy, Iran, Israel, and South Korea, are banned from entry. Persons entering from these areas will be requested to enter quarantine for 14 days. All flights, buses, and trains from the aforementioned states are banned. Health screenings are in place at ports of entry. Gatherings of more than 100 people (indoors) and 500 people (outdoors) are banned.

- Ireland: As of March 12, officials in Ireland have ordered the closures of all universities, schools, and childcare facilities until at least March 29. In addition, authorities have advised against indoor gatherings of over 100 people, and outdoor gatherings of over 500 people.

- Italy*: All flights to and from China and Iran remain suspended indefinitely.

- Kosovo: Authorities in Kosovo have taken several measures to curb the spread of coronavirus disease (COVID-19), as of March 14. All flights to Pristina International Airport (PRN) will be suspended from March 16. All medical and military flights are exempt. It is not clear if some limited departure flights will still proceed; however, it is likely that departure flights will be subject to disruptions. The period of the suspension is unclear. Land borders will be closed to all travelers except Kosovo citizens, again from March 16. Citizens entering the country will be required to self-quarantine for 14 days. The government reportedly plans to suspend all inter-city public transport. It is not clear if this order has already been enforced. Citizens of the Klin and Vitina municipalities have been restricted from moving to and from these areas. The government has ordered the nationwide closure of cafes, bars, and shopping centers. All restrictions are subject to amendment at short notice in response to government reviews.

- Latvia: Authorities will suspend international travel via land, sea, and air from March 17. The prohibition does not apply to the transport of goods. Latvian nationals and permanent residents will still be able to enter the country. Restrictions do not impact leaving the country; however, disruptions on cross-border/international travel are highly likely given ongoing health screenings. A State of Emergency was declared March 12-April 14. Public gatherings are prohibited. The prohibition extends to political gatherings, recreational events, and cultural occasions. Educational facilities are required to provide training remotely.

- Lithuania: From 0001 March 16-March 30, officials will implement land border controls. Authorities will prohibit foreign nationals from entering the country; they will make exceptions for drivers and crews of goods transport vehicles, permanent residents, and NATO members and families. Persons planning to transit via Lithuania can do so until March 19. Lithuanian nationals will not be able to travel outside of the country without official authorization. Authorities are limiting inter- and intra-city transport and prohibiting cruise ships from docking at Klaipeda. Officials will suspend flights from Italy to Lithuania March 16; they had suspended flights from Lithuania to Italy March 13. Further flight restrictions and disruptions for departure and arrival are likely in the coming days. State workers are required to work remotely. Authorities are enforcing restrictions on education, entertainment, sports, cultural and leisure venues.

- Malta: As of March 13, all travelers entering Malta must observe a 14-day quarantine. Persons who do not observe the quarantine may receive fines. Air travel restrictions are also in place. Officials halted air and sea passenger travel between Malta and France, Germany, Spain, and Switzerland at 2359 March 11.

- Montenegro: As of March 14, multiple border crossings with Bosnia and Herzegovina, Albania, Croatia, and Serbia are closed. The duration of the closures is unclear. It is also not clear if all crossings are closed. Cruise ships are prohibited from docking at Montenegro’s Adriatic ports through April 2. The government has implemented restrictions on public gatherings and closed educational facilities for 15 days from March 16. Officials will impose quarantine measures for travelers from Japan, France, Germany, Switzerland, Denmark, Slovenia, and Austria.

- Netherlands: Authorities in the Netherlands banned all flights from China, Hong Kong, Iran, Italy, and South Korea beginning 1800 March 13 to prevent the spread of coronavirus disease (COVID-19). The flight ban and related disruptions will continue through at least March 27. Authorities may implement further flight restrictions and amend current restrictions in response to developments over the coming days. Authorities have also banned events of more than 100 people March 12-31.

- North Macedonia: Foreign nationals traveling from medium- and high-risk areas, including the UK and Greece, may not enter North Macedonia as of March 14. The locations are those determined by WHO data. Exceptions are available for persons acquiring a certificate from the Ministry of Health. Anyone who has arrived from a medium- or high-risk area must observe a 14-day self-isolation. Land border crossings are closed expect for Tabanovce (Serbia), Deve Bair (Bulgaria), Kafasas (Albania), Bogorodica (Greece), and Blace (Kosovo). Officials will close Ohrid St. Paul the Apostle Airport (OHD) from March 16. Skopje International Airport (SKP) remains operational. Authorities have also imposed entry and exit restrictions on several areas in the country, including the Debar and Centar Zhupa municipalities. Multiple public areas, including cafes, bars, and shopping centers are closed. Grocery stores remain open. Schools are closed through March. Public gatherings of over 1,000 people are prohibited.
Norway: Norwegian officials announced March 14 that they would close the country's sea and air ports starting at 0800 March 16. Authorities have closed all kindergartens, schools, and universities indefinitely from March 12. In addition, authorities have been requiring since Feb. 27 that all travelers arriving in Norway from anywhere other than Scandinavia self-quarantine for 14 days. Authorities will also close sports, leisure, and entertainment venues throughout the country.

Poland: Authorities implement a temporary travel ban for foreigners and suspension of international passenger air and rail transport March 15 through March 24. There is a ban on gatherings of more than 50 people, and a partial closure of shopping malls and educational facilities nationwide through March 25. Educational facilities nationwide will be closed March 16-25.

Portugal: All passenger flights to and from Italy are suspended until March 24. All schools will close indefinitely from March 16. Authorities announced that all flights from Italy are suspended until March 25. Authorities have also suspended all visits to the country by non-residents; all Slovak citizens returning from abroad will be subject to a 14-day quarantine. It remains unclear how long these measures will remain in effect. Authorities will also close all school and universities for 14 days starting March 16. Authorities also plan to close sports, leisure, and entertainment venues, and will close all shopping centers the weekend of March 14.

Spain: Spanish authorities announced on March 14 that they would impose a nationwide lockdown on the entire country from March 15 to last through at least March 29. All flights from Italy are suspended until March 25. Authorities have closed schools in Madrid and the Basque Country. La Rioja, and Castilla y León have closed schools and public establishments, and have prohibited public gatherings of more than 1,000 people.

Sweden: No mandatory preventative measures or restrictions are in place.

Switzerland: Flights to and from mainland China remain suspended until March 28, and reduced flights are operating to and from Italy; in particular, flights connecting with northern Italy are suspended until March 31. Travelers arriving from China, Iran, South Korea, or the Italian regions of Lombardy, Veneto, and Emilia Romagna, are required to self-isolate for 14 days. Travelers who have visited certain designated outbreak hot spots in China, Italy, or South Korea could be placed into institutional quarantine. Authorities have banned public gatherings of more than 1,000 people.

Serbia: Authorities have closed secondary border crossing points to allow officials to better screen travelers.

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Turkey: Turkish officials announced March 14 that they would temporarily suspend all air and land travel to and from Azerbaijan. The restriction does not include cargo shipments. Authorities announced March 12 that schools and universities nationwide would close for at least 21 days from March 16. Public gatherings, including sporting events, are likely to be prohibited; sports matches will reportedly proceed, though fans will not be permitted to attend.

UK: Authorities request that all travelers who have visited Hubei Province, China, in the last 14 days, as well as travelers who have returned from Iran since Feb. 19 and from Italy since March 9, remain indoors and minimize contact with other people. Travelers who have returned from elsewhere in China and South Korea, as well as from Hong Kong, Japan, Macau, Malaysia, Singapore, Taiwan, and Thailand, in the last 14 days and have possible COVID-19 symptoms should also self-isolate immediately. This guidance also applies to travelers with possible symptoms who have returned from elsewhere in northern Italy, Cambodia, Laos, Myanmar, or Vietnam since Feb. 19.

Ukraine: Authorities implement temporary entry ban for foreign nationals traveling by rail, road, and air, and close all land passenger border crossings from 0001 March 16-March 30. All regular international air traffic has been suspended from March 17; the exact duration of the closure is unknown. Public places nationwide, including educational establishments, conference centers, cinemas, and other entertainment venues, are closed until at least March 31.

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- Belgium: Educational facilities will remain closed until the end of the Easter holidays in late April. Bars and restaurants, with the exception of takeaways, are currently closed. All public gatherings have been banned. Public transport services continue to operate.

- Bosnia and Herzegovina: Foreign nationals traveling from Italy, Iran, South Korea, and the province of Wuhan in China are forbidding from entry. Travelers from Germany, France, and Spain are required to self-isolate for 14 days upon arrival. From March 16, all travelers entering the country will be required to self-isolate for 14 days.

- Croatia: Authorities have imposed a mandatory 14-day quarantine measure for all foreign nationals arriving from the Hubei region of China, Heinsburg County in North Rhine-Westphalia of Germany, Iran, Italy, and Cheongdo County and Daegu in South Korea; individuals will stay at a government facility during the quarantine period. Additionally, a 14-day self-quarantine measure is required for all travelers arriving from Austria, Bahrain, mainland China other than Hubei, France, Germany other than Heinsburg, Hong Kong, Japan, Malaysia, Netherlands, Singapore, Beia Krajina region of Slovenia, South Korea except Cheongdo County and Daegu, Spain, Sweden, Switzerland, and the UK. All educational facilities will be closed for two weeks beginning March 16.

- Cyprus: Travelers who have visited the Hubei region of China or Iran, Italy, or South Korea in the last 14 days are required to enter quarantine. Travelers who have visited other regions of China, or Japan, Hong Kong, France, Germany, the Achaia, Ilia and Zanythos regions of Greece, Spain, or the UK in the last 14 days are requested to self-isolate. The Ledra Street, Astromeritis, Lefka, Dherynia, Kato Pyrgos, and Strovilia border crossings with Turkish-administered Northern Cyprus are currently closed.

- Czech Republic: Officials have announced a 30-day nationwide state of emergency March 12. The measures include a temporary entry ban on most foreigners, as well as a ban on citizens leaving the country, from 0001 March 16. Some cross-border workers, as well as foreign nationals with Czech residency, will not be affected. Officials are maintaining border controls at the land borders with Austria and Germany, with access allowed only at designated points until further notice. The border with Slovakia is temporarily closed. Authorities will ban public transport vehicles with more than nine seats from entering the country. In addition, the state of emergency includes a ban on gatherings of more than 30 people and the closure of public facilities, including sports centers and educational establishments, as well as restrictions on restaurants.

- Denmark: Authorities in Denmark close air, land, and sea borders from 1200 March 14. The closure is in place through April 13; officials will bar all non-nationals from entry. Persons wishing to leave will be allowed to do so. The rule does not apply to Danish passport holders, EU citizens holding a Danish social security card, and third-country nationals carrying a Danish residency permit. Authorities will make exceptions for foreign nationals in some emergency situations, such as attending a funeral or traveling for medical reasons. The movement of goods and will not impact supply chains. Authorities have suspended cruise ship travel. All kindergartens, schools, and universities will be closed from March 13. In addition, authorities have banned all gatherings of more than 100 people through at least March 31.

- Estonia: Officials will reintroduce border controls from March 17. The new measures will bar foreign nationals from entering the country. Estonians, persons with resident permits, and foreigners with family members in Estonia are exempt. Foreigners may transit Estonia if they do not show symptoms of COVID-19. There are no restrictions on leaving Estonia. The transport of goods will continue as normal. The border control end date is not available as yet, and officials will review measures every two weeks. Authorities declared an emergency situation March 12-May 1. Officials have banned all public gatherings. Education authorities have established distance learning schools. Health screenings are in place at borders. Authorities have closed cultural institutions. Persons arriving from high-risk locations must self-quarantine for 14 days. Travel to and from Estonia's Western Islands is limited to residents. Authorities have suspended the Tallinn-Stockholm ferry.

- France: Gatherings of more than 100 people have been banned. Schools and universities throughout the country will be closed for 15 days from March 16. Cafes, restaurants, shops, and movie theaters will be closed starting at 0001 March 14 until further notice.

- Georgia: Authorities have suspended travel to Iran and Italy. Land borders are closed to Iranian goods and vehicles. Enhanced health screening is occurring at ports of entry. Flights to and from China remain suspended until at least March 29. Foreign travelers who have been in Iran in the past 14 days or China in the past 21 days will be denied entry. Authorities may quarantine Georgian residents arriving from these countries for at least 14 days.

- Germany: Schools in the states of Bavaria and Saarland are closed until the end of the Easter holidays in late April. Schools in Berlin will begin to close from March 16.

- Greece: Authorities have suspended all flights, excluding freight, with Italy through at least March 29. Large public gatherings, including conferences, have been prohibited until April 5. Educational facilities and most commercial establishments nationwide are closed through at least March 23.

- Hungary: Nationals and travelers, excluding Hungarians and European Economic Area permanent residents, from China, Italy, Iran, Israel, and South Korea, are barred from entry. Persons entering from these areas will be requested to enter quarantine for 14 days. All flights, buses, and trains from the afore-mentioned states are banned. Health screenings are in place at ports of entry. Gatherings of more than 100 people (indoors) and 500 people (outdoors) are banned.

- Ireland: As of March 12, authorities in Ireland have ordered the closures of all universities, schools, and childcare facilities until at least March 29. In addition, authorities have advised against indoor gatherings of over 100 people, and outdoor gatherings of over 500 people.

- Italy*: All flights to and from China and Iran remain suspended indefinitely.
- Kosovo: Authorities in Kosovo have taken several measures to curb the spread of coronavirus disease (COVID-19), as of March 14. All flights to Pristina International Airport (PRN) will be suspended from March 16. All medical and military flights are exempt. It is not clear if some limited departure flights will still proceed; however, it is likely that departure flights will be subject to disruptions. The period of the suspension is unclear. Land borders will be closed to all travelers except Kosovo citizens, again from March 16. Citizens entering the country will be required to self-quarantine for 14 days. The government reportedly plans to suspend all inter-city public transport. It is not clear if this order has already been enforced. Citizens of the Klina and Vitina municipalities have been restricted from moving to and from these areas. The government has ordered the nationwide closure of cafes, bars, and shopping centers. All restrictions are subject to amendment at short notice in response to government reviews.

- Latvia: Authorities will suspend international travel via land, sea, and air from March 17. The prohibition does not apply to the transport of goods. Latvian nationals and permanent residents will still be able to enter the country. Restrictions do not impact leaving the country; however, disruptions on cross-border/international travel are highly likely given ongoing health screenings. A State of Emergency was declared March 12-April 14. Public gatherings are prohibited. The prohibition extends to political gatherings, recreational events, and cultural occasions. Educational facilities are required to provide training remotely.

- Lithuania: From 0001 March 16-March 30, officials will implement land border controls. Authorities will prohibit foreign nationals from entering the country; they will make exceptions for drivers and crews of goods transport vehicles, permanent residents, and NATO members and families. Persons planning to transit via Lithuania can do so until March 19. Lithuanian nationals will not be able to travel outside of the country without official authorization. Authorities are limiting inter- and intra-city transport and prohibiting cruise ships from docking at Klaipeda. Officials will suspend flights from Italy to Lithuania March 16; they had suspended flights from Lithuania to Italy March 13. Further flight restrictions and disruptions for departure and arrival are likely in the coming days. State workers are required to work remotely. Authorities are enforcing restrictions on education, entertainment, sports, cultural and leisure venues.

- Malta: As of March 13, all travelers entering Malta must observe a 14-day quarantine. Persons who do not observe the quarantine may receive fines. Air travel restrictions are also in place. Officials halted air and sea passenger travel between Malta and France, Germany, Spain, and Switzerland at 2359 March 11.

- Montenegro: As of March 14, multiple border crossings with Bosnia and Herzegovina, Albania, Croatia, and Serbia are closed. The duration of the closures is unclear. It is also not clear if all crossings are closed. Cruise ships are prohibited from docking at Montenegro's Adriatic ports through April 2. The government has implemented restrictions on public gatherings and closed educational facilities for 15 days from March 16. Officials will impose quarantine measures for travelers from Japan, France, Germany, Switzerland, Denmark, Slovenia, and Austria.

- Netherlands: Authorities in the Netherlands banned all flights from China, Hong Kong, Iran, Italy, and South Korea beginning 1800 March 13 to prevent the spread of coronavirus disease (COVID-19). The flight ban and related disruptions will continue through at least March 27. Authorities may implement further flight restrictions and amend current restrictions in response to developments over the coming days. Authorities have also banned events of more than 100 people March 12-31.

- North Macedonia: Foreign nationals traveling from medium- and high-risk areas, including the UK and Greece, may not enter North Macedonia as of March 14. The locations are those determined by WHO data. Exceptions are available for persons acquiring a certificate from the Ministry of Health. Anyone who has arrived from a medium- or high-risk area must observe a 14-day self-isolation. Land border crossings are closed expect for Tabanovce (Serbia), Deve Bair (Bulgaria), Kafasdan (Albania), Bogorodica (Greece), and Blace (Kosovo). Officials will close Ohrid St. Paul the Apostle Airport (OHD) from March 16. Skopje International Airport (SKP) remains operational. Authorities have also imposed entry and exit restrictions on several areas in the country, including the Debar and Centar Zhupa municipalities. Multiple public areas, including cafes, bars, and shopping centers are closed. Grocery stores remain open. Schools are closed through March. Public gatherings of over 1,000 people are prohibited.

- Norway: Norwegian officials announced March 14 that they would close the country's sea and air ports starting at 0800 March 16. Authorities have closed all kindergartens, schools, and universities indefinitely from March 12. In addition, authorities have been requiring since Feb. 27 that all travelers arriving in Norway from anywhere other than Scandinavia self-quarantine for 14 days. Authorities will also close sports, leisure, and entertainment venues throughout the country.

- Poland: Authorities implement a temporary travel ban for foreigners and suspension of international passenger air and rail transport March 15 through March 24. There is a ban on gatherings of more than 50 people, and a partial closure of shopping malls and educational facilities nationwide through March 25. Educational facilities nationwide will be closed March 16-25.

- Portugal: All passenger flights to and from Italy are suspended until March 24. All schools will close indefinitely from March 16. Public places in several locations, particularly in Porto District, have been closed.

- Romania: Educational facilities have closed nationwide March 11 until at least March 22. Flights and overland public transport connecting with northern Italy have been suspended until March 31. Travelers arriving from China, Iran, South Korea, or the Italian regions of Lombardy, Veneto, and Emilia Romagna, are required to self-isolate for 14 days. Travelers who have visited certain designated outbreak hot spots in China, Italy, or South Korea could be placed into institutional quarantine. Authorities have banned public gatherings of more than 1,000 people.

- Serbia: Authorities have closed secondary border crossing points to allow officials to better screen travelers.

- Slovenia: Authorities announced that the country's border with Italy will partially close by March 16. The following border crossings will remain open subject to heightened health screenings: Ratece border crossing, Robic-Supizza border crossing, Gorizia-Vrtojba border crossing, Fernetti-Sezana
border crossing, Kozina border crossing, Skofje border crossing. Authorities have also introduced restrictions on public gatherings of more than 500 people.

- Slovakia: Authorities have ordered the closures of all airports in the country for passenger travel from March 13; freight and private planes will not be affected. Authorities have also suspended all visits to the country by non-residents; all Slovak citizens returning from abroad will be subject to a 14-day quarantine. It remains unclear how long these measures will remain in effect. Authorities will also close all school and universities for 14 days starting March 16. Authorities also plan to close sports, leisure, and entertainment venues, and will close all shopping centers the weekend of March 14.

- Spain**: Spanish authorities announced on March 14 that they would impose a nationwide lockdown on the entire country from March 15 to last through at least March 29. All flights from Italy are suspended until March 25. Authorities in Madrid, the Basque Country, La Rioja, and Castilla y León have closed schools and public establishments, and have prohibited public gatherings of more than 1,000 people.

- Switzerland: Flights to and from mainland China remain suspended until March 28, and reduced flights are operating to and from Italy; in particular, flights connecting with northern Italy are suspended. Authorities have banned all gatherings of more than 1,000 participants, including demonstrations, public events, and major sporting events, until at least March 15. Some cities, including Bern, have banned smaller public gatherings.

- Sweden: No mandatory preventative measures or restrictions are in place.

- Turkey: Turkish officials announced March 14 that they would temporarily suspend all air and land travel to and from Azerbaijan. The restriction does not include cargo shipments. Authorities announced March 12 that schools and universities nationwide would close for at least 21 days from March 16. Public gatherings, including sporting events, are likely to be prohibited; sports matches will reportedly proceed, though fans will not be permitted to attend.

- Japan: Authorities request that all travelers who have visited Hubei Province, China, in the last 14 days, as well as travelers who have returned from Iran since Feb. 10 and from Italy since March 9, remain indoors and minimize contact with other people. Travelers who have returned from elsewhere in China and South Korea, as well as from Hong Kong, Japan, Macau, Malaysia, Singapore, Taiwan, and Thailand, in the last 14 days and have possible COVID-19 symptoms should also self-isolate immediately. This guidance also applies to travelers with possible symptoms who have returned from elsewhere in northern Italy, Cambodia, Laos, Myanmar, or Vietnam since Feb. 19.

- Ukraine: Authorities implement temporary entry ban for foreign nationals traveling by rail, road, and air, and close all land passenger border crossings from 0001 March 16-March 30. All regular international air traffic has been suspended from March 17; the exact duration of the closure is unknown. Public places nationwide, including educational establishments, conference centers, cinemas, and other entertainment venues, are closed until at least March 31.

*Local movement restrictions in Italy are detailed in a separate WorldAware alert titled "Italy - Travel Restrictions - Nationwide".

**Local movement restrictions in Spain's Catalonia region are detailed in a separate WorldAware alert titled "Spain - Travel Restrictions - Catalonia".

Panic buying of essential goods, particularly hygiene products, has been reported in many locations and has led to temporary shortages. Such shortages are likely to be quickly resolved. School closures will probably result in increased absenteeism among employees who are the parents or guardians of school-aged children. In addition, increasing numbers of workers will likely work from home in the coming weeks as a routine health precaution and due to voluntary self-isolation.

Governments could expand their responses in the coming weeks, particularly if COVID-19 activity increases in-country. The measures are unlikely to impact most travelers but may lead to immigration delays, especially for passengers from mainland China and other countries with significant numbers of COVID-19 cases.

Background and Analysis

The WHO has declared the ongoing outbreak of the virus to be a global pandemic. COVID-19 originated in Wuhan City in China's Hubei Province. As of March 11, the Omani Ministry of Health has confirmed 19 cases of the disease; the majority of infected individuals had traveled from Iran.
Several nations in South Asia have advised citizens to avoid travel to countries with significant coronavirus disease (COVID-19) outbreaks, and have implemented enhanced health screenings for incoming passengers. Travel restrictions on impacted countries have been expanded to include additional areas, especially in Nepal, as of March 14. Screening measures and entry restrictions, though variable, have expanded in-country cases increase across the region.

As of March 14, the following restrictions were in place, modified, or planned:

- **Afghanistan**: Enhanced health screenings are underway at all entry points - mainly land border crossings with Iran and Pakistan. Authorities briefly enforced a travel ban and land border closures between Afghanistan and Iran Feb. 25-26; such restrictions could recur intermittently in the coming weeks. Commercial disruptions due to the closure of the Chaman border with Pakistan are likely to continue through at least March 30, as Pakistani officials will close the crossing point until at least that date. Extended school closures until April and restrictions on public gatherings are underway in Herat Province and other border areas.

- **Bhutan**: Effective March 6, Bhutan has banned all incoming foreign tourists through at least March 20; non-local motorpower availability may be affected in the coming days. Other elevated measures introduced include quarantine of suspected cases, as well as school closures and restrictions on public gatherings in Thimphu, Para, and Punakha districts. Authorities had earlier mandated thermal scanning at all entry points, with health checks at land ports with India. Bhutan has advised its citizens against non-essential travel to countries with reported COVID-19 cases.

- **Bangladesh**: Indian officials have limited land border crossings with Bangladesh as of March 14; passenger trains and buses to Bangladesh will be suspended from March 15 until further notice. Bangladesh has also suspended flights to India due to suspension of visa issuance by Indian authorities through April 15. Enhanced health screenings are underway at other ports of entry, mainly airports and other land crossings between Bangladesh and India. Authorities have suspended on-arrival and electronic visa issuance for travelers from Iran, Italy, Japan, and South Korea. Similar restrictions are ongoing for travelers from mainland China, Hong Kong, Macau, and Taiwan since Feb. 3. In addition, officials are barring entry for passengers from Italy, South Korea, Japan, and Kuwait who do not have medical certificates indicating that they are not infected with COVID-19. Authorities are advising Bangladeshi citizens to avoid non-essential international travel, and for returning travelers to minimize participation in public gatherings for at least the first 14 days of their stay in Bangladesh.

- **Maldives**: Authorities have suspended direct flights to and from China since Jan. 30, and banned cruise ships from Maldivian waters from Feb. 28. Officials are also temporarily banning entry for all foreign travelers and crew arriving from Spain, South Korea, Bangladesh, Italy, mainland China, and Iran, as an origin or transit point. Restrictions also apply to passengers bound for Jeddah's ile-de-France and Grand Est, as well as Germany's Bavaria, North Rhine-Westphalia and Baden-Württemberg. Authorities may quarantine Maldivian citizens arriving from affected territories for at least 14 days. The Health Protection Agency has advised Maldivian citizens to exercise caution when traveling abroad; authorities are limiting extracurricular activities in schools and enforcing temporary movement and exit restrictions in tourist resorts with confirmed or suspected COVID-19 cases. Foreign tourists cannot check in to hotels and guesthouses in Greater Male effective 2359 March 15.

- **Nepal**: Nepal has temporarily suspended on-arrival and electronic visa issuance for all foreign nationals and non-resident Nepalese through April 30; traveler’s with an existing visa must contact their local Nepali diplomatic mission and submit results of a swab test conducted within 7 days of intended travel date. New applicants will also have to submit medical certification at consulates. Officials have advised Nepal citizens against non-essential international travel, and warned that they could be subject to quarantine upon return. The Kathmandu, Rasuwaagadhi, and Tatopani land border crossings remain closed indefinitely. Health checks are mandatory at all entry points, especially land crossings with India, though authorities’ effectiveness in enforcing checks remains unclear. Foreign nationals, except Indians, will have to enter only through the Tribhuvan International Airport (KTM). All travelers will be advised to self-quarantine for 14 days upon arrival; asymptomatic passengers may be subject to enhanced checks and mandatory quarantine. Himalaya Airlines (H9) suspended flight operations to and from China starting Feb. 7. The flight suspension will continue until at least March 28.

- **Pakistan**: Pakistani authorities will seal off all border crossings with Iran and Afghanistan from March 16 through at least March 30. All educational institutions will remain closed as a precaution through at least April 4. Authorities have indefinitely banned all flights to and from Iran. Additionally, authorities plan to restrict all international flights to just three airports - those serving Karachi (KHI), Islamabad (ISB), and Lahore (LHE), to allow for intensified health screening measures. Pakistan International Airlines (PK) has suspended flights to mainland China and Japan until at least March 15; additional disruptions are likely to disrupt air travel to other affected countries.

- **Sri Lanka**: Sri Lankan authorities will restrict travel from France, Austria, Sweden, Denmark, the Netherlands, Switzerland, Germany, and Spain from March 15 to at least March 29. Airlines have been instructed not to board passengers from the aforementioned countries, along with those from Italy, South Korea, and Iran, on flights to Sri Lanka. Foreign nationals who have visited the specified countries within the previous 14 days are similarly banned. Sri Lankan nationals returning from affected countries are required to undergo mandatory 14-day quarantines upon repatriation. Visas for citizens from European countries will be suspended for at least two weeks beginning March 13. Sri Lanka indefinitely suspended the issuance of on-arrival visas for foreign tourists, from March 11 to prevent the spread of COVID-19; authorities removed initial exemptions for citizens of Maldives, Singapore, and Seychelles March 15. Officials had already suspended on-arrival visas for Chinese nationals beginning Feb. 3; electronic visas will continue to be issued. Travelers from other affected countries may be subject to possible quarantine in addition to enhanced screening in the coming days. Officials have also banned the disembarkation of international cruise ship passengers.

Countries could expand their response in the coming days, particularly if the number of cases in-country increases. The measures lead to immigration delays and possible quarantine for at least 14 days, especially for passengers from countries with significant cases of COVID-19. Increased health screenings are likely to result in increased wait times at international airports and some land border crossings. Airlines serving and operating out of
impacted countries may suspend or curtail services due to precautionary measures, government restrictions, or low consumer demand.

Palestinian Territories 3/5/2020 22:55 Palestinian President Mahmoud Abbas declared a 30-day state of emergency March 5 throughout the Palestinian Territories. Authorities also announced a two-week ban on entry into the territories by tourists and have barred hotels throughout the West Bank from receiving foreigners. Educational institutions, places of worship, and holy sites, including Bethlehem's Church of Nativity, have closed. Authorities have also canceled major sporting events and other large gatherings. The measures follow the confirmation of at least seven cases of the coronavirus disease (COVID-19) by the Palestinian Authority Health Ministry, March 5.

The restrictions are due to concerns regarding the spread of COVID-19. The World Health Organization has declared the ongoing outbreak of the virus to be a global health emergency. COVID-19 originated in China’s Wuhan City in Hubei Province.

Panama 3/16/2020 6:08 Authorities in Panama will ban entry of foreign nationals and non-residents into the country, beginning 2359 March 16 in response to the spread of SARS-CoV-2, the virus that causes COVID-19. Panamanian nationals and residents returning to the country will be subject to mandatory self-quarantine for 14 days. Authorities also urged citizens to remain at home and announced the closure of commercial establishments, except pharmacies, gas stations, and supermarkets.

The officials may expand the warnings in the coming days.

Background and Analysis
COVID-19 is a viral respiratory disease. Symptoms occur 1-14 days following exposure (average of 3-7 days). These symptoms include fever, fatigue, cough, difficulty breathing, sometimes worsening to pneumonia and kidney failure - especially in those with underlying medical conditions. On March 11, the WHO declared the ongoing COVID-19 outbreak a pandemic.

Papua New Guinea 3/9/2020 7:52 Officials in Papua New Guinea continue to enforce travel restrictions and enhanced health screenings as of March 9 to limit the spread of novel coronavirus disease 2019 (COVID-19) into the country. Authorities continue to ban all passengers that traveled in or transited mainland China within 14 days of arrival; the measure applies to foreign nationals, Papua New Guinean citizens, and permanent residents. Affected passengers attempting to enter the country will have to spend 14 days in a third country before traveling to Papua New Guinea. Officials have halted all visas for mainland Chinese citizens and stopped issuing physical visas at the PNG Embassy in Beijing. Visa-on-arrival services remain suspended for travelers from other countries.
though foreign nationals can still obtain electronic visas before arriving in Papua New Guinea.

Authorities have intensified health screenings for inbound passengers. Officials at Port Moresby’s Jacksons International Airport (POM) and other ports of entry are using thermal scanners to monitor patients with possible symptoms. Immigration and customs officials also require health declarations and travel history information before allowing passengers into the country. As of March 9, the Wutung border crossing remains open; however, intermittent closures remain possible, particularly if Indonesian officials announce a spike in COVID-19 cases. Officials may deny entry, require self-quarantine, or quarantine arriving passengers that they suspect of having COVID-19, depending on the severity of the symptoms.

Although flights have resumed from many locations, national carrier Air Niugini (PX) and other airlines have reduced direct flights between POM and destinations in Asia. The flight reductions do not appear to significantly impact flights from Australia, which accounts for most international flight volume to the country.

Paraguay 3/15/2020 14:18 As of March 15, authorities in several countries in South America have implemented travel and other restrictions through at least late March as part of efforts to prevent the spread of coronavirus disease (COVID-19). The duration of the measures will likely depend on the course of the outbreak.

- Argentina: Travelers arriving from China, Iran, South Korea, Japan, Italy, France, Spain, Germany, Switzerland, Norway, Netherlands, Sweden, Denmark, UK, Belgium, Austria, Czech Republic, Iceland, Portugal, Finland, Slovenia, Ireland, Poland, and the US will be subject to a 14-day quarantine period. Temporarily, no new visas will be issued for residents of the most affected countries. Officials have canceled all flights from Europe, the US, South Korea, Japan, China, and Iran through at least mid-April.

- Bolivia: Officials temporarily ban entry for all travelers from China, Italy, South Korea, and Spain. Authorities canceled all flights to and from Europe starting March 14.

- Brazil: Authorities advise all travelers from abroad to remain in quarantine for seven days from the time they enter Brazil, even if they are asymptomatic. Symptomatic travelers must self-isolate for 14 days.

- Chile: Persons arriving from China, France, Germany, Italy, Iran, Japan, South Korea, and Spain will be subject to a 14-day quarantine period.

- Colombia: Officials temporarily ban entry for all foreign travelers arriving from Asia and Europe starting March 16. Authorities have closed border crossings with Venezuela and increased controls at the border with Ecuador.

- Ecuador: Officials temporarily suspend all international air arrivals from March 15. A temporary entry ban is in place for all foreign nationals traveling by air, land, and sea transportation from March 16 until further notice.

- Guyana: Travelers arriving from Jamaica, Dominican Republic, Brazil, French Guiana, Panama, St. Vincent and the Grenadines, US, China, Italy, South Korea, Singapore, Japan, Thailand, Malaysia, or Iran will be subject to additional screenings and may be subject to quarantine.

- Paraguay: Authorities have suspended the issuance of new visas for Chinese passport holders. Officials have canceled all flights from Europe through March 26.

- Peru: Officials suspend all flights to and from Europe and Asia from March 16 for a period of 30 days.

- Suriname: Officials suspend all inbound and outbound international flights at Johan Adolf Pengel International Airport (JAP) through March 21.

- Uruguay: Persons arriving from China, France, Germany, Italy, Iran, Japan, Singapore, South Korea, and Spain will be subject to a 14-day quarantine period.

- Venezuela: Authorities have canceled all flights arriving from Europe and Colombia.

Countries could expand travel restrictions in the coming days, particularly if the number of confirmed cases of COVID-19 increases. Officials in most countries have also announced additional measures to combat the spread of the virus, including a ban on mass gatherings, and temporarily canceling in-person classes at schools and universities. Several private businesses and public offices are allowing employees to work remotely. Health screenings in airports have also increased.

Background and Analysis

The measures taken by the South American governments correspond with similar actions taken by other governments globally in recent days in response...
to the spread of coronavirus disease (COVID-19). COVID-19 is a viral respiratory disease caused by infection with the SARS-CoV-2 virus (previously known as 2019-nCoV). Symptoms occur 1-14 days following exposure (average of 3-7 days). These symptoms include fever, fatigue, cough, difficulty breathing, sometimes worsening to pneumonia and kidney failure - especially in those with underlying medical conditions. On March 11, the WHO declared the ongoing COVID-19 outbreak a pandemic.

Peru 3/16/2020 3:43
President Martin Vizcarra decreed a 15-day state of emergency beginning March 16 in response to the spread of SARS-CoV-2, the virus that causes COVID-19, in Peru. Under the state of emergency, people may only leave their homes to produce or receive essential goods such as food, pharmaceuticals, and fuel, to get cash from banks, or to provide critical financial, healthcare or childcare services. The decree also closes the borders of Peru to all passenger traffic and suspends all international passenger flights to the country. Shipments of cargo are not affected by the decree.

The decree further allows the police and armed forces to take responsibility for the distribution of essential goods and authorizes officials to examine people for symptoms of COVID-19.

Background and Analysis
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Philippines 3/14/2020 13:18
The Philippine government has announced that all inbound and outbound movement, including land, domestic air, and maritime transport, will be restricted in Metro Manila, March 15-April 14; however, these measures could be extended to other regions in the coming days as in-country cases increase. The measures are aimed at controlling the spread of coronavirus disease (COVID-19) after the government announced a Code Red Sublevel 2 alert level for the virus. The order applies to all 16 cities in the Metro Manila region and the municipality of Pateros. The restrictions include:

Travel
Authorities will suspend movement to and from Metro Manila, from March 15. Officials will only allow transit of health and civil workers, those with emergency medical or humanitarian needs, as well as those with valid proof of employment or business operation in Metro Manila, or proof of flight bookings via airports such as the Ninoy Aquino International Airport (MNL) within 12 hours. The restrictions will mainly curtail domestic flight services; public transport services within Metro Manila will remain operational.
Earlier, the Philippines announced a ban on entry to international travelers from countries with confirmed community spread of COVID-19. The measures do not apply to Philippine citizens, their dependents, and foreign nationals with permanent residency. Officials have also instructed Philippine citizens to postpone non-essential travel to affected countries. International flight disruptions are highly likely due to decreased demand.

Several city-specific movement restrictions continue in other parts of the Philippines as of March 14. Local authorities in Quezon Province's Cagbalete Island have barred both domestic and foreign tourists from entering the island through at least March 23. Reports indicate that officials in several cities, such as Kibungan, Benguet Province, and Babbalan and Tinglayan, Kalinga Province, have also restricted tourist entry due to COVID-19 concerns; it is unclear whether the measures apply to Philippine nationals. Further domestic and international movement restrictions are possible in additional areas in the Philippines in the coming days and weeks.

Commercial

Authorities in Metro Manila have banned large gatherings and shut schools through at least April 12. Officials are encouraging work-from-home and flexible shift arrangements. However, authorities have assured all cargo transit and business operations, except in shopping malls, will remain normal. Workers with valid proof of employment or business commitments in Metro Manila can also transit in and out of the region. Limited business and supply chain disruptions in Metro Manila and adjacent areas, are still possible due to worker absenteeism and voluntary shutdown of small businesses.

Security

Authorities will impose a daily curfew in the Metro Manila region, 0800-1700 March 15-April 15. Officials are advising residents to only travel out of homes for emergency and essential work, business, and shopping purposes. Officials plan to deploy additional security personnel to enforce movement controls in Metro Manila; health screening and document checking will be carried out at checkpoints. Localized incidents of panic buying and civil unrest are possible.

Additional cities and provinces in the Philippines are likely to impose business restrictions and increase security measures in the coming days and possibly weeks.

- Albania: Authorities will close land borders from 0001 March 16 until further notice; they also closed maritime borders to all nationals. Officials have canceled ferry services between Albania and Greece and Italy. The transportation (land and maritime) of goods continues. Airports are reporting disruptions on flights. Officials have canceled connections to Greece and Italy. Direct flights to the UK continue, but with disruptions. Persons traveling via Tirana International Airport Nene Tereza (TIA) need special clearance from authorities before departing for the airport. Authorities closed businesses, state offices (except essential services), parks, museums, cinemas, and schools through April 3. Pharmacies and groceries will remain open. Authorities have ordered a 14-day self-quarantine for anyone who has entered Albania from Italy and Greece after March 1. Persons ignoring the directive will receive fines. Restrictions on nationals from other high-risk locations are also likely to be included in the quarantine measure. There are widespread restrictions on inter- and intra-city travel nationwide. Officials may amend health and travel measures in the coming weeks in response to government threat assessments.

- Armenia: Authorities have suspended visa-free travel for Chinese nationals. All land borders with Iran have been closed until March 24. Scheduled flights to and from Iran have been suspended, with the exception of those allowing Armenian and Iranian citizens to return to their home countries. Enhanced health screenings are underway at all points of entry.

- Austria: Authorities have suspended flights from China, Iran, South Korea, Italy, Switzerland, France, and Spain. Border controls will be introduced on the Swiss and Liechtenstein borders; the Vorarlberg crossing with Germany will remain open. Authorities have temporarily banned entry to persons traveling from Italy; the measure will not apply to travelers in possession of a health certificate declaring them to be free of the virus; non-stop transit through Austria is unaffected. Restaurants and bars will close daily at 1500 from March 16.

- Azerbaijan: All flights between Baku and Tehran have been suspended, and flights to mainland China could face disruptions. Enhanced health screenings are underway at all points of entry. Authorities have suspended visa-free travel for Chinese nationals. The closure of all of the country's border crossings with Iran, which went into effect on Feb. 29, has been extended for additional two weeks through March 28; further extensions are possible. Disruptions to flights connecting with Turkey, as well as along the Turkish border in Naxcivan, are possible at short notice.
addition, authorities have advised against indoor gatherings of over 100 people, and outdoor gatherings of over 500 people. (outdoors) are banned. Health screenings are in place at ports of entry. Gatherings of more than 100 people (indoors) and 500 people close from March 16.

- Cyprus: Travelers who have visited the Hubei region of China or Iran, Italy, or South Korea in the last 14 days are required to enter quarantine. Travelers who have visited other regions of China, or Japan, Hong Kong, France, Germany, the Achaia, Ilia and Zanychos regions of Greece, Spain, or the UK in the last 14 days are requested to self-isolate. The Ledra Street, Astromeritis, Lefka, Dherynia, Kato Pyrgos, and Strovilia border crossings with Turkish-administered Northern Cyprus are currently closed.

- Czech Republic: Officials have announced a 30-day nationwide state of emergency March 12. The measures include a temporary entry ban on most foreigners, as well as a ban on citizens leaving the country, from 0001 March 16. Some cross-border workers, as well as foreign nationals with Czech residency, will not be affected. Officials are maintaining border controls at the land borders with Austria and Germany, with access allowed only at designated points until further notice. The border with Slovakia is temporarily closed. Authorities will ban public transport vehicles with more than nine seats from entering the country. In addition, the state of emergency includes a ban on gatherings of more than 30 people and the closure of public facilities, including sports centers and educational establishments, as well as restrictions on restaurants.

- Denmark: Authorities in Denmark close air, land, and sea borders from 1200 March 14. The closure is in place through April 13; officials will ban all non-nationals from entry. Persons wishing to leave will be allowed to do so. The rule does not apply to Danish passport holders, EU citizens holding a Danish social security card, and third-country nationals carrying a Danish residency permit. Authorities will make exceptions for foreign nationals in some emergencies, such as attending a medical visit or persons in transit with onward travel documentation. The restriction does not apply to the movement of goods and will not impact supply chains. Authorities have suspended cruise ship travel. All kindergartens, schools, and universities will be closed from March 13. In addition, authorities have banned all gatherings of more than 100 people through at least March 31.

- Estonia: Officials will reintroduce border controls from March 17. The new measures will bar foreign nationals from entering the country. Estonians, persons with resident permits, and foreigners with family members in Estonia are exempt. Foreigners may transit Estonia if they do not show symptoms of COVID-19. There are no restrictions on leaving Estonia. The transport of goods will continue as per normal. The border control end date is not available as yet, and officials will review measures every two weeks. Authorities declared an emergency situation March 12-May 1. Officials have banned all public gatherings. Education authorities have established distance learning schools. Health screenings are in place at borders. Authorities have closed cultural institutions. Persons arriving from high-risk locations must self-quarantine for 14 days. Travel to and from Estonia's Western Islands is limited to residents. Authorities have suspended the Tallinn-Stockholm ferry.

- France: Gatherings of more than 100 people have been banned. Schools and universities throughout the country will be closed for 15 days from March 16. Cafes, restaurants, shops, and movie theaters will be closed starting at 0001 March 14 until further notice.

- Georgia: Authorities have suspended travel to Iran and Italy. Land borders are closed to Iranian goods and vehicles. Enhanced health screening is occurring at ports of entry. Flights to and from China remain suspended until at least March 29. Foreign travelers who have been in Iran in the past 14 days or China in the past 21 days will be denied entry. Authorities may quarantine Georgian residents arriving from these countries for at least 14 days.

- Germany: Schools in the states of Bavaria and Saarland are closed until the end of the Easter holidays in late April. Schools in Berlin will begin to close from March 16.

- Greece: Authorities have suspended all flights, excluding freight, with Italy through at least March 29. Large public gatherings, including conferences, have been prohibited until April 5. Educational facilities and most commercial establishments nationwide are closed through at least March 23.

- Hungary: Nationals and travelers, excluding Hungarians and European Economic Area permanent residents, from China, Italy, Iran, Israel, and South Korea, are barred from entry. Persons entering from these areas will be requested to enter quarantine for 14 days. All flights, buses, and trains from the aforementioned states are banned. Health screenings are in place at ports of entry. Gatherings of more than 100 people (indoors) and 500 people (outdoors) are banned.

- Ireland: As of March 12, officials in Ireland have ordered the closures of all universities, schools, and childcare facilities until at least March 29. In addition, authorities have advised against indoor gatherings of over 100 people, and outdoor gatherings of over 500 people.

- Italy*: All flights to and from China and Iran remain suspended indefinitely.
- Kosovo: Authorities in Kosovo have taken several measures to curb the spread of coronavirus disease (COVID-19), as of March 14. All flights to Pristina International Airport (PRN) will be suspended from March 16. All medical and military flights are exempt. It is not clear if some limited departure flights will still proceed; however, it is likely that departure flights will be subject to disruptions. The period of the suspension is unclear. Land borders will be closed to all travelers except Kosovo citizens, again from March 16. Citizens entering the country will be required to self-quarantine for 14 days. The government reportedly plans to suspend all inter-city public transport. It is not clear if this order has already been enforced. Citizens of the Klina and Vitina municipalities have been restricted from moving to and from these areas. The government has ordered the nationwide closure of cafes, bars, and shopping centers. All restrictions are subject to amendment at short notice in response to government reviews.

- Latvia: Authorities will suspend international travel via land, sea, and air from March 17. The prohibition does not apply to the transport of goods. Latvian nationals and permanent residents will still be able to enter the country. Restrictions do not impact leaving the country; however, disruptions on cross-border/international travel are highly likely given ongoing health screenings. A State of Emergency was declared March 12-April 14. Public gatherings are prohibited. The prohibition extends to political gatherings, recreational events, and cultural occasions. Educational facilities are required to provide training remotely.

- Lithuania: From 0001 March 16-March 30, officials will implement land border controls. Authorities will prohibit foreign nationals from entering the country; they will make exceptions for drivers and crews of goods transport vehicles, permanent residents, and NATO members and families. Persons planning to transit via Lithuania can do so until March 19. Lithuanian nationals will not be able to travel outside of the country without official authorization. Authorities are limiting inter- and intra-city transport and prohibiting cruise ships from docking at Klaipeda. Officials will suspend flights from Italy to Lithuania March 16; they had suspended flights from Lithuania to Italy March 13. Further flight restrictions and disruptions for departure and arrival are likely in the coming days. State workers are required to work remotely. Authorities are enforcing restrictions on education, entertainment, sports, cultural and leisure venues.

- Malta: As of March 13, all travelers entering Malta must observe a 14-day quarantine. Persons who do not observe the quarantine may receive fines. Air travel restrictions are also in place. Officials halted air and sea passenger travel between Malta and France, Germany, Spain, and Switzerland at 2359 March 11.

- Montenegro: As of March 14, multiple border crossings with Bosnia and Herzegovina, Albania, Croatia, and Serbia are closed. The duration of the closures is unclear. It is also not clear if all crossings are closed. Cruise ships are prohibited from docking at Montenegro’s Adriatic ports through April 2. The government has implemented restrictions on public gatherings and closed educational facilities for 15 days from March 16. Officials will impose quarantine measures for travelers from Japan, France, Germany, Switzerland, Denmark, Slovenia, and Austria.

- Netherlands: Authorities in the Netherlands banned all flights from China, Hong Kong, Iran, Italy, and South Korea beginning 1800 March 13 to prevent the spread of coronavirus disease (COVID-19). The flight ban and related disruptions will continue through at least March 27. Authorities may implement further flight restrictions and amend current restrictions in response to developments over the coming days. Authorities have also banned events of more than 100 people March 12-31.

- North Macedonia: Foreign nationals traveling from medium- and high-risk areas, including the UK and Greece, may not enter North Macedonia as of March 14. The locations are those determined by WHO data. Exceptions are available for persons acquiring a certificate from the Ministry of Health. Anyone who has arrived from a medium- or high-risk area must observe a 14-day self-isolation. Land border crossings are closed expect for Tabanovce (Serbia), Deve Bair (Bulgaria), Kafasan (Albania), Bogorodica (Greece), and Blace (Kosovo). Officials will close Ohrid St. Paul the Apostle Airport (OHD) from March 16. Skopje International Airport (SKP) remains operational. Authorities have also imposed entry and exit restrictions on several areas in the country, including the Debar and Centar Zhupa municipalities. Multiple public areas, including cafes, bars, and shopping centers are closed. Grocery stores remain open. Schools are closed through March. Public gatherings of over 1,000 people are prohibited.

- Norway: Norwegian officials announced March 14 that they would close the country’s sea and air ports starting at 0800 March 16. Authorities have closed all kindergartens, schools, and universities indefinitely from March 12. In addition, authorities have been requiring since Feb. 27 that all travelers arriving in Norway from anywhere other than Scandinavia self-quarantine for 14 days. Authorities will also close sports, leisure, and entertainment venues throughout the country.

- Poland: Authorities implement a temporary travel ban for foreigners and suspension of international passenger air and rail transport March 15 through March 24. There is a ban on gatherings of more than 50 people, and a partial closure of shopping malls and educational facilities nationwide through March 25. Educational facilities nationwide will be closed March 16-25.

- Portugal: All passenger flights to and from Italy are suspended until March 24. All schools will close indefinitely from March 16. Public places in several locations, particularly in Porto District, have been closed.

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- Montenegro: As of March 14, multiple border crossings with Bosnia and Herzegovina, Albania, Croatia, and Serbia are closed. The duration of the closures is unclear. It is also not clear if all crossings are closed. Cruise ships are prohibited from docking at Montenegro’s Adriatic ports through April 2. The government has implemented restrictions on public gatherings and closed educational facilities for 15 days from March 16. Officials will impose quarantine measures for travelers from Japan, France, Germany, Switzerland, Denmark, Slovenia, and Austria.

- Netherlands: Authorities in the Netherlands banned all flights from China, Hong Kong, Iran, Italy, and South Korea beginning 1800 March 13 to prevent the spread of coronavirus disease (COVID-19). The flight ban and related disruptions will continue through at least March 27. Authorities may implement further flight restrictions and amend current restrictions in response to developments over the coming days. Authorities have also banned events of more than 100 people March 12-31.

- North Macedonia: Foreign nationals traveling from medium- and high-risk areas, including the UK and Greece, may not enter North Macedonia as of March 14. The locations are those determined by WHO data. Exceptions are available for persons acquiring a certificate from the Ministry of Health. Anyone who has arrived from a medium- or high-risk area must observe a 14-day self-isolation. Land border crossings are closed except for Tabanovce (Serbia), Deve Bair (Bulgaria), Kafasan (Albania), Bogorodica (Greece), and Blace (Kosovo). Officials will close Ohrid St. Paul the Apostle Airport (OHD) from March 16. Skopje International Airport (SKP) remains operational. Authorities have also imposed entry and exit restrictions on several areas in the country, including the Debar and Centar Zhupa municipalities. Multiple public areas, including cafes, bars, and shopping centers are closed. Grocery stores remain open. Schools are closed through March. Public gatherings of over 1,000 people are prohibited.

- Norway: Norwegian officials announced March 14 that they would close the country’s sea and air ports starting at 0800 March 16. Authorities have closed all kindergartens, schools, and universities indefinitely from March 12. In addition, authorities have been requiring since Feb. 27 that all travelers arriving in Norway from anywhere other than Scandinavia self-quarantine for 14 days. Authorities will also close sports, leisure, and entertainment venues throughout the country.

- Poland: Authorities implement a temporary travel ban for foreigners and suspension of international passenger air and rail transport March 15 through March 24. There is a ban on gatherings of more than 50 people, and a partial closure of shopping malls and educational facilities nationwide through March 25. Educational facilities nationwide will be closed March 16-25.

- Portugal: All passenger flights to and from Italy are suspended until March 24. All schools will close indefinitely from March 16. Public places in several locations, particularly in Porto District, have been closed.

- Romania: Educational facilities have closed nationwide March 11 until at least March 22. Flights and overland public transport connecting with northern Italy have been suspended until March 31. Travelers arriving from China, Iran, South Korea, or the Italian regions of Lombardy, Veneto, and Emilia Romagna, are required to self-isolate for 14 days. Travelers who have visited certain designated outbreak hot spots in China, Italy, or South Korea could be placed into institutional quarantine. Authorities have banned public gatherings of more than 1,000 people.

- Serbia: Authorities have closed secondary border crossing points to allow officials to better screen travelers.

- Slovenia: Authorities announced that the country’s border with Italy will partially close by March 16. The following border crossings will remain open subject to heightened health screenings: Ratece border crossing, Robic-Stupizza border crossing, Gorizia-Vrtojba border crossing, Fernetti-Sezana border crossing, Kozina border crossing, Skofije border crossing. Authorities have also introduced restrictions on public gatherings of more than 500 people.

- Slovakia: Authorities have ordered the closures of all airports in the country for passenger travel from March 13; freight and private planes will not be affected. Authorities have also suspended all visits to the country by non-residents: all Slovak citizens returning from abroad will be subject to a 14-day quarantine. It remains unclear how long these measures will remain in effect. Authorities will also close all school and universities for 14 days starting March 16. Authorities also plan to close sports, leisure, and entertainment venues, and will close all shopping centers the weekend of March 14.

- Spain**: Spanish authorities announced on March 14 that they would impose a nationwide lockdown on the entire country from March 15 to last through at least March 29. All flights from Italy are suspended until March 25. Authorities in Madrid, the Basque Country, La Rioja, and Castilla y León have closed schools and public establishments, and have prohibited public gatherings of more than 1,000 people.

- Sweden: No mandatory preventative measures or restrictions are in place.

- Switzerland: Flights to and from mainland China remain suspended until March 28, and reduced flights are operating to and from Italy; in particular, flights connecting with northern Italy are suspended. Authorities have banned all gatherings of more than 1,000 participants, including demonstrations, public events, and major sporting events, until at least March 15. Some cities, including Bern, have banned smaller public gatherings.

- Spain: Authorities have closed schools in Madrid and the Basque Country. Public gatherings of more than 1,000 people in Catalonia are currently prohibited.

- Turkey: Turkish officials announced March 14 that they would temporarily suspend all air and land travel to and from Azerbaijan. The restriction does not include cargo shipments. Authorities announced March 12 that schools and universities nationwide would close for at least 21 days from March 16.
Public gatherings, including sporting events, are likely to be prohibited; sports matches will reportedly proceed, though fans will not be permitted to attend.

- **UK**: Authorities request that all travelers who have visited Hubei Province, China, in the last 14 days, as well as travelers who have returned from Iran since Feb. 19 and from Italy since March 9, remain indoors and minimize contact with other people. Travelers who have returned from elsewhere in China and South Korea, as well as from Hong Kong, Japan, Macau, Malaysia, Singapore, Taiwan, and Thailand, in the last 14 days and have possible COVID-19 symptoms should also self-isolate immediately. This guidance also applies to travelers with possible symptoms who have returned from elsewhere in northern Italy, Cambodia, Laos, Myanmar, or Vietnam since Feb. 19.

- **Ukraine**: Authorities implement temporary entry ban for foreign nationals traveling by rail, road, and air, and close all land passenger border crossings from 0001 March 16-March 30. All regular international air traffic has been suspended from March 17; the exact duration of the closure is unknown. Public places nationwide, including educational establishments, conference centers, cinemas, and other entertainment venues, are closed until at least March 31.

*Local movement restrictions in Italy are detailed in a separate WorldAware alert titled "Italy - Travel Restrictions - Nationwide."

**Local movement restrictions in Spain's Catalonia region are detailed in a separate WorldAware alert titled "Spain - Travel Restrictions - Catalonia".*

Panic buying of essential goods, particularly hygiene products, has been reported in many locations and has led to temporary shortages. Such shortages are likely to be quickly resolved. School closures will probably result in increased absenteeism among employees who are the parents or guardians of school-aged children. In addition, increasing numbers of workers will likely work from home in the coming weeks as a routine health precaution and due to voluntary self-isolation.

Governments could expand their responses in the coming weeks, particularly if COVID-19 activity increases in-country. The measures are unlikely to impact most travelers but may lead to immigration delays, especially for passengers from mainland China and other countries with significant numbers of COVID-19 cases.

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Russian authorities announced that they would deny entry to Polish and Norwegian citizens via land borders starting at 2359 March 14. The measure is intended to stem the spread of the coronavirus disease (COVID-19). The entry restriction applies to all foreigners who are passing through the border points for the purposes of tourism, school, and business. Citizens of Belarus and officials delegations are exempt from the measure.

On March 7, the Russian Department of Health stated that all travelers, regardless of nationality, were required to self-isolate at their accommodation for 14 days if they arrived from China, South Korea, Italy, Iran, France, Germany, and Spain. Travelers - including transit passengers - staying for less than 14 days will be permitted to leave, though they will be required to spend the full term of their stay in their accommodation. It is unclear to what degree this order will be enforced, though people found in violation could face severe legal penalties.

The restriction was also in effect for travelers arriving from Switzerland, the UK, and the US March 6, though it appears to have been lifted as of March 7. These countries - as well as other locations impacted by the COVID-19 - could again be included in the restriction at short notice. The Department of Health advises that travelers confirm the status of the restrictions before traveling to the country.

The Ministry of Transport has suspended the rail route connecting Moscow to Nice, France, via Italy; further reduced rail services to Western Europe are possible. All land borders with China and Mongolia remain closed until at least April 1. Flights to and from China and Iran have been suspended indefinitely. Indefinite suspension of flights with South Korea entered into effect March 1, with the exception of Aeroflot (SU) and Korean Air (KE) flights between Moscow and Seoul, which will continue to operate. Non-Russian residents of China, Hong Kong, and Iran are not currently allowed entry into Russia.

In addition, Russia has suspended issuing visas in Iran and began restricting travel through the Iranian border from March 7. Entry will be prohibited with the exception of aircrew, official and diplomatic delegations, permanent residents of Russia, and the Eurasian Economic Union.

The Mayor of Moscow issued a decree March 10, prohibiting mass events with participation exceeding 5,000 people until April 10. This will likely mean that no demonstrations are possible until April 10.

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have confirmed at least 59 cases of COVID-19 in Russia.

Rwanda 3/14/2020 21:39 Rwandan authorities have instituted a series of preventive measures, March 14, after the country registered its first confirmed case of the coronavirus disease (COVID-19). Authorities have closed private and public schools, institutions of higher education, and places of worship from March 15 for a period of two weeks. Authorities have also asked the public to postpone and avoid cultural, social, and sporting events. The restrictions are intended to stem the spread of the COVID-19.

RwandaAir (WB), which had already suspended all direct flights to China, has stated that it will suspend all flights to India until April 30.

Additional preventive measures and travel restrictions remain likely in the coming days and weeks. The WHO has declared the ongoing outbreak of the virus to be a pandemic. COVID-19 originated in China's city of Wuhan in Hubei Province.

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Saudi officials imposed a temporary ban, March 12, on the Kingdom's citizens and residents from traveling to Djibouti, Eritrea, Ethiopia, countries in the European Union, India, Kenya, Pakistan, the Philippines, Somalia, South Sudan, Sri Lanka, Sudan, and Switzerland. The ban follows an earlier suspension, March 9, on land and sea travel to and from France, Germany, Oman, Spain, and Turkey for their citizens and residents.

Saudi officials previously barred their citizens and residents from travel to Bahrain, Egypt, Iraq, Italy, Kuwait, Lebanon, South Korea, Syria, and the United Arab Emirates (UAE). The temporary restrictions will also prevent anyone who has visited the nine countries in the past 14 days from entering Saudi Arabia. Saudi authorities have also suspended all flights and naval trips, except for evacuation and commercial trade, to and from the nine countries.

Saudi authorities announced March 3 that they are barring citizens and residents of other Gulf Cooperation Council (GCC) nations from entering the kingdom for 14 days; however, the measure applies solely to those who have traveled outside the region in the previous two weeks. At the end of the 14 days, Saudi officials will deny travelers from GCC nations from entering the kingdom if they are showing symptoms of COVID-19. Saudi nationals arriving from other GCC countries must inform authorities if they have traveled outside the region in the preceding 14 days.

Previous restrictions on GCC states, including the suspension of using national identity cards instead of passports and the prohibition of GCC citizens traveling to Mecca and Medina, remain in place. Umrah visas for non-GCC nationals seeking travel to Mecca or Medina also remain suspended. Tourist visas for foreign nationals from countries with a high number of COVID-19 cases remain suspended.

Additionally, authorities have reportedly imposed a temporary lockdown on Qatif Governorate, March 8. Authorities have also halted work at all public and private institutions in the governorate out of an abundance of caution. The kingdom has also shut down universities and religious schools nationwide. Leisure attraction sites - such as the Riyadh Boulevard and Winter Wonderland in the country's capital - have also been closed. There are 86 cases of the COVID-19 in the Kingdom as of March 13.

Background and Analysis
The travel restrictions come amid the ongoing outbreak of COVID-19, which originated in China's Wuhan City in Hubei Province. The purpose of the
Serbian authorities declared a state of emergency March 15 effective immediately. All businesses except grocery stores and pharmacies will be closed. It is unclear how long the measure, which is intended to stem the spread of the coronavirus disease (COVID-19), will remain in effect.

The measure, impacting around 7 million people, comes after health officials registered at least 46 confirmed cases of COVID-19. Health officials are also urging residents to remain indoors. Other measures include:

- Ban on unnecessary travel
- Suspension of demonstrations or gatherings of any type, and of public or private events of any type (including cultural, sporting, recreational, or religious events).
- Closure of gyms
- Closure of museums and other cultural sites.
- Closure of all schools at all levels and suspension of classes and school activities, including professional and university courses, except distance learning classes and medical or healthcare training.

Authorities could possibly include additional requirements and restrictions based on disease activity throughout the country.

Background and Analysis
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Singapore 3/16/2020 2:27

Singaporean authorities further intensified screening measures and quarantine measures for travelers entering the country to stem the spread of coronavirus disease (COVID-19). From March 17, officials will issue a 14-day Stay-Home Notice (SHN) for all travelers - including Singaporean citizens and long-term residents - if they traveled to Brunei, Cambodia, Indonesia, Laos, Malaysia (land and maritime crossings excepted), Myanmar, the Philippines, Thailand, Vietnam, Japan, Switzerland, and the UK within 14 days of arrival. Nationals of the affected Southeast Asian countries on short-term travel will need to provide health information to their local Singaporean diplomatic mission to receive approval to travel to Singapore. Immigration staff will check incoming passengers from these countries and deny entry for anyone without proper documentation. Authorities will also require passengers to provide their address or proof of accommodation during the self-quarantine period. The measure will not impact travelers transiting Singapore Changi Airport (SIN).

Singapore is maintaining entry bans for foreign nationals who have traveled to France, Germany, Italy, Spain, South Korea, Iran, and mainland China within 14 days of arrival as of March 16. Authorities will also issue an SHN for Singaporean citizens, permanent residents, and long-term pass holders re-entering from banned locations. Residents returning from Hubei Province, China, will undergo compulsory quarantine at government facilities. Authorities may expand travel restrictions further in the coming weeks. The duration of the measures will likely depend on the course of the outbreak in various countries.

Officials continue to conduct enhanced health screenings, including temperature measurements, for incoming travelers at all points of entry. Authorities require passengers showing COVID-19 symptoms to undergo a swab test upon arrival in Singapore and will transfer travelers who meet the clinical suspect case definition to hospitals for further checks. Officials will issue a 14-day SHN for symptomatic passengers, regardless of the swab test result. Passengers from Southeast Asian countries or countries with entry restrictions could also face swab tests, even if asymptomatic.

Authorities are maintaining the Disease Outbreak Response System Condition (DORSCON) level at orange, the second-highest level, as of March 16. Under the DORSCON orange level, authorities have limited access to some facilities, such as schools, and canceled inter-school activities. Officials are also implementing temperature checks and controlling entry points at hospitals. However, the government has announced several social-distancing restrictions. Authorities have ordered organizers of ticketed cultural, sports, and entertainment events with 250 participants or more to defer or cancel the gatherings. For events that have already sold tickets, officials will require organizers to show that they have taken sufficient precautionary measures before proceeding. The government has also advised private and religious organizations to implement several restrictions, including reducing the size of events to below 250 people. Officials have also asked companies to consider implementing more safeguards, including seat spacing in offices, alternative commute times, and telecommuting options.

Singapore has advised residents to avoid all nonessential travel as of March 15. Iraq and Israel continue to restrict entry for foreign nationals with recent visits to Singapore. Several countries, including India, Indonesia, Kuwait, Qatar, South Korea, and Thailand, have advised their citizens to avoid nonessential travel to Singapore due to ongoing COVID-19 activity within the country. Additional foreign governments may update their warnings and could restrict travel from Singapore in the coming weeks.
trade is prohibited. Salvadorans arriving from abroad are subject to a 30-day quarantine period except those arriving through land ports or entry on the border with Guatemala.

- Grenada: Officials will deny entry to foreign travelers arriving from Italy, Iran, South Korea, China, and Germany. Grenada citizens or residents will be ordered to quarantine for 14 days after arriving from those countries.

- Guatemala: Restricted entry for nonresidents arriving from China, Iran, South Korea, and Europe, as well as from the US and Canada from March 16.

- Haiti: People arriving from China, France, Germany, Iran, Italy, or South Korea within 14 days are prohibited from entry.

- Honduras: Citizens and foreigners traveling from China, Iran, Italy, Spain, France, Germany, Japan, and South Korea, will be ordered to quarantine for 14 days.

- Jamaica: Restricted entry for nonresidents who have traveled in China, France, Germany, Iran, Italy, Singapore, South Korea, and Spain within 15 days before their arrival. Residents of Jamaica who have been in mainland China recently will be subject to immediate quarantine for a maximum of 14 days.

- Panama: Suspension of all flights from Europe and Asia until further notice.

- Saint Kitts and Nevis: Nonresidents who have traveled to China, Singapore, South Korea, Italy, Japan, and Iran within 14 days before their arrival are advised not to travel to Saint Kitts and Nevis; they will be required to quarantine if they do.

- Saint Lucia: Restricted entry for nonresidents who have traveled in mainland China, Hong Kong, South Korea, Italy, and Singapore, within 14 days before their arrival. Residents of Saint Lucia who have been in any of those areas within 14 days will be subject to immediate quarantine of 14 days.

- Saint Vincent and the Grenadines: Officials will require travelers who have recently been to China (including Hong Kong), South Korea, Italy, Singapore, Japan, and Iran to quarantine for 14-days once since their arrival.

- Sint-Maarten: Officials will deny entry to any foreign traveler who in the previous 21 days has been in China (including Hong Kong and Macaco), Iran, Italy, Japan, South Korea, and Singapore. The measure does not apply to citizens of Netherlands, or local residents.

- Trinidad and Tobago: Restricted entry for nonresidents who have traveled in mainland China, Iran, Italy, Japan, or Singapore within 14 days before their arrival.

- Turks and Caicos: Officials will not allow travelers coming from China, Iran, South Korea, Italy, Singapore, and Japan to enter the country.

Countries could expand travel restrictions in the coming days, particularly if the number of COVID-19 confirmed cases increases. Officials in most countries have also announced additional measures to combat the spread of the infection, including a ban on mass gatherings, and temporarily cancelling in-person classes in schools and universities. Multiple private businesses and public offices are allowing employees to work remotely. Health screenings in airports have also increased.

Background and Analysis
The measures taken by these governments correspond with similar actions taken by other governments globally in recent days in response to the spread of coronavirus disease (COVID-19). COVID-19 is a viral respiratory disease caused by infection with the SARS-CoV-2 virus (previously known as 2019-nCoV). Symptoms occur 1-14 days following exposure (average of 3-7 days). These symptoms include fever, fatigue, cough, difficulty breathing, sometimes worsening to pneumonia and kidney failure - especially in those with underlying medical conditions. On March 11, the WHO declared the ongoing COVID-19 outbreak a pandemic.
- Austria: Authorities have suspended flights from China, Iran, South Korea, Italy, Switzerland, France, and Spain. Border controls will be introduced on the Swiss and Liechtenstein borders; the Vorarlberg crossing with Germany will remain open. Authorities have temporarily barred entry to persons traveling from Italy; the measure will not apply to travelers in possession of a health certificate declaring them to be free of the virus; non-stop transit through Austria is unaffected. Restaurants and bars will close daily at 1500 from March 16.

- Azerbaijan: All flights between Baku and Tehran have been suspended, and flights to mainland China could face disruptions. Enhanced health screening is in operation at ports of entry. Authorities have suspended visa-free travel for Chinese nationals. The closure of all of the country's border crossings with Iran, which went into effect on Feb. 29, has been extended for an additional two weeks through March 28; further extensions are possible. Disruptions to flights connecting with Turkey and as well as along the Turkish border in Naxcivan, are possible at short notice.

- Belgium: Educational facilities will remain closed until the end of the Easter holidays in late April. Bars and restaurants, with the exception of takeaways, are currently closed. All public gatherings have been banned. Public transport services continue to operate.

- Bosnia and Herzegovina: Foreign nationals traveling from Italy, Iran, South Korea, and the province of Hubei in China are forbidding from entry. Travelers from Germany, France, and Spain are requested to self-isolate for 14 days upon arrival. From March 16, all travelers entering the country will be required to self-isolate for 14 days.

- Croatia: Authorities have imposed a mandatory 14-day quarantine measure for all foreign nationals arriving from the Hubei region of China, Heinsburg County in North Rhine-Westphalia of Germany, Iran, Italy, and Cheongdo County and Daegu in South Korea; individuals will stay at a government facility during the quarantine period. Additionally, a 14-day self-quarantine measure is required for all travelers arriving from Austria, Bahrain, mainland China other than Hubei, France, Germany other than Heinsburg, Hong Kong, Japan, Malaysia, Netherlands, Singapore, Bela Krajina region of Slovenia, South Korea except Cheongdo County and Daegu, Spain, Sweden, Switzerland, and the UK. All educational facilities will be closed for two weeks beginning March 16.

- Cyprus: Travelers who have visited the Hubei region of China or Iran, Italy, or South Korea in the last 14 days are required to enter quarantine. Travelers who have visited other regions of China, or Japan, Hong Kong, France, Germany, the Achaia, Ila and Zanykths regions of Greece, Spain, or the UK in the last 14 days are requested to self-isolate. The Ledra Street, Astromeritis, Lefka, Dherynia, Kato Pyrgos, and Strovilia border crossings with Turkish-administered Northern Cyprus are currently closed.

- Czech Republic: Officials have announced a 30-day nationwide state of emergency March 12. The measures include a temporary entry ban on most foreigners, as well as a ban on border crossings, as well as foreign nationals with Czech residency, will not be affected. Officials are maintaining border controls at the land borders with Austria and Germany, with access allowed only at designated points until further notice. The border with Slovakia is temporarily closed. Authorities will ban public transport vehicles with more than nine seats from entering the country. In addition, the state of emergency includes a ban on gatherings of more than 30 people and the closure of public facilities, including sports centers and educational establishment, as well as restrictions on restaurants.

- Denmark: Authorities in Denmark close air, land, and sea borders from 1200 March 14. The closure is in place through April 13; officials will bar all non-nationals from entry. Persons wishing to leave will be allowed to do so. The rule does not apply to Danish passport holders. EU citizens holding a Danish social security card, and third-country nationals carrying a Danish residency permit. Authorities will make exceptions for foreign nationals in some emergencies, such as attending a medical visit or persons in transit with onward travel documentation. The restriction does not apply to the movement of goods and will not impact supply chains. Authorities have suspended cruise ship travel. All kindergartens, schools, and universities will be closed from March 13. In addition, authorities have banned all gatherings of more than 100 people through at least March 31.

- Estonia: Officials will reintroduce border controls from March 17. The new measures will bar foreign nationals from entering the country. Estonians, persons with resident permits, and foreigners with family members in Estonia are exempt. Foreigners may transit Estonia if they do not show symptoms of COVID-19. There are no restrictions on leaving Estonia. The transport of goods will continue as per normal. The border control end date is not available as yet, and officials will review measures every two weeks. Authorities declared an emergency situation March 12-May 1. Officials have banned all public gatherings. Education authorities have established distance learning schools. Health screenings are in place at borders. Authorities have closed cultural institutions. Persons arriving from high-risk locations must self-quarantine for 14 days. Travel to and from Estonia's Western Islands is limited to residents. Authorities have suspended the Tallinn-Stockholm ferry.

- France: Gatherings of more than 100 people have been banned. Schools and universities throughout the country will be closed for 15 days from March 16. Cafes, restaurants, shops, and movie theaters will be closed starting at 0001 March 14 until further notice.

- Georgia: Authorities have suspended travel to Iran and Italy. Land borders are closed to Iranian goods and vehicles. Enhanced health screening is occurring at ports of entry. Flights to and from China remain suspended until at least March 29. Foreign travelers who have been in Iran in the past 14 days or China in the past 21 days will be denied entry. Authorities may quarantine Georgian residents arriving from these countries for at least 14 days.

- Germany: Schools in the states of Bavaria and Saarland are closed until the end of the Easter holidays in late April. Schools in Berlin will begin to close from March 16.

- Greece: Authorities have suspended all flights, excluding freight, with Italy through at least March 29. Large public gatherings, including conferences, have been prohibited until April 5. Educational facilities and most commercial establishments nationwide are closed through at least March 23.

- Hungary: Nationals and travelers, excluding Hungarians and European Economic Area permanent residents, from China, Italy, Iran, Israel, and South
Korea, are barred from entry. Persons entering from these areas will be requested to enter quarantine for 14 days. All flights, buses, and trains from the afore-mentioned states is banned. Health screenings are in place at ports of entry. Gatherings of more than 100 people (indoors) and 500 people (outdoors) are banned.

- Ireland: As of March 12, officials in Ireland have ordered the closures of all universities, schools, and childcare facilities until at least March 29. In addition, authorities have advised against indoor gatherings of over 100 people, and outdoor gatherings of over 500 people.

- Italy*: All flights to and from China and Iran remain suspended indefinitely.

- Kosovo: Authorities in Kosovo have taken several measures to curb the spread of coronavirus disease (COVID-19), as of March 14. All flights to Pristina International Airport (PRN) will be suspended from March 16. All medical and military flights are exempt. It is not clear if some limited departure flights will still proceed; however, it is likely that departure flights will be subject to disruptions. The period of the suspension is unclear. Land borders will be closed to all travelers except Kosovo citizens, again from March 16. Citizens entering the country will be required to self-quarantine for 14 days. The government reportedly plans to suspend all inter-city public transport. It is not clear if this order has already been enforced. Citizens of the Klina and Vlina municipalities have been restricted from moving to and from these areas. The government has ordered the nationwide closure of cafes, bars, and shopping centers. All restrictions are subject to amendment at short notice in response to government reviews.

- Latvia: Authorities will suspend international travel via land, sea, and air from March 17. The prohibition does not apply to the transport of goods. Latvian nationals and permanent residents will still be able to enter the country. Restrictions do not impact leaving the country; however, disruptions on cross-border/international travel are highly likely ongoing health screenings. A State of Emergency was declared March 12-April 14. Public gatherings are prohibited. The prohibition extends to political gatherings, recreational events, and cultural occasions. Educational facilities are required to provide training remotely.

- Lithuania: From 0001 March 16-March 30, officials will implement land border controls. Authorities will prohibit foreign nationals from entering the country; they will make exceptions for drivers and crews of goods transport vehicles, permanent residents, and NATO members and families. Persons planning to transit via Lithuania can do so until March 19. Lithuanian nationals will not be able to travel outside of the country without official authorization. Authorities are limiting inter- and intra-city transport and prohibiting cruise ships from docking at Klaipeda. Officials will suspend flights from Italy to Lithuania March 16; they had suspended flights from Lithuania to Italy March 13. Further flight restrictions and disruptions for departure and arrival are likely in the coming days. State workers are required to work remotely. Authorities are enforcing restrictions on education, entertainment, sports, cultural and leisure venues.

- Malta: As of March 13, all travelers entering Malta must observe a 14-day quarantine. Persons who do not observe the quarantine may receive fines. Air travel restrictions are also in place. Officials halted air and sea passenger travel between Malta and France, Germany, Spain, and Switzerland at 2359 March 11.

- Montenegro: As of March 14, multiple border crossings with Bosnia and Herzegovina, Albania, Croatia, and Serbia are closed. The duration of the closures is unclear. It is also not clear if all crossings are closed. Cruise ships are prohibited from docking at Montenegro's Adriatic ports through April 2. The government has implemented restrictions on public gatherings and closed educational facilities for 15 days from March 16. Officials will impose quarantine measures for travelers from Japan, France, Germany, Switzerland, Denmark, Slovenia, and Austria.

- Netherlands: Authorities in the Netherlands banned all flights from China, Hong Kong, Iran, Italy, and South Korea beginning 1800 March 13 to prevent the spread of coronavirus disease (COVID-19). The flight ban and related disruptions will continue through at least March 27. Authorities may implement further flight restrictions and amend current restrictions in response to developments over the coming days. Authorities have also banned events of more than 100 people March 12-31.

- North Macedonia: Foreign nationals traveling from medium- and high-risk areas, including the UK and Greece, may not enter North Macedonia as of March 14. The locations are those determined by WHO data. Exceptions are available for persons acquiring a certificate from the Ministry of Health. Anyone who has arrived from a medium- or high-risk area must observe a 14-day self-isolation. Land border crossings are closed expect for Tabanovce (Serbia), Deve Bair (Bulgaria), Kafasan (Albania), Bogorodica (Greece), and Blace (Kosovo). Officials will close Ohrid St. Paul the Apostle Airport (OHD) from March 16. Skopje International Airport (SKP) remains operational. Authorities have also imposed entry and exit restrictions on several areas in the country, including the Debar and Centar Zhupa municipalities. Multiple public areas, including cafes, bars, and shopping centers are closed. Grocery stores remain open. Schools are closed through March. Public gatherings of over 1,000 people are prohibited.

- Norway: Norwegian officials announced March 14 that they would close the country's sea and air ports starting at 0800 March 16. Authorities have closed all kindergartens, schools, and universities indefinitely from March 12. In addition, authorities have been requiring since Feb. 27 that all travelers arriving in Norway from anywhere other than Scandinavia self-quarantine for 14 days. Authorities will also close sports, leisure, and entertainment venues throughout the country.

- Poland: Authorities implement a temporary travel ban for foreigners and suspension of international passenger air and rail transport March 15 through March 24. There is a ban on gatherings of more than 50 people, and a partial closure of shopping malls and educational facilities nationwide through March 25. Educational facilities nationwide will be closed March 16-25.

- Portugal: All passenger flights to and from Italy are suspended until March 24. All schools will close indefinitely from March 16. Public places in several locations, particularly in Porto District, have been closed.
Governments in Europe are maintaining travel and other restrictions to prevent the spread of coronavirus disease (COVID-19). Although specific disruptions on flights. Officials have canceled connections to Greece and Italy. Direct flights to the UK continue, but with disruptions. Persons traveling via measures vary by country, the following procedures were in effect as of March 13:

- Slovenia: Authorities announced that the country's border with Italy will partially close by March 16. The following border crossings will remain open subject to heightened health screenings: Ratece border crossing, Robic-Stupizza border crossing, Gorizia-Vrtojba border crossing, Fernetti-Scenaz border crossing, Kozina border crossing, Skoflje border crossing. Authorities have also introduced restrictions on public gatherings of more than 500 people.

- Slovakia: Authorities have ordered the closures of all airports in the country for passenger travel from March 13; freight and private planes will not be affected. Authorities have also suspended all visits to the country by non-residents; all Slovak citizens returning from abroad will be subject to a 14-day quarantine. It remains unclear how long these measures will remain in effect. Authorities will also close all school and universities for 14 days starting March 16. Authorities also plan to close sports, leisure, and entertainment venues, and will close all shopping centers the weekend of March 14.

- Spain**: Spanish authorities announced on March 14 that they would impose a nationwide lockdown on the entire country from March 15 to last through at least March 29. All flights from Italy are suspended until March 25. Authorities in Madrid, the Basque Country, La Rioja, and Castilla y León have closed schools and public establishments, and have prohibited public gatherings of more than 1,000 people.

- Sweden: No mandatory preventative measures or restrictions are in place.

- Switzerland: Flights to and from mainland China remain suspended until March 28, and reduced flights are operating to and from Italy; in particular, flights connecting with northern Italy are suspended. Authorities have banned all gatherings of more than 1,000 participants, including demonstrations, public events, and major sporting events, until at least March 15. Some cities, including Bern, have banned smaller public gatherings.

- Spain: Authorities have closed schools in Madrid and the Basque Country. Public gatherings of more than 1,000 people in Catalonia are currently prohibited.

- Turkey: Turkish officials announced March 14 that they would temporarily suspend all air and land travel to and from Azerbaijan. The restriction does not include cargo shipments. Authorities announced March 12 that schools and universities nationwide would close for at least 21 days from March 16. Public gatherings, including sporting events, are likely to be prohibited; sports matches will reportedly proceed, though fans will not be permitted to attend.

- UK: Authorities request that all travelers who have visited Hubei Province, China, in the last 14 days, as well as travelers who have returned from Iran since Feb. 19 and from Italy since March 9, remain indoors and minimize contact with other people. Travelers who have returned from elsewhere in China and South Korea, as well as from Hong Kong, Japan, Macau, Malaysia, Singapore, Taiwan, and Thailand, in the last 14 days and have possible COVID-19 symptoms should also self-isolate immediately. This guidance also applies to travelers with possible symptoms who have returned from elsewhere in northern Italy, Cambodia, Laos, Myanmar, or Vietnam since Feb. 19.

- Ukraine: Authorities implement temporary entry ban for foreign nationals traveling by rail, road, and air, and close all land passenger border crossings from 0001 March 16-March 30. All regular international air traffic has been suspended from March 17; the exact duration of the closure is unknown. Public places nationwide, including educational establishments, conference centers, cinemas, and other entertainment venues, are closed until at least March 31.

*Local movement restrictions in Italy are detailed in a separate WorldAware alert titled "Italy - Travel Restrictions - Nationwide".

**Local movement restrictions in Spain's Catalonia region are detailed in a separate WorldAware alert titled "Spain - Travel Restrictions - Catalonia".

Panic buying of essential goods, particularly hygiene products, has been reported in many locations and has led to temporary shortages. Such shortages are likely to be quickly resolved. School closures will probably result in increased absenteeism among employees who are the parents or guardians of school-aged children. In addition, increasing numbers of workers will likely work from home in the coming weeks as a routine health precaution and due to voluntary self-isolation.

Governments could expand their responses in the coming weeks, particularly if COVID-19 activity increases in-country. The measures are unlikely to impact most travelers but may lead to immigration delays, especially for passengers from mainland China and other countries with significant numbers of COVID-19 cases.

Governments in Europe are maintaining travel and other restrictions to prevent the spread of coronavirus disease (COVID-19). Although specific measures vary by country, the following procedures were in effect as of March 13:

- Albania: Authorities will close land borders from 0001 March 16 until further notice; they also closed maritime borders to all nationals. Officials have canceled ferry services between Albania and Greece and Italy. The transportation (land and maritime) of goods continues. Airports are reporting disruptions on flights. Officials have canceled connections to Greece and Italy. Direct flights to the UK continue, but with disruptions. Persons traveling via
Tirana International Airport Nene Tereza (TIA) need special clearance from authorities before departing for the airport. Authorities closed businesses, state offices (except essential services), parks, museums, cinemas, and schools through April 3. Pharmacies and groceries will remain open. Authorities have ordered a 14-day self-quarantine for anyone who has entered Albania from Italy and Greece after March 1. Persons ignoring the directive will receive fines. Restrictions on nationals from other high-risk locations are also likely to be included in the quarantine measure. There are widespread restrictions on inter- and intra-city travel nationwide. Officials may amend health and travel measures in the coming weeks in response to government threat assessments.

- Armenia: Authorities have suspended visa-free travel for Chinese nationals. All land borders with Iran have been closed until March 24. Scheduled flights to and from Iran have been suspended, with the exception of those allowing Armenian and Iranian citizens to return to their home countries. Enhanced health screenings are underway at all points of entry.

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South Africa authorities declared a national state of disaster March 15. The measure is intended to stem the spread of the coronavirus disease (COVID-19).

The measure comes after health officials registered at least 61 confirmed cases of COVID-19. Health officials are also urging residents to remain indoors. Other measures include:

- Ban on gatherings of more than 100 people.
- Suspension of large gatherings of any type, and of public or private events of any type (including cultural, sporting, or recreational events).
- Denial of visas to visitors who have visited high-risk countries – including Italy, Iran, South Korea, Germany, US, UK and China from March 18. Previously issued visas to those traveling from high-risk countries stand revoked.
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- Closure of all schools from March 18 to April 12.

Authorities could possibly include additional requirements and restrictions based on disease activity throughout the country.

Background and Analysis
South Africa's travel restrictions and preventive measures correspond with similar actions other governments are taking globally in response to the spread of COVID-19. COVID-19 is a viral respiratory disease caused by infection with the SARS-CoV-2 virus (previously known as 2019-nCoV). Symptoms occur 1-14 days following exposure (average of 3-7 days). These symptoms include fever, fatigue, cough, difficulty breathing, sometimes worsening to pneumonia and kidney failure - especially in those with underlying medical conditions. On March 11, the WHO declared the ongoing COVID-19 outbreak a pandemic.
South Korea is requiring all passengers arriving from Europe to undergo enhanced health screenings at all ports of entry, as of March 16, to contain the spread of coronavirus disease (COVID-19). The measures remain in place for passengers from Iran, Hong Kong, Macau, and mainland China. Reports indicate that the government could expand the screenings to all arriving passengers in the coming days. Authorities have established three quarantine areas at Incheon International Airport (ICN), where health officials are conducting enhanced screenings; passengers must receive clearance before they can enter the country. The government continues to ban all foreign travelers who have visited China's Hubei Province within 14 days of arrival from entering the country. South Koreans who traveled to Hubei Province will need to self-quarantine for 14 days. Officials revoked visas and suspended visa-free entry for Japanese citizens March 9. Authorities have also halted visa-free travel for Chinese nationals to Jeju Island.

Authorities are maintaining the alert level for COVID-19 at red - the highest level, amid ongoing activity. The heightened alert level empowers the government to place a town on lockdown, cancel school, and alter public transport services, among other measures. On March 15, President Moon Jae-in designated Daegu, as well as Gyeongsan city and Cheongdo and Bonghwa counties in North Gyeongsang Province, as special disaster zones. The classification will allow the government to directly assist financially in these areas, where the COVID-19 outbreak is most intense. The government could further expand the designation to other locations in the coming days. Officials could also designate other areas as special care zones - a lower level - in the event of significant outbreaks.

South Korean officials have not announced any nationwide travel restrictions, as of March 16. Leaders have encouraged work-from-home arrangements and delayed the start of school until March 23; extensions of school closures are likely. Officials have increased security at ports and airports across the country. The government continues to ban cruise ships from docking at ports in the country, including in Jeju. Local leaders in Seoul have banned gatherings at Gwanghwamun Square, Seoul Plaza, and Cheonggye Plaza. Daegu leaders have limited public meetings and encouraged residents to stay at home. However, authorities may introduce altered schedules or increase health monitoring at transportation hubs in the coming days.

Several major industrial plants have closed in South Korea after employees tested positive for COVID-19. Many industries have also been impacted by supply chain disruptions arising from restrictions imposed in China. Widespread and prolonged supply chain disruptions are possible. Officials have also suspended leave for military personnel, sleeping off base, and visitor meetings at installations nationwide. Moreover, US Forces Korea has barred staff from nonessential travel to Daegu and halted personnel slated to arrive or depart South Korea. Major joint exercises between South Korean and US forces remain suspended.

As of March 16, around 140 countries are enforcing travel bans or requiring quarantines for passengers from South Korea. Several South Korean airlines, including Korean Air (KE) and Asiana Airlines (OZ), have suspended routes and reduced flights amid decreased demand. Several governments have issued travel advisories for South Korea due to the increase in COVID-19 cases. As of March 16, the US has maintained its warning at Level Three (Reconsider Travel), the second-highest alert level in a four-tiered ranking system. More governments could impose or alter restrictions on travelers from South Korea in the coming days and possibly weeks. Such actions will almost certainly further reduce demand for travel to and from South Korea and result in further flight disruptions in the coming weeks.
Governments in Europe are maintaining travel and other restrictions to prevent the spread of coronavirus disease (COVID-19). Although specific measures vary by country, the following procedures were in effect as of March 13:

- **Albania**: Authorities will close land borders from 0001 March 16 until further notice; they also closed maritime borders to all nationals. Officials have canceled ferry services between Albania and Greece and Italy. The transportation (land and maritime) of goods continues. Airports are reporting disruptions on flights. Officials have canceled connections to Greece and Italy. Direct flights to the UK continue, but with disruptions. Persons traveling via Tirana International Airport Nene Tereza (TIA) need special clearance from authorities before departing for the airport. Authorities closed businesses, state offices (except essential services), parks, museums, cinemas, and schools through April 3. Pharmacies and groceries will remain open. Authorities have ordered a 14-day self-quarantine for anyone who has entered Albania from Italy and Greece after March 1. Persons ignoring the directive will receive fines. Restrictions on nationals from other high-risk locations are also likely to be included in the quarantine measure. There are widespread restrictions on inter- and intra-city travel nationwide. Officials may amend health and travel measures in the coming weeks in response to government threat assessments.

- **Armenia**: Authorities have suspended visa-free travel for Chinese nationals. All land borders with Iran have been closed until March 24. Scheduled flights to and from Iran have been suspended, with the exception of those allowing Armenian and Iranian citizens to return to their home countries. Enhanced health screenings are underway at all points of entry.

- **Austria**: Authorities have suspended flights from China, Iran, South Korea, Italy, Switzerland, France, and Spain. Border controls will be introduced on the Swiss and Liechtenstein borders; the Vorarlberg crossing with Germany will remain open. Authorities have temporarily barred entry to persons traveling from Italy; the measure will not apply to travelers in possession of a health certificate declaring them to be free of the virus; non-stop transit through Austria is unaffected. Restaurants and bars will close daily at 1500 from March 16.

- **Azerbaijan**: All flights between Baku and Tehran have been suspended, and flights to mainland China could face disruptions. Enhanced health screening is in operation at ports of entry. Authorities have suspended visa-free travel for Chinese nationals. The closure of all of the country’s border crossings with Iran, which went into effect on Feb. 29, has been extended for an additional two weeks through March 28; further extensions are possible. Disruptions to flights connecting with Turkey, as well as along the Turkish border in Naxcivan, are possible at short notice.
- Belgium: Educational facilities will remain closed until the end of the Easter holidays in late April. Bars and restaurants, with the exception of takeaways, are currently closed. All public gatherings have been banned. Public transport services continue to operate.

- Bosnia and Herzegovina: Foreign nationals traveling from Italy, Iran, South Korea, and the province of Wuhan in China are forbidding from entry. Travelers from Germany, France, and Spain are required to self-isolate for 14 days upon arrival. From March 16, all travelers entering the country will be required to self-isolate for 14 days.

- Croatia: Authorities have imposed a mandatory 14-day quarantine measure for all foreign nationals arriving from the Hubei region of China, Heinsburg County in North Rhine-Westphalia of Germany, Iran, Italy, and Cheongdo County and Daegu in South Korea; individuals will stay at a government facility during the quarantine period. Additionally, a 14-day self-quarantine measure is required for all travelers arriving from Austria, Bahrain, mainland China other than Hubei, France, Germany other than Heinsburg, Hong Kong, Japan, Malaysia, Netherlands, Singapore, Beia Krajina region of Slovenia, South Korea except Cheongdo County and Daegu, Spain, Sweden, Switzerland, and the UK. All educational facilities will be closed for two weeks beginning March 16.

- Cyprus: Travelers who have visited the Hubei region of China or Iran, Italy, or South Korea in the last 14 days are required to enter quarantine. Travelers who have visited other regions of China, or Japan, Hong Kong, France, Germany, the Achaia, Ilia and Zanykhos regions of Greece, Spain, or the UK in the last 14 days are requested to self-isolate. The Ledra Street, Astromeritis, Lefka, Dherynia, Kato Pyrgos, and Strovilia border crossings with Turkish-administered Northern Cyprus are currently closed.

- Czech Republic: Officials have announced a 30-day nationwide state of emergency March 12. The measures include a temporary entry ban on most foreigners, as well as a ban on citizens leaving the country, from 0001 March 16. Some cross-border workers, as well as foreign nationals with Czech residency, will not be affected. Officials are maintaining border controls at the land borders with Austria and Germany, with access allowed only at designated points until further notice. The border with Slovakia is temporarily closed. Authorities will ban public transport vehicles with more than nine seats from entering the country. In addition, the state of emergency includes a ban on gatherings of more than 30 people and the closure of public facilities, including sports centers and educational establishments, as well as restrictions on restaurants.

- Denmark: Authorities in Denmark close air, land, and sea borders from 1200 March 14. The closure is in place through April 13; officials will bar all non-nationals from entry. Persons wishing to leave will be allowed to do so. The rule does not apply to Danish passport holders, EU citizens holding a Danish social security card, and third-country nationals carrying a Danish residency permit. Authorities will make exceptions for foreign nationals in some emergencies, such as attending a medical visit or persons in transit. The restriction does not apply to the movement of goods and will not impact supply chains. Authorities have suspended cruise ship travel. All kindergartens, schools, and universities will be closed from March 13. In addition, authorities have banned all gatherings of more than 100 people through at least March 31.

- Estonia: Officials will reintroduce border controls from March 17. The new measures will bar foreign nationals from entering the country. Estonians, persons with resident permits, and foreigners with family members in Estonia are exempt. Foreigners may transit Estonia if they do not show symptoms of COVID-19. There are no restrictions on leaving Estonia. The transport of goods will continue as normal. The border control end date is not available as yet, and officials will review measures every two weeks. Authorities declared an emergency situation March 12-May 1. Officials have banned all public gatherings. Education authorities have established distance learning schools. Health screenings are in place at borders. Authorities have closed cultural institutions. Persons arriving from high-risk locations must self-quarantine for 14 days. Travel to and from Estonia's Western Islands is limited to residents. Authorities have suspended the Tallinn-Stockholm ferry.

- France: Gatherings of more than 100 people have been banned. Schools and universities throughout the country will be closed for 15 days from March 16. Cafes, restaurants, shops, and movie theaters will be closed starting at 0001 March 14 until further notice.

- Georgia: Authorities have suspended travel to Iran and Italy. Land borders are closed to Iranian goods and vehicles. Enhanced health screening is occurring at ports of entry. Flights to and from China remain suspended until at least March 29. Foreign travelers who have been in Iran in the past 14 days or China in the past 21 days will be denied entry. Authorities may quarantine Georgian residents arriving from these countries for at least 14 days.

- Germany: Schools in the states of Bavaria and Saarland are closed until the end of the Easter holidays in late April. Schools in Berlin will begin to close from March 16.

- Greece: Authorities have suspended all flights, excluding freight, with Italy through at least March 29. Large public gatherings, including conferences, have been prohibited until April 5. Educational facilities and most commercial establishments nationwide are closed through at least March 23.

- Hungary: Nationals and travelers, excluding Hungarians and European Economic Area permanent residents, from China, Italy, Iran, Israel, and South Korea, are barred from entry. Persons entering from these areas will be requested to enter quarantine for 14 days. All flights, buses, and trains from the afore-mentioned states are banned. Health screenings are in place at ports of entry. Gatherings of more than 100 people (indoors) and 500 people (outdoors) are banned.

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- Italy*: All flights to and from China and Iran remain suspended indefinitely.
- Kosovo: Authorities in Kosovo have taken several measures to curb the spread of coronavirus disease (COVID-19), as of March 14. All flights to Pristina International Airport (PRN) will be suspended from March 16. All medical and military flights are exempt. It is not clear if some limited departure flights will still proceed; however, it is likely that departure flights will be subject to disruptions. The period of the suspension is unclear. Land borders will be closed to all travelers except Kosovo citizens, again from March 16. Citizens entering the country will be required to self-quarantine for 14 days. The government reportedly plans to suspend all inter-city public transport. It is not clear if this order has already been enforced. Citizens of the Kënina and Vitina municipalities have been restricted from moving to and from these areas. The government has ordered the nationwide closure of cafes, bars, and shopping centers. All restrictions are subject to amendment at short notice in response to government reviews.

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As of March 14, the following restrictions were in place, modified, or planned:

- Afghanistan: Enhanced health screenings are underway at all entry points - mainly land border crossings with Iran and Pakistan. Authorities briefly enforced a travel ban and land border closures between Afghanistan and Iran Feb. 25-26; such restrictions could recur intermittently in the coming weeks. Commercial disruptions due to the closure of the Chaman border with Pakistan are likely to continue through at least March 30, as Pakistani officials will close the crossing point until at least that date. Extended school closures until April and restrictions on public gatherings are underway in Herat Province and other border areas.

- Bhutan: Effective March 6, Bhutan has banned all incoming foreign tourists through at least March 20; non-local manpower availability may be affected in the coming days. Other elevated measures introduced include quarantine of suspected cases, as well as school closures and restrictions on

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public gatherings in Thimphu, Paro, and Punaka districts. Authorities had earlier mandated thermal scanning at all entry points, with health checks at land ports with India. Bhutan has advised its citizens against non-essential travel to countries with reported COVID-19 cases.

- Bangladesh: Indian officials have limited land border crossings with Bangladesh as of March 14; passenger trains and buses to Bangladesh will be suspended from March 15 until further notice. Bangladesh has also suspended flights to India due to suspension of visa issuance by Indian authorities through April 15. Enhanced health screenings are underway at other ports of entry, mainly airports and other land crossings between Bangladesh and India. Authorities have suspended on-arrival and electronic visa issuance for travelers from Iran, Italy, Japan, and South Korea. Similar restrictions are ongoing for travelers from mainland China, Hong Kong, Macau, and Taiwan as of March 15. In addition, officials are barring entry for passengers from Italy, South Korea, Japan, and Kuwait who do not have medical certificates indicating that they are not infected with COVID-19. Authorities are advising Bangladeshi citizens to avoid non-essential international travel, and for returning travelers to minimize participation in public gatherings for at least the first 14 days of their stay in Bangladesh.

- Maldives: Authorities have suspended direct flights to and from China since Jan. 30, and barred cruise ships from Maldivian waters from Feb. 28. Officials are also temporarily banning entry for all foreign travelers and crew arriving from Spain, South Korea, Bangladesh, Italy, mainland China, and Iran, as an origin or transit point; the restrictions also apply to those from France's Ile-de-France and Grand Est, as well as Germany's Bavaria, North Rhine-Westphalia and Baden-Württemberg. Authorities may detain and evacuate citizens arriving from affected territories for at least 14 days. The Health Protection Agency has advised Maldivian citizens to exercise caution when traveling abroad; authorities are limiting extracurricular activities in schools and enforcing temporary movement and exit restrictions in tourist resorts with confirmed or suspected COVID-19 cases. Foreign tourists cannot check in to hotels and guesthouses in Greater Male effective 2359 March 15.

- Nepal: Nepal has temporarily suspended on-arrival and electronic visa issuance for all foreign nationals and non-resident Nepalese through April 30; travelers with an existing visa must contact their local Nepali diplomatic mission and submit results of a swab test conducted within 7 days of intended travel date. New applicants will also have to submit medical certification at consulates. Officials have advised Nepali citizens against non-essential international travel, and warned that they could be subject to quarantine upon return. The Kimathanka, Rasuwagadhi, and Tatopani land border crossings remain closed indefinitely. Health checks are mandatory at all entry points, especially land crossings with India, though authorities' effectiveness in enforcing checks remains unclear. Foreign nationals, except Indians, will have to enter only through the Tribhuvan International Airport (KTM). All travelers will be advised to self-quarantine for 14 days upon arrival; symptomatic passengers may be subject to enhanced checks and mandatory quarantine. Himalaya Airlines (HI) suspended flight operations to and from China starting Feb. 7. The flight suspension will continue until at least March 28.

- Pakistan: Pakistani authorities will seal off all border crossings with Iran and Afghanistan from March 16 through at least March 30. All educational institutions will remain closed as a precaution through at least April 4. Authorities have indefinitely banned all flights to and from Iran. Additionally, authorities plan to restrict all international flights to just three airports - those serving Karachi (KHI), Islamabad (ISB), and Lahore (LHE), to allow for intensified health screening measures. Pakistan International Airlines (PK) has suspended flights to mainland China and Japan until at least March 15; additional disruptions are likely to disrupt air travel to other affected countries.

- Sri Lanka: Sri Lankan authorities will restrict travel from France, Austria, Sweden, Denmark, the Netherlands, Switzerland, Germany, and Spain from March 15 to at least March 28. Airlines have been instructed not to board passengers from the aforementioned countries, along with those from Italy, South Korea, and Iran, on flights to Sri Lanka. Foreign nationals who have visited the specified countries within the previous 14 days are similarly banned. Sri Lankan nationals returning from affected countries are required to undergo mandatory 14-day quarantines upon repatriation. Visas for citizens from European countries will be suspended for at least two weeks beginning March 13. Sri Lanka indefinitely suspended the issuance of on-arrival visas for foreign tourists, from March 11 to prevent the spread of COVID-19; authorities removed initial exemptions for citizens of Maldives, Singapore, and Seychelles. Additional restrictions for Chinese nationals beginning Feb. 3; electronic visas will continue to be issued. Travelers from other affected countries may be subject to possible quarantine in addition to enhanced screening in the coming days. Authorities have also banned the disembarkation of international cruise ship passengers.

Countries could expand their response in the coming days, particularly if the number of cases in-country increases. The measures may lead to immigration delays and possible quarantine for at least 14 days, especially for passengers from countries with significant cases of COVID-19. Increased health screenings are likely to result in increased travel times at international airports and some land border crossings. Airlines serving and operating out of impacted countries may suspend or curtail services due to precautionary measures, government restrictions, or low consumer demand.

As of March 15, authorities in several countries in South America have implemented travel and other restrictions through at least late March as part of efforts to prevent the spread of coronavirus disease (COVID-19). The duration of the measures will likely depend on the course of the outbreak.

- Argentina: Travelers arriving from China, Iran, South Korea, Japan, Italy, France, Spain, Germany, Switzerland, Norway, Netherlands, Sweden, Denmark, UK, Belgium, Austria, Czech Republic, Iceland, Portugal, Finland, Slovenia, Ireland, Poland, and the US will be subject to a 14-day quarantine period. Temporarily, no new visas will be issued for residents of the most affected countries. Officials have canceled all flights from Europe, the US, South Korea, Japan, China, and Iran through at least mid-April.

- Bolivia: Officials temporarily ban entry for all travelers from China, Italy, South Korea, and Spain. Authorities canceled all flights to and from Europe starting March 14.

- Brazil: Authorities advise all travelers from abroad to remain in quarantine for seven days from the time they enter Brazil, even if they are asymptomatic. Symptomatic travelers must self-isolate for 14 days.
Sweden

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Governments in Europe are maintaining travel and other restrictions to prevent the spread of coronavirus disease (COVID-19). Although specific measures vary by country, the following procedures were in effect as of March 13:

- Albania: Authorities will close land borders from 0001 March 16 until further notice; they also closed maritime borders to all nationals. Officials have canceled ferry services between Albania and Greece and Italy. The transportation (land and maritime) of goods continues. Airports are reporting disruptions on flights. Officials have canceled connections to Greece and Italy. Direct flights to the UK continue, but with disruptions. Persons traveling via Tirana International Airport Nene Tereza (TIA) need special clearance from authorities before departing for the airport. Authorities closed businesses, state offices (except essential services), parks, museums, cinemas, and schools through April 3. Pharmacies and groceries will remain open.

- Armenia: Authorities have suspended visa-free travel for Chinese nationals. All land borders with Iran have been closed until March 24. Scheduled flights to and from Iran have been suspended, with the exception of those allowing Armenian and Iranian citizens to return to their home countries. Enhanced health screenings are underway at all points of entry.

- Austria: Authorities have suspended flights from China, Iran, South Korea, Italy, Switzerland, France, and Spain. Border controls will be introduced on the Swiss and Liechtenstein borders; the Voralberg crossing with Germany will remain open. Authorities have temporarily barred entry to persons traveling from Italy; the measure will not apply to travelers in possession of a health certificate declaring them to be free of the virus; non-stop transit through Austria is unaffected. Restaurants and bars will close daily at 1500 from March 16.

- Azerbaijan: All flights between Baku and Tehran have been suspended, and flights to mainland China could face disruptions. Enhanced health screenings are underway at all points of entry. Authorities have suspended visa-free travel for Chinese nationals. The closure of all of the country's border crossings with Iran, which went into effect on Feb. 29, has been extended for an additional two weeks through March 28; further extensions are possible. Disruptions to flights connecting with Turkey, as well as along the Turkish border in Naxcivan, are possible at short notice.

- Chile: Persons arriving from China, France, Germany, Italy, Iran, Japan, South Korea, and Spain will be subject to a 14-day quarantine period.

- Colombia: Officials temporarily ban entry for all foreign travelers arriving from Asia and Europe starting March 16. Authorities have closed border crossings with Venezuela and increased controls at the border with Ecuador.

- Ecuador: Officials temporarily suspend all international air arrivals from March 15. A temporary entry ban is in place for all foreign nationals traveling by air, land, and sea transportation from March 16 until further notice.

- Guyana: Travelers arriving from Jamaica, Dominican Republic, Brazil, French Guiana, Panama, St. Vincent and the Grenadines, US, China, Italy, South Korea, Singapore, Japan, Thailand, Malaysia, or Iran will be subject to additional screenings and may be subject to quarantine.

- Paraguay: Authorities have suspended the issuance of new visas for Chinese passport holders. Officials have canceled all flights from Europe through March 26.

- Peru: Officials suspend all flights to and from Europe and Asia from March 16 for a period of 30 days.

- Suriname: Officials suspend all inbound and outbound international flights at Johan Adolf Pengel International Airport (JAP) through March 21.

- Uruguay: Persons arriving from China, France, Germany, Italy, Iran, Japan, Singapore, South Korea, and Spain will be subject to a 14-day quarantine period.

- Venezuela: Authorities have canceled all flights arriving from Europe and Colombia.

Countries could expand travel restrictions in the coming days, particularly if the number of confirmed cases of COVID-19 increases. Officials in most countries have also announced additional measures to combat the spread of the virus, including a ban on mass gatherings, and temporarily canceling in-person classes at schools and universities. Several private businesses and public offices are allowing employees to work remotely. Health screenings in airports have also increased.

Background and Analysis

The measures taken by the South American governments correspond with similar actions taken by other governments globally in recent days in response to the spread of coronavirus disease (COVID-19). COVID-19 is a viral respiratory disease caused by infection with the SARS-CoV-2 virus (previously known as 2019-nCoV). Symptoms occur 1-14 days following exposure (average of 3-7 days). These symptoms include fever, fatigue, cough, difficulty breathing, sometimes worsening to pneumonia and kidney failure - especially in those with underlying medical conditions. On March 11, the WHO declared the ongoing COVID-19 outbreak a pandemic.
- Belgium: Educational facilities will remain closed until the end of the Easter holidays in late April. Bars and restaurants, with the exception of takeaways, are currently closed. All public gatherings have been banned. Public transport services continue to operate.

- Bosnia and Herzegovina: Foreign nationals traveling from Italy, Iran, South Korea, and the province of Wuhan in China are forbidding from entry. Travelers from Germany, France, and Spain are required to self-isolate for 14 days upon arrival. From March 16, all travelers entering the country will be required to self-isolate for 14 days.

- Croatia: Authorities have imposed a mandatory 14-day quarantine measure for all foreign nationals arriving from the Hubei region of China, Heinsburg County in North Rhine-Westphalia of Germany, Iran, Italy, and Cheongdo County and Daegu in South Korea; individuals will stay at a government facility during the quarantine period. Additionally, a 14-day self-quarantine measure is required for all travelers arriving from Austria, Bahrain, mainland China other than Hubei, France, Germany other than Heinsburg, Hong-Kong, Japan, Malaysia, Netherlands, Singapore, Beia Krajina region of Slovenia, South Korea except Cheongdo County and Daegu, Spain, Sweden, Switzerland, and the UK. All educational facilities will be closed for two weeks beginning March 16.

- Cyprus: Travelers who have visited the Hubei region of China or Iran, Italy, or South Korea in the last 14 days are required to enter quarantine. Travelers who have visited other regions of China, or Japan, Hong Kong, France, Germany, the Achaia, Ilia and Zakythos regions of Greece, Spain, or the UK in the last 14 days are requested to self-isolate. The Ledra Street, Astromeritis, Lefka, Dherynia, Kato Pyrgos, and Strovilia border crossings with Turkish-administered Northern Cyprus are currently closed.

- Czech Republic: Officials have announced a 30-day nationwide state of emergency March 12. The measures include a temporary entry ban on most foreigners, as well as a ban on citizens leaving the country, from 0001 March 16. Some cross-border workers, as well as foreign nationals with Czech residency, will not be affected. Officials are maintaining border controls at the land borders with Austria and Germany, with access allowed only at designated points until further notice. The border with Slovakia is temporarily closed. Authorities will ban public transport vehicles with more than nine seats from entering the country. In addition, the state of emergency includes a ban on gatherings of more than 30 people and the closure of public facilities, including sports centers and educational establishment, as well as restrictions on restaurants.

- Denmark: Authorities in Denmark close air, land, and sea borders from 1200 March 14. The closure is in place through April 13: officials will ban all non-nationals from entry. Persons wishing to leave will be allowed to do so. The rule does not apply to Danish passport holders, EU citizens holding a Danish social security card, and third-country nationals carrying a Danish residency permit. Authorities will make exceptions for foreign nationals in some emergencies, such as attending a medical visit or persons in transit with onward travel documentation. The restriction does not apply to the movement of goods and will not impact supply chains. Authorities have suspended cruise ship travel. All kindergartens, schools, and universities will be closed from March 13. In addition, authorities have banned all gatherings of more than 100 people through at least March 31.

- Estonia: Officials will reintroduce border controls from March 17. The new measures will bar foreign nationals from entering the country. Estonians, persons with resident permits, and foreigners with family members in Estonia are exempt. Foreigners may transit Estonia if they do not show symptoms of COVID-19. There are no restrictions on leaving Estonia. The transport of goods will continue as per normal. The border control end date is not available as yet, and officials will review measures every two weeks. Authorities declared an emergency situation March 12-May 1. Officials have banned all public gatherings. Education authorities have established distance learning schools. Health screenings are in place at borders. Authorities have closed cultural institutions. Persons arriving from high-risk locations must self-quarantine for 14 days. Travel to and from Estonia's Western Islands is limited to residents. Authorities have suspended the Tallinn-Stockholm ferry.

- France: Gatherings of more than 100 people have been banned. Schools and universities throughout the country will be closed for 15 days from March 16. Cafes, restaurants, shops, and movie theaters will be closed starting at 0001 March 14 until further notice.

- Georgia: Authorities have suspended travel to Iran and Italy. Land borders are closed to Iranian goods and vehicles. Enhanced health screening is occurring at ports of entry. Flights to and from China remain suspended until at least March 29. Foreign travelers who have been in Iran in the past 14 days or China in the past 21 days will be denied entry. Authorities may quarantine Georgian residents arriving from these countries for at least 14 days.

- Germany: Schools in the states of Bavaria and Saarland are closed until the end of the Easter holidays in late April. Schools in Berlin will begin to close from March 16.

- Greece: Authorities have suspended all flights, excluding freight, with Italy through at least March 29. Large public gatherings, including conferences, have been prohibited until April 5. Educational facilities and most commercial establishments nationwide are closed through at least March 23.

- Hungary: Nationals and travelers, excluding Hungarians and European Economic Area permanent residents, from China, Italy, Iran, Israel, and South Korea, are banned from entry. Persons entering from these areas will be requested to enter quarantine for 14 days. All flights, buses, and trains from the afore-mentioned states are banned. Health screenings are in place at ports of entry. Gatherings of more than 100 people (indoors) and 500 people (outdoors) are banned.

- Ireland: As of March 12, officials in Ireland have ordered the closures of all universities, schools, and childcare facilities until at least March 29. In addition, authorities have advised against indoor gatherings of over 100 people, and outdoor gatherings of over 500 people.

- Italy*: All flights to and from China and Iran remain suspended indefinitely.
- Kosovo: Authorities in Kosovo have taken several measures to curb the spread of coronavirus disease (COVID-19), as of March 14. All flights to Pristina International Airport (PRN) will be suspended from March 16. All medical and military flights are exempt. It is not clear if some limited departure flights will still proceed; however, it is likely that departure flights will be subject to disruptions. The period of the suspension is unclear. Land borders will be closed to all travelers except Kosovo citizens, again from March 16. Citizens entering the country will be required to self-quarantine for 14 days. The government reportedly plans to suspend all inter-city public transport. It is not clear if this order has already been enforced. Citizens of the Klina and Vitina municipalities have been restricted from moving to and from these areas. The government has ordered the nationwide closure of cafes, bars, and shopping centers. All restrictions are subject to amendment at short notice in response to government reviews.

- Latvia: Authorities will suspend international travel via land, sea, and air from March 17. The prohibition does not apply to the transport of goods. Latvian nationals and permanent residents will still be able to enter the country. Restrictions do not impact leaving the country; however, disruptions on cross-border/international travel are highly likely given ongoing health screenings. A State of Emergency was declared March 12-April 14. Public gatherings are prohibited. The prohibition extends to political gatherings, recreational events, and cultural occasions. Educational facilities are required to provide training remotely.

- Lithuania: From 0001 March 16-March 30, officials will implement land border controls. Authorities will prohibit foreign nationals from entering the country; they will make exceptions for drivers and crews of goods transport vehicles, permanent residents, and NATO members and families. Persons planning to transit via Lithuania can do so until March 19. Lithuanian nationals will not be able to travel outside of the country without official authorization. Authorities are limiting inter- and intra-city transport and prohibiting cruise ships from docking at Klaipeda. Officials will suspend flights from Italy to Lithuania March 16; they had suspended flights from Lithuania to Italy March 13. Further flight restrictions and disruptions for departure and arrival are likely in the coming days. State workers are required to work remotely. Authorities are enforcing restrictions on education, entertainment, sports, cultural and leisure venues.

- Malta: As of March 13, all travelers entering Malta must observe a 14-day quarantine. Persons who do not observe the quarantine may receive fines. Air travel restrictions are also in place. Officials halted air and sea passenger travel between Malta and France, Germany, Spain, and Switzerland at 2359 March 11.

- Montenegro: As of March 14, multiple border crossings with Bosnia and Herzegovina, Albania, Croatia, and Serbia are closed. The duration of the closures is unclear. It is also not clear if all crossings are closed. Cruise ships are prohibited from docking at Montenegro's Adriatic ports through April 2. The government has implemented restrictions on public gatherings and closed educational facilities for 15 days from March 16. Officials will impose quarantine measures for travelers from Japan, France, Germany, Switzerland, Denmark, Slovenia, and Austria.

- Netherlands: Authorities in the Netherlands banned all flights from China, Hong Kong, Iran, Italy, and South Korea beginning 1800 March 13 to prevent the spread of coronavirus disease (COVID-19). The flight ban and related disruptions will continue through at least March 27. Authorities may implement further flight restrictions and amend current restrictions in response to developments over the coming days. Authorities have also banned events of more than 100 people March 12-31.

- North Macedonia: Foreign nationals traveling from medium- and high-risk areas, including the UK and Greece, may not enter North Macedonia as of March 14. The locations are those determined by WHO data. Exceptions are available for persons acquiring a certificate from the Ministry of Health. Anyone who has arrived from a medium- or high-risk area must observe a 14-day self-isolation. Land border crossings are closed except for Tabanovce (Serbia), Deve Bair (Bulgaria), Kafasan (Albania), Bogorodica (Greece), and Blace (Kosovo). Officials will close Ohrid St. Paul the Apostle Airport (OHD) from March 16. Skopje International Airport (SKP) remains operational. Authorities have also imposed entry and exit restrictions on several areas in the country, including the Debar and Centar Zhupa municipalities. Multiple public areas, including cafes, bars, and shopping centers are closed. Grocery stores remain open. Schools are closed through March. Public gatherings of over 1,000 people are prohibited.

- Norway: Norwegian officials announced March 14 that they would close the country's sea and air ports starting at 0800 March 16. Authorities have closed all kindergartens, schools, and universities indefinitely from March 12. In addition, authorities have been requiring since Feb. 27 that all travelers arriving in Norway from anywhere other than Scandinavia self-quarantine for 14 days. Authorities will also close sports, leisure, and entertainment venues throughout the country.

- Poland: Authorities implement a temporary travel ban for foreigners and suspension of international passenger air and rail transport March 15 through March 24. There is a ban on gatherings of more than 50 people, and a partial closure of shopping malls and educational facilities nationwide through March 25. Educational facilities nationwide will be closed March 16-25.

- Portugal: All passenger flights to and from Italy are suspended until March 24. All schools will close indefinitely from March 16. Public places in several locations, particularly in Porto District, have been closed.

- Romania: Educational facilities have closed nationwide March 11 until at least March 22. Flights and overland public transport connecting with northern Italy have been suspended until March 31. Travelers arriving from China, Iran, South Korea, or the Italian regions of Lombardy, Veneto, and Emilia Romagna, are required to self-isolate for 14 days. Travelers who have visited certain designated outbreak hot spots in China, Italy, or South Korea could be placed into institutional quarantine. Authorities have banned public gatherings of more than 1,000 people.

- Serbia: Authorities have closed secondary border crossing points to allow officials to better screen travelers.

- Slovenia: Authorities announced that the country's border with Italy will partially close by March 16. The following border crossings will remain open subject to heightened health screenings: Ratece border crossing, Robic-Stupizza border crossing, Gorizia-Vertojba border crossing, Ferneiti-Sezana...
Switzerland

- Authorities have ordered a 14-day self-quarantine for anyone who has entered Albania from Italy and Greece after March 1. Persons ignoring the order could receive fines. Restrictions on nationals from other high-risk locations are also likely to be included in the quarantine measure. There are reports of disruptions on flights. Authorities have canceled ferry services between Albania and Greece and Italy. The transportation (land and maritime) of goods continues. Airports are reporting sporadic disruptions on flights. Authorities have canceled all flights from China and South Korea, as well as from Hong Kong, Japan, Macau, Malaysia, Singapore, Taiwan, and Thailand, in the last 14 days and have possible COVID-19 cases in the country.

- Public places nationwide, including educational establishments, conference centers, cinemas, and other entertainment venues, are closed until at least March 15. Some cities, including Bern, have banned smaller public gatherings. Public gatherings, including sporting events, are likely to be prohibited; sports matches will reportedly proceed, though fans will not be permitted to attend.

- Authorities request that all travelers who have visited Hubei Province, China, in the last 14 days, as well as travelers who have returned from Iran since Feb. 19 and from Italy since March 9, remain indoors and minimize contact with other people. Travelers who have returned from elsewhere in China and South Korea, as well as from Hong Kong, Japan, Macau, Malaysia, Singapore, Taiwan, and Thailand, in the last 14 days and have possible COVID-19 symptoms should also self-isolate immediately. This guidance also applies to travelers with possible symptoms who have returned from elsewhere in northern Italy, Cambodia, Laos, Myanmar, or Vietnam since Feb. 19.

- Authorities have suspended visa-free travel for Chinese nationals. All land borders with Iran have been closed until March 24. Scheduled flights to and from Iran have been suspended, with the exception of those allowing Armenian and Iranian citizens to return to their home countries.

- Governments could expand their responses in the coming weeks, particularly if COVID-19 activity increases in-country. The measures are unlikely to impact most travelers but may lead to immigration delays, especially for passengers from mainland China and other countries with significant numbers of announced cases. Governments in Europe are maintaining travel and other restrictions to prevent the spread of coronavirus disease (COVID-19). Although specific measures vary by country, the following procedures were in effect as of March 13:

- Armenia: Authorities have suspended visa-free travel for Chinese nationals. All land borders with Iran have been closed until March 24. Scheduled flights to and from Iran have been suspended, with the exception of those allowing Armenian and Iranian citizens to return to their home countries.

- Bulgaria: The government temporarily suspended international flights, including those from China and South Korea, until March 16. Quarantine measures for travelers from China and South Korea remain in place until April 30. All public events, and major sporting events, until at least March 15. Some cities, including Sofia, have banned smaller public gatherings.

- Austria: Authorities have introduced restrictions on public gatherings of more than 500 people. Governments in Europe are maintaining travel and other restrictions to prevent the spread of coronavirus disease (COVID-19). Although specific government threat assessments.
Enhanced health screenings are underway at all points of entry.

- Austria: Authorities have suspended flights from China, Iran, South Korea, Italy, Switzerland, France, and Spain. Border controls will be introduced on the Swiss and Liechtenstein borders; the Vorarlberg crossing with Germany will remain open. Authorities have temporarily barred entry to persons traveling from Italy; the measure will not apply to travelers in possession of a health certificate declaring them to be free of the virus; non-stop transit through Austria is unaffected. Restaurants and bars will close daily at 1500 from March 16.

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- Belgium: Educational facilities will remain closed until the end of the Easter holidays in late April. Bars and restaurants, with the exception of takeaways, are currently closed. All public gatherings have been banned. Public transport services continue to operate.

- Bosnia and Herzegovina: Foreign nationals from Italy, Iran, South Korea, and the province of Hubei and the city of Wuhan in China are forbidding from entry. Travelers from Germany, France, and Spain are required to self-isolate for 14 days upon arrival. From March 16, all travelers entering the country will be required to self-isolate for 14 days.

- Croatia: Authorities have imposed a mandatory 14-day quarantine measure for all foreign nationals arriving from the Hubei region of China, Heinsburg County in North Rhine-Westphalia of Germany, Iran, Italy, and Cheongdo County and Daegu in South Korea; individuals will stay at a government facility during the quarantine period. Additionally, a 14-day self-quarantine measure is required for all travelers arriving from Austria, Bahrain, mainland China other than Hubei, France, Germany other than Heinsburg, Hong Kong, Japan, Malaysia, Netherlands, Singapore, Bela Krajina region of Slovenia, South Korea except Cheongdo County and Daegu, Spain, Sweden, Switzerland, and the UK. All educational facilities will be closed for two weeks beginning March 16.

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- Denmark: Authorities in Denmark close air, land, and sea borders from 1200 March 14. The closure is in place through April 13; officials will bar all non-nationals from exit. Persons wishing to leave will be allowed to do so. The rule does not apply to Danish passport holders, EU citizens holding a Danish social security card, and third-country nationals carrying a Danish residency permit. Authorities will make exceptions for foreign nationals in some emergencies, such as attending a medical visit or persons in transit with onward travel documentation. The restriction does not apply to the movement of goods and will not impact supply chains. Authorities have suspended cruise ship travel. All kindergartens, schools, and universities will be closed from March 13. In addition, authorities have banned all gatherings of more than 100 people through at least March 31.

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- Montenegro: As of March 14, multiple border crossings with Bosnia and Herzegovina, Albania, Croatia, and Serbia are closed. The duration of the closures is unclear. It is also not clear if all crossings are closed. Cruise ships are prohibited from docking at Montenegro's Adriatic ports through April 2. The government has implemented restrictions on public gatherings and closed educational facilities for 15 days from March 16. Officials will impose quarantine measures for travelers from Japan, France, Germany, Switzerland, Denmark, Slovenia, and Austria.

- Netherlands: Authorities in the Netherlands banned all flights from China, Hong Kong, Iran, Italy, and South Korea beginning 1800 March 13 to prevent the spread of coronavirus disease (COVID-19). The flight ban and related disruptions will continue through at least March 27. Authorities may implement further flight restrictions and amend current restrictions in response to developments over the coming days. Authorities have also banned events of more than 100 people March 12-31.

- North Macedonia: Foreign nationals traveling from medium- and high-risk areas, including the UK and Greece, may not enter North Macedonia as of March 14. The locations are those determined by WHO data. Exceptions are available for persons acquiring a certificate from the Ministry of Health. Anyone who has arrived from a medium- or high-risk area must observe a 14-day self-isolation. Land border crossings are closed expect for Tabanovce (Serbia), Deve Bair (Bulgaria), Kafasas (Albania), Bogorodica (Greece), and Blace (Kosovo). Officials will close Ohrid St. Paul the Apostle Airport (OHD) from March 16. Skopje International Airport (SKP) remains operational. Authorities have also imposed entry and exit restrictions on several areas in the country, including the Debar and Centar Zhupa municipalities. Multiple public areas, including cafes, bars, and shopping centers are closed. Grocery stores remain open. Schools are closed through March. Public gatherings of over 1,000 people are prohibited.

- Norway: Norwegian officials announced March 14 that they would close the country's sea and air ports starting at 0800 March 16. Authorities have closed all kindergartens, schools, and universities indefinitely from March 12. In addition, authorities have been requiring since Feb. 27 that all travelers arriving in Norway from anywhere other than Scandinavia self-quarantine for 14 days. Authorities will also close sports, leisure, and entertainment venues throughout the country.

- Poland: Authorities implement a temporary travel ban for foreigners and suspension of international passenger air and rail transport March 15 through March 24. There is a ban on gatherings of more than 50 people, and a partial closure of shopping malls and educational facilities nationwide through March 25. Educational facilities nationwide will be closed March 16-25.

- Portugal: All passenger flights to and from Italy are suspended until March 24. All schools will close indefinitely from March 16. Public places in
several locations, particularly in Porto District, have been closed.

- Romania: Educational facilities have closed nationwide March 11 until at least March 22. Flights and overland public transport connecting with northern Italy have been suspended until March 31. Travelers arriving from China, Iran, South Korea, or the Italian regions of Lombardy, Veneto, and Emilia Romagna, are required to self-isolate for 14 days. Travelers who have visited certain designated outbreak hot spots in China, Italy, or South Korea could be placed into institutional quarantine. Authorities have banned public gatherings of more than 1,000 people.

- Serbia: Authorities have closed secondary border crossing points to allow officials to better screen travelers.

- Slovenia: Authorities announced that the country's border with Italy will partially close by March 16. The following border crossings will remain open subject to heightened health screenings: Ratece border crossing, Robic-Stupizza border crossing, Gorizia-Vrtojba border crossing, Fernetti-Sezana border crossing, Kozina border crossing, Skofije border crossing. Authorities have also introduced restrictions on public gatherings of more than 500 people.

- Slovakia: Authorities have ordered the closures of all airports in the country for passenger travel from March 13; freight and private planes will not be affected. Authorities have also suspended all visits to the country by non-residents; all Slovak citizens returning from abroad will be subject to a 14-day quarantine. It remains unclear how long these measures will remain in effect. Authorities will also close all school and universities for 14 days starting March 16. Authorities also plan to close sports, leisure, and entertainment venues, and will close all shopping centers the weekend of March 14.

- Spain**: Spanish authorities announced on March 14 that they would impose a nationwide lockdown on the entire country from March 15 to last through at least March 29. All flights from Italy are suspended until March 25. Authorities in Madrid, the Basque Country, La Rioja, and Castilla y León have closed schools and public establishments, and have prohibited public gatherings of more than 1,000 people.

- Sweden: No mandatory preventative measures or restrictions are in place.

- Switzerland: Flights to and from mainland China remain suspended until March 28, and reduced flights are operating to and from Italy; in particular, flights connecting with northern Italy are suspended. Authorities have banned all gatherings of more than 1,000 participants, including demonstrations, public events, and major sporting events, until at least March 15. Some cities, including Bern, have banned smaller public gatherings.

- Spain: Authorities have closed schools in Madrid and the Basque Country. Public gatherings of more than 1,000 people in Catalonia are currently prohibited.

- Turkey: Turkish officials announced March 14 that they would temporarily suspend all air and land travel to and from Azerbaijan. The restriction does not include cargo shipments. Authorities announced March 12 that schools and universities nationwide would close for at least 21 days from March 16. Public gatherings, including sporting events, are likely to be prohibited; sports matches will reportedly proceed, though fans will not be permitted to attend.

- UK: Authorities request that all travelers who have visited Hubei Province, China, in the last 14 days, as well as travelers who have returned from Iran since Feb. 19 and from Italy since March 9, remain indoors and minimize contact with other people. Travelers who have returned from elsewhere in China and South Korea, as well as from Hong Kong, Japan, Macau, Malaysia, Singapore, Taiwan, and Thailand, in the last 14 days and have possible COVID-19 symptoms should also self-isolate immediately. This guidance also applies to travelers with possible symptoms who have returned from elsewhere in northern Italy, Cambodia, Laos, Myanmar, or Vietnam since Feb. 19.

- Ukraine: Authorities implement temporary entry ban for foreign nationals traveling by rail, road, and air, and close all land passenger border crossings from 0001 March 16-March 30. All regular international air traffic has been suspended from March 17; the exact duration of the closure is unknown. Public places nationwide, including educational establishments, conference centers, cinemas, and other entertainment venues, are closed until at least March 31.

*Local movement restrictions in Italy are detailed in a separate WorldAware alert titled "Italy - Travel Restrictions - Nationwide".

**Local movement restrictions in Spain's Catalonia region are detailed in a separate WorldAware alert titled "Spain - Travel Restrictions - Catalonia".

Panic buying of essential goods, particularly hygiene products, has been reported in many locations and has led to temporary shortages. Such shortages are likely to be quickly resolved. School closures will probably result in increased absenteeism among employees who are the parents or guardians of school-aged children. In addition, increasing numbers of workers will likely work from home in the coming weeks as a routine health precaution and due to voluntary self-isolation.

Governments could expand their responses in the coming weeks, particularly if COVID-19 activity increases in-country. The measures are unlikely to impact most travelers but may lead to immigration delays, especially for passengers from mainland China and other countries with significant numbers of COVID-19 cases.

Governments in Central Asia continue to implement travel and other restrictions to prevent the spread of coronavirus disease (COVID-19). Specific measures vary by country. The following measures were in effect as of March 11:

- Kazakhstan: From March 15, Kazakhstan has closed its borders and declared a State of Emergency to inhibit the spread of coronavirus disease 2019

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(COVID-19), following the first confirmation of COVID-19 cases in the country on March 13. The measures effectively bar entry for all people into Kazakhstan, except for returning citizens, diplomats, and those invited by the government; Kazakh citizens are also not allowed to leave the country. The measures are set to last at least until April 15. Kazakh authorities have already closed all entertainment venues and canceled Nowruz (New Year) festivities and celebrations.

- Kyrgyzstan: The government has announced that foreign nationals arriving from countries with a significant rise in COVID-19 cases will be barred from the country. At present, the entry of foreigners from China, Iran, Italy, Japan, and South Korea remains indefinitely suspended, though additional countries could also face restrictions. Travelers arriving from Afghanistan will be placed in quarantine for 14 days. Authorities have banned large public events.

- Tajikistan: Authorities have canceled an earlier directive preventing airlines from selling flight tickets to and from Dushanbe to citizens of 35 countries, though restrictions could be reintroduced at short notice. Entry suspended for citizens of Afghanistan, China, Italy, Iran, and South Korea; travelers arriving from these countries will be quarantined for 14 days. Flights to and from Afghanistan, China, and Iran have been suspended. Authorities have also indefinitely closed the Kulma Pass border crossing with China. Authorities have ordered the temporary closure of all mosques, canceled some sporting events, and canceled public Persian New Year (Nowruz) celebrations scheduled March 20-24.

- Turkmenistan: As of March 11, all inbound international flights are being redirected to Türkmenbad International Airport (CRZ) for health screenings before completing the 480-km (300-mile) journey to Ashgabat. Turkmen Airlines has also reduced flights to India, Kazakhstan, Russia, and Turkey up to April 30. Authorities have closed land borders with Afghanistan, Iran, and Uzbekistan; travelers from all other locations will undergo medical screening and those infected with COVID-19 will be quarantined for at least 14 days, likely at their own expense. Ferry travel has been indefinitely suspended. Media reports indicate authorities have banned public gatherings; however, this is unconfirmed.

- Uzbekistan: From March 15, Uzbekistan has closed its borders to inhibit the spread of coronavirus disease 2019 (COVID-19), following the first confirmation of COVID-19 cases in the country the same day. The measures effectively bar entry for all people into Uzbekistan, except for returning citizens, diplomats, and those invited by the government; Uzbek citizens are also not allowed to leave the country. The Uzbek government has also closed schools, universities, and canceled all public events.

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**Thailand**

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Thai officials have issued quarantine requirements for passengers and crew of cruise ships arriving from mainland China, Hong Kong, Iran, Italy, Macau, THA and South Korea, which the government has designated as high-risk areas, to stem the spread of coronavirus disease (COVID-19). Authorities also require cruise ships entering from the locations to submit a maritime declaration of health at least 24 hours before arrival in Thailand. The cruise ships will also need to declare the list of the ten most recent ports they visited and the body temperature of passengers and crew in the past seven days. Officials said that non-compliance could result in fines.

The Civil Aviation Authority of Thailand (CAAT) had earlier announced that airlines must require travelers in Thailand-bound flights from the aforementioned high-risk areas to present health certificates before obtaining their boarding passes. Officials also require visitors arriving from these high-risk areas to submit the health certificate and a completed health questionnaire form for verification upon arrival in Thailand. Additionally, the health ministry announced that travelers arriving from these locations need to declare the place, including houses or hotels, where they will undergo self-isolation. Officials said that failure to comply could trigger fines and/or detention; however, the government’s level of enforcement is unclear. Additionally, Thai Airways (TG) also announced that it would suspend all flights to and from Milan March 13-30, as well as Rome March 15-29.

Officials have also suspended visas-on-arrival for holders of passports issued by Bulgaria, Bhutan, China, Cyprus, Ethiopia, Fiji, Georgia, India, Kazakhstan, Malta, Mexico, Nauru, Papua New Guinea, Romania, Russia, Saudi Arabia, Taiwan, Uzbekistan, and Vanuatu. Additionally, authorities also revoked visa exemptions for travelers using Hong Kong, Italian, and South Korean passports.

Authorities have also increased health screenings at international airports, and will immediately transfer travelers who display known symptoms of COVID-19 to designated hospitals. The measures are unlikely to impact most travelers but may lead to immigration delays, especially for passengers from high-risk locations. Officials could expand their response in the coming weeks, particularly if COVID-19 activity increases in-country.

Additionally, the local government in Phuket Province also requires new visitors arriving from South Korea to undergo a 14-day quarantine at a quarantine zone in the province. The measure does not affect people from South Korea who are already in Phuket. Authorities have also set up other quarantine sites nationwide to isolate Thai workers returning from South Korea.

Health concerns over the quarantine premises or plans to set up the facilities have also prompted dozens to hundreds of locals to stage demonstrations near the isolation sites in Ayutthaya, Chonburi, Phuket, Prachuap Khiri Khan, and Samut Sakhon provinces. Clashes between security personnel and...
protesters cannot be ruled out in any further protests.

As of March 15, authorities in several countries in the Caribbean and Central America are likely to continue implementing travel and other restrictions through at least late March, to prevent the spread of the coronavirus disease (COVID-19). The duration of the measures will likely depend on the course of the outbreak in China and other countries.

- Antigua and Barbuda: Restricted entry for nonresidents who have traveled in China, Italy, Iran, Japan, Singapore and South Korea, within 14 days.

- Aruba: Restricted entry for nonresidents who have traveled to China, Iran, Japan, Singapore, South Korea, the EU, as well as the UK, Norway and Switzerland, within 14 days.

- Bahamas: Restricted entry for nonresidents who have traveled in China, Iran, Italy, and South Korea within 20 days before their arrival. Residents of the Bahamas who have been in these countries within 20 days will be subject to quarantine for a maximum of 14 days.

- Barbados: Persons that have been in China, Iran, Italy or South Korea within 14 days before their arrival will be subject to quarantine protocols.

- Belize: Restricted entry for nonresidents who have traveled in China, Europe, Iran, Japan, and South Korea within 14 days before their arrival.

- British Virgin Islands: Restricted entry for nonresidents who have traveled China, France, Germany, Italy, Iran, South Korea and Spain, within 14 days.

- Costa Rica: Travelers who have been in China within 14 days must inform their airlines as well as immigration authorities so that additional screenings can be conducted.

- Dominica: Restricted entry for those who have traveled in China recently.

- Dominican Republic: Suspension of all flights to and from China, Europe, Iran and South Korea from March 16.

- El Salvador: The entrance of foreign nationals other than Salvadoran residents, diplomats, and Guatemalan truck drivers engaged in international trade is prohibited. Salvadorans arriving from abroad are subject to a 30-day quarantine period except those arriving through land ports or entry on the border with Guatemala.

- Grenada: Officials will deny entry to foreign travelers arriving from Italy, Iran, South Korea, China, and Germany. Grenada citizens or residents will be ordered to quarantine for 14 days after arriving from those countries.
Background and Analysis

The measures taken by these governments correspond with similar actions taken by other governments globally in recent days in response to the spread of coronavirus disease (COVID-19). COVID-19 is a viral respiratory disease caused by infection with the SARS-CoV-2 virus (previously known as 2019-nCoV). Symptoms occur 1-14 days following exposure (average of 3-7 days). These symptoms include fever, fatigue, cough, difficulty breathing, sometimes worsening to pneumonia and kidney failure - especially in those with underlying medical conditions. On March 11, the WHO declared the ongoing COVID-19 outbreak a pandemic.

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**Tunisia**

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Tunisian Prime Minister Elyas Fakhfakh announced, March 13, a series of preventive measures to stem the spread of coronavirus disease (COVID-19). Authorities have suspended all air and sea travel to and from Italy through at least April 4; officials have also reduced flights to France to one per day, and Egypt, Germany, Spain, and the UK each to one per week. All inbound travelers from the aforementioned countries are required to undergo a mandatory mid-day Friday prayers, sporting, and political events. Cafes will be required to close daily at 1600. All private and public schools will also be shut down until at least March 28.

The restrictions are due to concerns regarding the spread of COVID-19. The World Health Organization has declared the ongoing outbreak of the virus to be a global pandemic. As of March 13, there are 16 confirmed cases of the disease in Tunisia. Additional travel restrictions and business disruptions remain likely in the coming days.

**Turkmenistan**

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- Armenia: Authorities have suspended visa-free travel for Chinese nationals. All land borders with Iran have been closed until March 24. Scheduled flights to and from Iran have been suspended, with the exception of those allowing Armenian and Iranian citizens to return to their home countries. Enhanced health screenings are underway at all points of entry.

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Governments in Europe are maintaining travel and other restrictions to prevent the spread of coronavirus disease (COVID-19). Although specific measures vary by country, the following procedures were in effect as of March 13:

- Albania: Authorities will close land borders from 0001 March 16 until further notice; they also closed maritime borders to all nationals. Officials have canceled ferry services between Albania and Greece and Italy. The transportation (land and maritime) of goods continues. Airports are reporting disruptions on flights. Officials have canceled connections to Greece and Italy. Direct flights to the UK continue, but with disruptions. Persons traveling via Tirana International Airport Nene Tereza (TIA) need special clearance from authorities before departing for the airport. Authorities closed businesses, state offices (except essential services), parks, museums, cinemas, and schools through April 3. Pharmacies and groceries will remain open.

- Austria: Authorities will permit entry to foreign travelers arriving from China, Iran, South Korea, and Europe, as well as from the US and Canada from March 16.

- Belgium: Authorities will require travelers to self-quarantine for 14 days after their arrival. They will order fines for those who do not comply.

- Bulgaria: Authorities have suspended visa-free travel for Chinese nationals. All land borders with Iran have been closed until March 24. Scheduled flights to and from Iran have been suspended, with the exception of those allowing Armenian and Iranian citizens to return to their home countries. Enhanced health screenings are underway at all points of entry.

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- United Kingdom: Authorities will require travelers to self-quarantine for 14 days after their arrival. They will order fines for those who do not comply.

- Ukraine: Authorities have suspended visa-free travel for Chinese nationals. All land borders with Iran have been closed until March 24. Scheduled flights to and from Iran have been suspended, with the exception of those allowing Armenian and Iranian citizens to return to their home countries. Enhanced health screenings are underway at all points of entry.
- Austria: Authorities have suspended flights from China, Iran, South Korea, Italy, Switzerland, France, and Spain. Border controls will be introduced on the Swiss and Liechtenstein borders; the Vorarlberg crossing with Germany will remain open. Authorities have temporarily barred entry to persons traveling from Italy; the measure will not apply to travelers in possession of a health certificate declaring them to be free of the virus; non-stop transit through Austria is unaffected. Restaurants and bars will close daily at 1500 from March 16.

- Azerbaijan: All flights between Baku and Tehran have been suspended, and flights to mainland China could face disruptions. Enhanced health screening is in operation at ports of entry. Authorities have suspended visa-free travel for Chinese nationals. The closure of all of the country's border crossings with Iran, which went into effect on Feb. 29, has been extended for an additional two weeks through March 28; further extensions are possible. Disruptions to flights connecting with Turkey, as well as along the Turkish border in Naxxivan, are possible at short notice.

- Belgium: Educational facilities will remain closed until the end of the Easter holidays in late April. Bars and restaurants, with the exception of takeaways, are currently closed. All public gatherings have been banned. Public transport services continue to operate.

- Bosnia and Herzegovina: Foreign nationals traveling from Italy, Iran, South Korea, and the province of Hubei in China are forbidding from entry. Travelers from Germany, France, and Spain are required to self-isolate for 14 days or China in the past 21 days will be denied entry. Authorities may quarantine Georgian residents arriving from these countries for at least 14 days.

- Croatia: Authorities have imposed a mandatory 14-day quarantine measure for all foreign nationals arriving from the Hubei region of China, Heinsburg County in North Rhine-Westphalia of Germany, Iran, Italy, and Cheongdo County and Daegu in South Korea; individuals will stay at a government facility during the quarantine period. Additionally, a 14-day self-quarantine measure is required for all travelers arriving from Austria, Bahrain, mainland China other than Hubei, France, Germany other than Heinsburg, Hong Kong, Japan, Malaysia, Netherlands, Singapore, Bela Krajina region of Slovenia, South Korea except Cheongdo County and Daegu, Spain, Sweden, Switzerland, and the UK. All educational facilities will be closed for two weeks beginning March 16.

- Cyprus: Travelers who have visited the Hubei region of China or Iran, Italy, or South Korea in the last 14 days are required to enter quarantine. Travelers who have visited other regions of China, or Japan, Hong Kong, France, Germany, the Achaia, Ila and Zanykths regions of Greece, Spain, or the UK in the last 14 days are requested to self-isolate. The Ledra Street, Astromeritis, Lefka, Dherynia, Kato Pyrgos, and Strovilia border crossings with Turkish-administered Northern Cyprus are currently closed.

- Czech Republic: Officials have announced a 30-day nationwide state of emergency March 12. The measures include a temporary entry ban on most foreigners, as well as a ban on crossing the border, as well as foreign nationals with Czech residency, will not be affected. Officials are maintaining border controls at the land borders with Austria and Germany, with access allowed only at designated points until further notice. The border with Slovakia is temporarily closed. Authorities will ban public transport vehicles with more than nine seats from entering the country. In addition, the state of emergency includes a ban on gatherings of more than 30 people and the closure of public facilities, including sports centers and educational establishments, as well as restrictions on restaurants.

- Denmark: Authorities in Denmark close air, land, and sea borders from 1200 March 14. The closure is in place through April 13; officials will ban all non-nationals from entry. Persons wishing to leave will be allowed to do so. The rule does not apply to Danish passport holders, EU citizens holding a Danish social security card, and third-country nationals carrying a Danish residency permit. Authorities will make exceptions for foreign nationals in some emergencies, such as attending a medical visit or persons in transit with onward travel documentation. The restriction does not apply to the movement of goods and will not impact supply chains. Authorities have suspended cruise ship travel. All kindergartens, schools, and universities will be closed from March 13. In addition, authorities have banned all gatherings of more than 100 people through at least March 31.

- Estonia: Officials will reintroduce border controls from March 17. The new measures will bar foreign nationals from entering the country. Estonians, persons with resident permits, and foreigners with family members in Estonia are exempt. Foreigners may transit Estonia if they do not show symptoms of COVID-19. There are no restrictions on leaving Estonia. The transport of goods will continue as normal. The border control end date is not available as yet, and officials will review measures every two weeks. Authorities declared an emergency situation March 12-May 1. Officials have banned all public gatherings. Education authorities have established distance learning schools. Health screenings are in place at borders. Authorities have closed cultural institutions. Persons arriving from high-risk locations must self-quarantine for 14 days. Travel to and from Estonia's Western Islands is limited to residents. Authorities have suspended the Tallinn-Stockholm ferry.

- France: Gatherings of more than 100 people have been banned. Schools and universities throughout the country will be closed for 15 days from March 16. Cafes, restaurants, shops, and movie theaters will be closed starting at 0001 March 14 until further notice.

- Georgia: Authorities have suspended travel to Iran and Italy. Land borders are closed to Iranian goods and vehicles. Enhanced health screening is occurring at ports of entry. Flights to and from China remain suspended until at least March 29. Foreign travelers who have been in Iran in the past 14 days or China in the past 21 days will be denied entry. Authorities may quarantine Georgian residents arriving from these countries for at least 14 days.

- Germany: Schools in the states of Bavaria and Saarland are closed until the end of the Easter holidays in late April. Schools in Berlin will begin to close from March 16.

- Greece: Authorities have suspended all flights, excluding freight, with Italy through at least March 29. Large public gatherings, including conferences, have been prohibited until April 5. Educational facilities and most commercial establishments nationwide are closed through at least March 23.

- Hungary: Nationals and travelers, excluding Hungarians and European Economic Area permanent residents, from China, Italy, Iran, Israel, and South
Korea, are barred from entry. Persons entering from these areas will be requested to enter quarantine for 14 days. All flights, buses, and trains from the afore-mentioned states is banned. Health screenings are in place at ports of entry. Gatherings of more than 100 people (indoors) and 500 people (outdoors) are banned.

- Ireland: As of March 12, officials in Ireland have ordered the closures of all universities, schools, and childcare facilities until at least March 29. In addition, authorities have advised against indoor gatherings of over 100 people, and outdoor gatherings of over 500 people.

- Italy*: All flights to and from China and Iran remain suspended indefinitely.

- Kosovo: Authorities in Kosovo have taken several measures to curb the spread of coronavirus disease (COVID-19), as of March 14. All flights to Pristina International Airport (PRN) will be suspended from March 16. All medical and military flights are exempt. It is not clear if some limited departure flights will still proceed; however, it is likely that departure flights will be subject to disruption. The period of the suspension is unclear. Land borders will be closed to all travelers except Kosovo citizens, again from March 16. Citizens entering the country will be required to self-quarantine for 14 days. The government reportedly plans to suspend all inter-city public transport. It is not clear if this order has already been enforced. Citizens of the Kliena and Vitina municipalities have been restricted from moving to and from these areas. The government has ordered the nationwide closure of cafes, bars, and shopping centers. All restrictions are subject to amendment at short notice in response to government reviews.

- Latvia: Authorities will suspend international travel via land, sea, and air from March 17. The prohibition does not apply to the transport of goods. Latvian nationals and permanent residents will still be able to enter the country. Restrictions do not impact leaving the country; however, disruptions on cross-border/international travel are highly likely given ongoing health screenings. A State of Emergency was declared March 12-April 14. Public gatherings are prohibited. The prohibition extends to political gatherings, recreational events, and cultural occasions. Educational facilities are required to provide training remotely.

- Lithuania: From 0001 March 16-March 30, officials will implement land border controls. Authorities will prohibit foreign nationals from entering the country; they will make exceptions for drivers and crews of goods transport vehicles, permanent residents, and NATO members and families. Persons planning to transit via Lithuania can do so until March 19. Lithuanian nationals will not be able to travel outside of the country without official authorization. Authorities are limiting inter- and intra-city transport and prohibiting cruise ships from docking at Klaipeda. Officials will suspend flights from Italy to Lithuania March 16; they had suspended flights from Lithuania to Italy March 13. Further flight restrictions and disruptions for departure and arrival are likely in the coming days. State workers are required to work remotely. Authorities are enforcing restrictions on education, entertainment, sports, cultural and leisure venues.

- Malta: As of March 13, all travelers entering Malta must observe a 14-day quarantine. Persons who do not observe the quarantine may receive fines. Air travel restrictions are also in place. Officials halted air and sea passenger travel between Malta and France, Germany, Spain, and Switzerland at 2359 March 11.

- Montenegro: As of March 14, multiple border crossings with Bosnia and Herzegovina, Albania, Croatia, and Serbia are closed. The duration of the closures is unclear. It is also not clear if all crossings are closed. Cruise ships are prohibited from docking at Montenegro’s Adriatic ports through April 2. The government has implemented restrictions on public gatherings and closed educational facilities for 15 days from March 16. Officials will impose quarantine measures for travelers from Japan, France, Germany, Switzerland, Denmark, Slovenia, and Austria.

- Netherlands: Authorities in the Netherlands banned all flights from China, Hong Kong, Iran, Italy, and South Korea beginning 1800 March 13 to prevent the spread of coronavirus disease (COVID-19). The flight ban and related disruptions will continue through at least March 27. Authorities may implement further flight restrictions and amend current restrictions in response to developments over the coming days. Authorities have also banned events of more than 100 people March 12-31.

- North Macedonia: Foreign nationals traveling from medium- and high-risk areas, including the UK and Greece, may not enter North Macedonia as of March 14. The locations are those determined by WHO data. Exceptions are available for persons acquiring a certificate from the Ministry of Health. Anyone who has arrived from a medium- or high-risk area must observe a 14-day self-isolation. Land border crossings are closed except for Tabanovce (Serbia), Deve Bair (Bulgaria), Kafasak (Albania), Bogorodica (Greece), and Blace (Kosovo). Officials will close Ohrid St. Paul the Apostle Airport (OHQ) from March 16. Skopje International Airport (SKP) remains operational. Authorities have also imposed entry and exit restrictions on several areas in the country, including the Debar and Centar Zhupa municipalities. Multiple public areas, including cafes, bars, and shopping centers are closed. Grocery stores remain open. Schools are closed through March. Public gatherings of over 1,000 people are prohibited.

- Norway: Norwegian officials announced March 14 that they would close the country’s sea and air ports starting at 0800 March 16. Authorities have closed all kindergartens, schools, and universities indefinitely from March 12. In addition, authorities have been requiring since Feb. 27 that all travelers arriving in Norway from anywhere other than Scandinavia self-quarantine for 14 days. Authorities will also close sports, leisure, and entertainment venues throughout the country.

- Poland: Authorities implement a temporary travel ban for foreigners and suspension of international passenger air and rail transport March 15 through March 24. There is a ban on gatherings of more than 50 people, and a partial closure of shopping malls and educational facilities nationwide through March 25. Educational facilities nationwide will be closed March 16-25.

- Portugal: All passenger flights to and from Italy are suspended until March 24. All schools will close indefinitely from March 16. Public places in several locations, particularly in Porto District, have been closed.
Authorities announced they will bar Emirati nationals from traveling to Iran and Thailand starting Feb. 24. Emirati citizens currently in Iran or Thailand will be denied entry into the country. It is currently unclear whether non-Emirati nationals traveling from Iran or Thailand will be denied entry into the country.

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Governments could expand their responses in the coming weeks, particularly if COVID-19 activity increases in-country. The measures are unlikely to impact most travelers but may lead to immigration delays, especially for passengers from mainland China and other countries with significant numbers of COVID-19 cases.

The measure has been taken over concerns regarding the spread of the coronavirus disease (COVID-19). The WHO has declared the ongoing outbreak of the virus to be a global health emergency. COVID-19 originated in China's Wuhan City in Hubei Province.
United Kingdom 3/15/2020 13:07 Governments in Europe are maintaining travel and other restrictions to prevent the spread of coronavirus disease (COVID-19). Although specific measures vary by country, the following procedures were in effect as of March 13:

- **Albania:** Authorities will close land borders from 0001 March 16 until further notice; they also closed maritime borders to all nationals. Officials have canceled ferry services between Albania and Greece and Italy. The transportation (land and maritime) of goods continues. Airports are reporting disruptions on flights. Officials have canceled connections to Greece and Italy. Direct flights to the UK continue, but with disruptions. Persons traveling via Tirana International Airport Nënë Tereza (TIA) need special clearance from authorities before departing for the airport. Authorities closed businesses, state offices (except essential services), parks, museums, cinemas, and schools through April 3. Pharmacies and groceries will remain open. Authorities have ordered a 14-day self-quarantine for anyone who has entered Albania from Italy and Greece after March 1. Persons ignoring the directive will receive fines. Restrictions on nationals from other high-risk locations are also likely to be included in the quarantine measure. There are widespread restrictions on inter- and intra-city travel nationwide. Officials may amend health and travel measures in the coming weeks in response to government threat assessments.

- **Armenia:** Authorities have suspended visa-free travel for Chinese nationals. All land borders with Iran have been closed until March 24. Scheduled flights to and from Iran have been suspended, with the exception of those allowing Armenian and Iranian citizens to return to their home countries. Enhanced health screenings are underway at all points of entry.

- **Austria:** Authorities have suspended flights from China, Iran, South Korea, Italy, Switzerland, France, and Spain. Border controls will be introduced on the Swiss and Liechtenstein borders; the Vorarlberg crossing with Germany will remain open. Authorities have temporarily barred entry to persons traveling from Italy; the measure will not apply to travelers in possession of a health certificate declaring them to be free of the virus; non-stop transit through Austria is unaffected. Restaurants and bars will close daily at 1500 from March 16.

- **Azerbaijan:** All flights between Baku and Tehran have been suspended, and flights to mainland China could face disruptions. Enhanced health screening is in operation at ports of entry. Authorities have suspended visa-free travel for Chinese nationals. The closure of all of the country's border crossings with Iran, which went into effect on Feb. 29, has been extended for an additional two weeks through March 28; further extensions are possible. Disruptions to flights connecting with Turkey, as well as along the Turkish border in Naxcivan, are possible at short notice.

- **Belgium:** Educational facilities will remain closed until the end of the Easter holidays in late April. Bars and restaurants, with the exception of takeaways, are currently closed. All public gatherings have been banned. Public transport services continue to operate.

- **Bosnia and Herzegovina:** Foreign nationals traveling from Italy, Iran, South Korea, and the province of Hubei in China are forbidding from entry. Travelers from Germany, France, and Spain are required to self-isolate for 14 days upon arrival. From March 16, all travelers entering the country will be required to self-isolate for 14 days.

- **Croatia:** Authorities have imposed a mandatory 14-day quarantine measure for all foreign nationals arriving from the Hubei region of China, Heinsburg County in North Rhine-Westphalia of Germany, Iran, Italy, and Cheongdo County and Daegu in South Korea; individuals will stay at a government facility during the quarantine period. Additionally, a 14-day self-quarantine measure is required for all travelers arriving from Austria, Bahrain, mainland China other than Hubei, France, Germany other than Heinsburg, Hong Kong, Japan, Malaysia, Netherlands, Singapore, Bela Krajina region of Slovenia, South Korea except Cheongdo County and Daegu, Spain, Sweden, Switzerland, and the UK. All educational facilities will be closed for two weeks beginning March 16.

- **Cyprus:** Travelers who have visited the Hubei region of China or Iran, Italy, or South Korea in the last 14 days are required to enter quarantine. Travelers who have visited other regions of China, or Japan, Hong Kong, France, Germany, the Achaia, Ilia and Zanyakos regions of Greece, Spain, or the UK in the last 14 days are requested to self-isolate. The Ledra Street, Astromeritis, Lefka, Dherynia, Kato Pyrgos, and Strovilia border crossings with Turkey are closed. In addition, a 14-day self-quarantine measure is required for all travelers arriving from Austria, Bahrain, mainland China other than Hubei, France, Germany other than Heinsburg, Hong Kong, Japan, Malaysia, Netherlands, Singapore, Bela Krajina region of Slovenia, South Korea except Cheongdo County and Daegu, Spain, Sweden, Switzerland, and the UK. All educational facilities will be closed for two weeks beginning March 16.

- **Czech Republic:** Officials have announced a 30-day nationwide state of emergency March 12. The measures include a temporary entry ban on most foreigners, as well as a ban on citizens leaving the country, from 0001 March 16. Some cross-border workers, as well as foreign nationals with Czech residency, will not be affected. Officials are maintaining border controls at the land borders with Austria and Germany, with access allowed only at designated points until further notice. The border with Slovakia is temporarily closed. Authorities will ban public transport vehicles with more than nine seats from entering the country. In addition, the state of emergency includes a ban on gatherings of more than 30 people and the closure of public facilities, including sports centers and educational establishment, as well as restrictions on restaurants.

- **Denmark:** Authorities in Denmark close air, land, and sea borders from 1200 March 14. The closure is in place through April 13; officials will bar all nonnationals from entry. Persons wishing to leave will be allowed to do so. The rule does not apply to Danish passport holders, EU citizens holding a Danish social security card, and third-country nationals carrying a Danish residency permit. Authorities will make exceptions for foreign nationals in some emergencies, such as attending a medical visit or persons in transit. The restriction does not apply to the movement of goods and will not impact supply chains. Authorities have suspended cruise ship travel. All kindergartens, schools, and universities will be closed from March 13. In addition, authorities have banned all gatherings of more than 100 people through at least March 31.

- **Estonia:** Officials will reintroduce border controls from March 17. The new measures will bar foreign nationals from entering the country. Estonians, persons with resident permits, and foreigners with family members in Estonia are exempt. Foreigners may transit Estonia if they do not show symptoms of COVID-19. There are no restrictions on leaving Estonia. The transport of goods will continue as per normal. The border control end date is not available as yet, and officials will review measures every two weeks. Authorities declared an emergency situation March 12-May 1. Officials have banned all public gatherings. Education authorities have established
distance learning schools. Health screenings are in place at borders. Authorities have closed cultural institutions. Persons arriving from high-risk locations must self-quarantine for 14 days. Travel to and from Estonia's Western Islands is limited to residents. Authorities have suspended the Tallinn-Stockholm ferry.

- France: Gatherings of more than 100 people have been banned. Schools and universities throughout the country will be closed for 15 days from March 16. Cafes, restaurants, shops, and movie theaters will be closed starting at 0001 March 14 until further notice.

- Georgia: Authorities have suspended travel to Iran and Italy. Land borders are closed to Iranian goods and vehicles. Enhanced health screening is occurring at ports of entry. Flights to and from China remain suspended until at least March 29. Foreign travelers who have been in Iran in the past 14 days or China in the past 21 days will be denied entry. Authorities may quarantine Georgian residents arriving from these countries for at least 14 days.

- Germany: Schools in the states of Bavaria and Saarland are closed until the end of the Easter holidays in late April. Schools in Berlin will begin to close from March 16.

- Greece: Authorities have suspended all flights, excluding freight, with Italy through at least March 29. Large public gatherings, including conferences, have been prohibited until April 5. Educational facilities and most commercial establishments nationwide are closed through at least March 23.

- Hungary: Nationals and travelers, excluding Hungarians and European Economic Area permanent residents, from China, Italy, Iran, Israel, and South Korea, are barred from entry. Persons entering from these areas will be required to enter quarantine for 14 days. All flights, buses, and trains from the afore-mentioned states is banned. Health screenings are in place at ports of entry. Gatherings of more than 100 people (indoors) and 500 people (outdoors) are banned.

- Ireland: As of March 12, officials in Ireland have ordered the closures of all universities, schools, and childcare facilities until at least March 29. In addition, authorities have advised against indoor gatherings of over 100 people, and outdoor gatherings of over 500 people.

- Italy*: All flights to and from China and Iran remain suspended indefinitely.

- Kosovo: Authorities in Kosovo have taken several measures to curb the spread of coronavirus disease (COVID-19), as of March 14. All flights to Pristina International Airport (PRN) will be suspended from March 16. All medical and military flights are exempt. It is not clear if some limited departure flights will still proceed; however, it is likely that departure flights will be subject to disruptions. The period of the suspension is unclear. Land borders will be closed to all travelers except Kosovo citizens, again from March 16. The government reportedly plans to suspend all inter-city public transport. It is not clear if this order has already been enforced. Citizens of the Kína and Vitina municipalities have been restricted from moving to and from these areas. The government has ordered the nationwide closure of cafes, bars, and shopping centers. All restrictions are subject to amendment at short notice in response to government reviews.

- Latvia: Authorities will suspend international travel via land, sea, and air from March 17. The prohibition does not apply to the transport of goods. Latvian nationals and permanent residents will still be able to enter the country. Restrictions do not impact leaving the country; however, disruptions on cross-border/international travel are highly likely given ongoing health screenings. A State of Emergency was declared March 12-April 14. Public gatherings are prohibited. The extension exceeds to political gatherings, recreational events, and cultural occasions. Educational facilities are required to provide training remotely.

- Lithuania: From 0001 March 16-March 30, officials will implement land border controls. Authorities will prohibit foreign nationals from entering the country; they will make exceptions for drivers and crews of goods transport vehicles, permanent residents, and NATO members and families. Persons planning to transit via Lithuania can do so until March 19. Lithuanian nationals will not be able to travel outside of the country without official authorization. Authorities are limiting inter- and intra-city transport and prohibiting cruise ships from docking at Klaipėda. Officials will suspend flights from Italy to Lithuania March 16; they had suspended flights from Italy to Lithuania 13. Further flight restrictions and disruptions for departure and arrival are likely in the coming days. State workers are required to work remotely. Authorities are enforcing restrictions on education, entertainment, sports, cultural and leisure venues.

- Malta: As of March 13, all travelers entering Malta must observe a 14-day quarantine. Persons who do not observe the quarantine may receive fines. Air travel restrictions are also in place. Officials halted air and sea passenger travel between Malta and France, Germany, Spain, and Switzerland at 2359 March 11.

- Montenegro: As of March 14, multiple border crossings with Bosnia and Herzegovina, Albania, Croatia, and Serbia are closed. The duration of the closures is unclear. It is also not clear if all crossings are closed. Cruise ships are prohibited from docking at Montenegro's Adriatic ports through April 2. The government has implemented restrictions on public gatherings and closed educational facilities for 15 days from March 16. Officials will impose quarantine measures for travelers from Japan, France, Germany, Switzerland, Denmark, Slovenia, and Austria.

- Netherlands: Authorities in the Netherlands banned all flights from China, Hong Kong, Iran, Italy, and South Korea beginning 1800 March 13 to prevent the spread of coronavirus disease (COVID-19). The flight ban and related disruptions will continue through at least March 27. Authorities may implement further flight restrictions and amend current restrictions in response to developments over the coming days. Authorities have also banned events of more than 100 people March 12-31.

- North Macedonia: Foreign nationals traveling from medium- and high-risk areas, including the UK and Greece, may not enter North Macedonia as of March 14. The locations are those determined by WHO data. Exceptions are available for persons acquiring a certificate from the Ministry of Health. Anyone who has arrived from a medium- or high-risk area must observe a 14-day self-isolation. Land border crossings are closed expect for Tabanovce.
of over 1,000 people are prohibited. Public areas, including cafes, bars, and shopping centers are closed. Grocery stores remain open. Schools are closed through March. Public gatherings of over 1,000 people are prohibited.

- Norway: Norwegian officials announced March 14 that they would close the country’s sea and air ports starting at 0800 March 16. Authorities have closed all kindergartens, schools, and universities indefinitely from March 12. In addition, authorities have been requiring since Feb. 27 that all travelers arriving in Norway from anywhere other than Scandinavia self-quarantine for 14 days. Authorities will also close sports, leisure, and entertainment venues throughout the country.

- Poland: Authorities implement a temporary travel ban for foreigners and suspension of international passenger air and rail transport March 15 through March 24. There is a ban on gatherings of more than 50 people, and a partial closure of shopping malls and educational facilities nationwide through March 25. Educational facilities nationwide will be closed March 16-25.

- Portugal: All passenger flights to and from Italy are suspended until March 24. All schools will close indefinitely from March 16. Public places in several locations, particularly in Porto District, have been closed.

- Romania: Educational facilities have closed nationwide March 11 until at least March 22. Flights and overland public transport connecting with northern Italy have been suspended until March 31. Travelers arriving from China, Iran, South Korea, or the Italian regions of Lombardy, Veneto, and Emilia Romagna, are required to self-isolate for 14 days. Travelers who have visited certain designated outbreak hot spots in China, Italy, or South Korea could be placed into institutional quarantine. Authorities have banned public gatherings of more than 1,000 people.

- Serbia: Authorities have closed secondary border crossing points to allow officials to better screen travelers.

- Slovenia: Authorities announced that the country's border with Italy will partially close by March 16. The following border crossings will remain open subject to heightened health screenings: Ratece border crossing, Robic-Stupizza border crossing, Gorizia-Vrtojba border crossing, Fernetti-Sezana border crossing, Kozina border crossing, Skofije border crossing. Authorities have also introduced restrictions on public gatherings of more than 500 people.

- Slovakia: Authorities have ordered the closures of all airports in the country for passenger travel from March 13; freight and private planes will not be affected. Authorities have also suspended all visits to the country by non-residents; all Slovak citizens returning from abroad will be subject to a 14-day quarantine. It remains unclear how long these measures will remain in effect. Authorities will also close all school and universities for 14 days starting March 16. Authorities also plan to close sports, leisure, and entertainment venues, and will close all shopping centers the weekend of March 14.

- Spain**: Spanish authorities announced on March 14 that they would impose a nationwide lockdown on the entire country from March 15 to last through at least March 29. All flights from Italy are suspended until March 25. Authorities in Madrid, the Basque Country, La Rioja, and Castilla y León have closed schools and public establishments, and have prohibited public gatherings of more than 1,000 people.

- Sweden: No mandatory preventative measures or restrictions are in place.

- Switzerland: Flights to and from mainland China remain suspended until March 28, and reduced flights are operating to and from Italy; in particular, flights connecting with northern Italy are suspended. Authorities have banned all gatherings of more than 1,000 participants, including demonstrations, public events, and major sporting events, until at least March 15. Some cities, including Bern, have banned smaller public gatherings.

- Spain: Authorities have closed schools in Madrid and the Basque Country. Public gatherings of more than 1,000 people in Catalonia are currently prohibited.

- Turkey: Turkish officials announced March 14 that they would temporarily suspend all air and land travel to and from Azerbaijan. The restriction does not include cargo shipments. Authorities announced March 12 that schools and universities nationwide would close for at least 21 days from March 16. Public gatherings, including sporting events, are likely to be prohibited; sports matches will reportedly proceed, though fans will not be permitted to attend.

- UK: Authorities request that all travelers who have visited Hubei Province, China, in the last 14 days, as well as travelers who have returned from Iran since Feb. 19 and from Italy since March 9, remain indoors and minimize contact with other people. Travelers who have returned from elsewhere in China and South Korea, as well as from Hong Kong, Japan, Macau, Malaysia, Singapore, Taiwan, and Thailand, in the last 14 days and have possible COVID-19 symptoms should also self-isolate immediately. This guidance also applies to travelers with possible symptoms who have returned from elsewhere in northern Italy, Cambodia, Laos, Myanmar, or Vietnam since Feb. 19.

- Ukraine: Authorities implement temporary entry ban for foreign nationals traveling by rail, road, and air, and close all land passenger border crossings from 0001 March 16-March 30. All regular international air traffic has been suspended from March 17; the exact duration of the closure is unknown. Public places nationwide, including educational establishments, conference centers, cinemas, and other entertainment venues, are closed until at least March 31.

*Local movement restrictions in Italy are detailed in a separate WorldAware alert titled "Italy - Travel Restrictions - Nationwide".
**Local movement restrictions in Spain's Catalonia region are detailed in a separate WorldAware alert titled "Spain - Travel Restrictions - Catalonia".**

Panic buying of essential goods, particularly hygiene products, has been reported in many locations and has led to temporary shortages. Such shortages are likely to be quickly resolved. School closures will probably result in increased absenteeism among employees who are the parents or guardians of school-aged children. In addition, increasing numbers of workers will likely work from home in the coming weeks as a routine health precaution and due to voluntary self-isolation.

Governments could expand their responses in the coming weeks, particularly if COVID-19 activity increases in-country. The measures are unlikely to impact most travelers but may lead to immigration delays, especially for passengers from mainland China and other countries with significant numbers of COVID-19 cases.

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**United States 3/15/2020 10:22**

**Authorities in the U.S., Canada, and Mexico will likely continue implementing travel restrictions and additional health screening measures through at least March to prevent the spread of the coronavirus disease (COVID-19).**

**US:**

**Entry Restrictions**

US authorities have suspended entry for foreign nationals who have been in China (excluding Hong Kong and Macau), Iran, UK, Ireland and the Schengen Area within the last 14 days. The Schengen Area includes 26 European countries: Austria, Belgium, Czech Republic, Denmark, Estonia, Finland, France, Germany, Greece, Hungary, Iceland, Italy, Latvia, Liechtenstein, Lithuania, Luxembourg, Malta, the Netherlands, Norway, Poland, Portugal, Slovakia, Slovenia, Spain, Sweden, and Switzerland. US citizens and legal permanent residents who have traveled to the restricted country list within 14 days of arrival must self-quarantine for 14 days.

The Department of Homeland Security (DHS) announced that incoming flights from the above-affected countries are limited to landing in the following 13 airports only:

- Boston-Logan International Airport (BOS)
- Chicago O'Hare International Airport (ORD)
- Dallas/Fort Worth International Airport (DFW)
- Detroit Metropolitan Airport (DTW)
- Daniel K. Inouye International Airport (HNL)
US officials also banned entry of foreign nationals who have been in the Schengen Area within the previous 14 days, until at least April 12. The Schengen Area includes 26 European countries: Austria, Belgium, Czech Republic, Denmark, Estonia, Finland, France, Germany, Greece, Hungary, Iceland, Italy, Latvia, Liechtenstein, Lithuania, Luxembourg, Malta, the Netherlands, Norway, Poland, Portugal, Slovakia, Slovenia, Spain, Sweden, and Switzerland.

Canada:

Canadian plan to redirect all overseas flights to a limited number of airports in the country. However, as of March 14 the airports have not been announced, and the policy has not been implemented. Authorities have asked citizens and residents to avoid all non-essential travels, and announced that no cruise ship with more than 500 passengers will be allowed to dock in Canadian ports until at least July 1.

Mexico:

Mexico has not suspended or limited entry for foreign nationals arriving in the country, due to COVID-19. Officials have announced increased screening measures at airports for all travelers coming from the most affected areas, including China, Iran, and Italy. Officials have advised Mexican nationals to avoid or postpone visits to China's Hubei Province.

Countries could expand their restrictions in the coming days, particularly if the number of COVID-19 confirmed cases increase.

Background and Analysis

Older individuals, infants, and those with chronic illness are more susceptible to infection and are at increased risk for severe complications. Human-to-human transmission can occur, though it remains unclear how easily the virus spreads between people.

COVID-19 is a viral respiratory disease caused by infection with the SARS-CoV-2 virus (previously known as 2019-nCoV). Symptoms occur 1-14 days following exposure (average of 3-7 days). These symptoms include fever, fatigue, cough, difficulty breathing, sometimes worsening to pneumonia and kidney failure - especially in those with underlying medical conditions.

As of March 15, authorities in several countries in South America have implemented travel and other restrictions through at least late March as part of efforts to prevent the spread of coronavirus disease (COVID-19). The duration of the measures will likely depend on the course of the outbreak.

Argentina: Travelers arriving from China, Iran, South Korea, Japan, Italy, France, Spain, Germany, Switzerland, Norway, Netherlands, Sweden, Denmark, UK, Belgium, Austria, Czech Republic, Iceland, Portugal, Finland, Slovenia, Ireland, Poland, and the US will be subject to a 14-day quarantine period. Temporarily, no new visas will be issued for residents of the most affected countries. Officials have canceled all flights from Europe, the US, South Korea, Japan, China, and Iran through at least mid-April.

Bolivia: Officials temporarily ban entry for all travelers from China, Italy, South Korea, and Spain. Authorities canceled all flights to and from Europe starting March 14.

Brazil: Authorities advise all travelers from abroad to remain in quarantine for seven days from the time they enter Brazil, even if they are asymptomatic. Symptomatic travelers must self-isolate for 14 days.

Chile: Persons arriving from China, France, Germany, Italy, Iran, Japan, South Korea, and Spain will be subject to a 14-day quarantine period.

Colombia: Officials temporarily ban entry for all foreign travelers arriving from Asia and Europe starting March 16. Authorities have closed border crossings with Venezuela and increased controls at the border with Ecuador.

Ecuador: Officials temporarily suspend all international air arrivals from March 15. A temporary entry ban is in place for all foreign nationals traveling by air, land, and sea transportation from March 16 until further notice.

Guyana: Travelers arriving from Jamaica, Dominican Republic, Brazil, French Guiana, Panama, St. Vincent and the Grenadines, US, China, Italy,
South Korea, Singapore, Japan, Thailand, Malaysia, or Iran will be subject to additional screenings and may be subject to quarantine.

- Paraguay: Authorities have suspended the issuance of new visas for Chinese passport holders. Officials have canceled all flights from Europe through March 26.

- Peru: Officials suspend all flights to and from Europe and Asia from March 16 for a period of 30 days.

- Suriname: Officials suspend all inbound and outbound international flights at Johan Adolf Pengel International Airport (JAP) through March 21.

- Uruguay: Persons arriving from China, France, Germany, Italy, Iran, Japan, Singapore, South Korea, and Spain will be subject to a 14-day quarantine period.

- Venezuela: Authorities have canceled all flights arriving from Europe and Colombia.

Countries could expand travel restrictions in the coming days, particularly if the number of confirmed cases of COVID-19 increases. Officials in most countries have also announced additional measures to combat the spread of the virus, including a ban on mass gatherings, and temporarily canceling in-person classes at schools and universities. Several private businesses and public offices are allowing employees to work remotely. Health screenings in airports have also increased.

Background and Analysis

The measures taken by the South American governments correspond with similar actions taken by other governments globally in recent days in response to the spread of coronavirus disease (COVID-19). COVID-19 is a viral respiratory disease caused by infection with the SARS-CoV-2 virus (previously known as 2019-nCoV). Symptoms occur 1-14 days following exposure (average of 3-7 days). These symptoms include fever, fatigue, cough, difficulty breathing, sometimes worsening to pneumonia and kidney failure - especially in those with underlying medical conditions. On March 11, the WHO declared the ongoing COVID-19 outbreak a pandemic.

Uzbekistan 3/15/2020 17:23

Governments in Central Asia continue to implement travel and other restrictions to prevent the spread of coronavirus disease (COVID-19). Specific measures vary by country. The following measures were in effect as of March 11:

- Kazakhstan: From March 15, Kazakhstan has closed its borders and declared a State of Emergency to inhibit the spread of coronavirus disease 2019 (COVID-19), following the first confirmation of COVID-19 cases in the country on March 13. The measures effectively bar entry for all people into Kazakhstan, except for returning citizens, diplomats, and those invited by the government; Kazakh citizens are also not allowed to leave the country. The measures are set to last at least until April 15. Kazakh authorities have already closed all entertainment venues and canceled Nowruz (New Year) festivities and celebrations.

- Kyrgyzstan: The government has announced that foreign nationals arriving from countries with a significant rise in COVID-19 cases will be barred from the country. At present, the entry of foreigners from China, Iran, Italy, Japan, and South Korea remains indefinitely suspended, though additional countries could also face restrictions. Travelers arriving from Afghanistan will be placed in quarantine for 14 days. Authorities have banned large public events.

- Tajikistan: Authorities have canceled an earlier directive preventing airlines from selling flight tickets to and from Dushanbe to citizens of 35 countries, though restrictions could be reintroduced at short notice. Entry suspended for citizens of Afghanistan, China, Iran, Italy, South Korea remains indefinitely suspended, though additional countries could also face restrictions. Travelers arriving from Afghanistan will be placed in quarantine for 14 days. Authorities have banned large public events.

- Turkmenistan: As of March 11, all inbound international flights are being redirected to Turkmenabad International Airport (CRZ) for health screenings before completing the 480-km (300-mile) journey to Ashgabat. Turkmen Airlines has also reduced flights to India, Kazakhstan, Russia, and Turkey up to April 30. Authorities have closed land borders with Afghanistan, Iran, and Uzbekistan; travelers from all other locations will undergo medical screening and those infected with COVID-19 will be quarantined for at least 14 days, likely at their own expense. Ferry travel has been indefinitely suspended. Media reports indicate authorities have banned public gatherings; however, this is unconfirmed.
- Uzbekistan: From March 15, Uzbekistan has closed its borders to inhibit the spread of coronavirus disease 2019 (COVID-19), following the first confirmation of COVID-19 cases in the country the same day. The measures effectively bar entry for all people into Uzbekistan, except for returning citizens, diplomats, and those invited by the government; Uzbek citizens are also not allowed to leave the country. The Uzbek government has also closed schools, universities, and canceled all public events.

Information on official restrictions is fluid and can be contradictory or ambiguous. Authorities could expand their response in the coming weeks, particularly if COVID-19 activity increases in-country. The measures are unlikely to impact most travelers but may lead to immigration delays, especially for passengers from mainland China and other countries with significant numbers of COVID-19 cases.

As of March 15, authorities in several countries in South America have implemented travel and other restrictions through at least late March as part of efforts to prevent the spread of coronavirus disease (COVID-19). The duration of the measures will likely depend on the course of the outbreak.

- **Argentina**: Travelers arriving from China, Iran, South Korea, Japan, Italy, France, Spain, Germany, Switzerland, Norway, Netherlands, Sweden, Denmark, UK, Belgium, Austria, Czech Republic, Iceland, Portugal, Finland, Slovenia, Ireland, Poland, and the US will be subject to a 14-day quarantine period. Temporarily, no new visas will be issued for residents of the most affected countries. Officials have canceled all flights from Europe, the US, South Korea, Japan, China, and Iran through at least mid-April.

- **Bolivia**: Officials temporarily ban entry for all travelers from China, Italy, South Korea, and Spain. Authorities canceled all flights to and from Europe starting March 14.

- **Brazil**: Authorities advise all travelers from abroad to remain in quarantine for seven days from the time they enter Brazil, even if they are asymptomatic. Symptomatic travelers must self-isolate for 14 days.

- **Chile**: Persons arriving from China, France, Germany, Italy, Iran, Japan, South Korea, and Spain will be subject to a 14-day quarantine period.

- **Colombia**: Officials temporarily ban entry for all foreign travelers arriving from Asia and Europe starting March 16. Authorities have closed border crossings with Venezuela and increased controls at the border with Ecuador.

- **Ecuador**: Officials temporarily suspend all international air arrivals from March 15. A temporary entry ban is in place for all foreign nationals traveling by air, land, and sea transportation from March 16 until further notice.

- **Guyana**: Travelers arriving from Jamaica, Dominican Republic, Brazil, French Guiana, Panama, St. Vincent and the Grenadines, US, China, Italy, South Korea, Singapore, Japan, Thailand, Malaysia, or Iran will be subject to additional screenings and may be subject to quarantine.

- **Paraguay**: Authorities have suspended the issuance of new visas for Chinese passport holders. Officials have canceled all flights from Europe through
March 26.

- Peru: Officials suspend all flights to and from Europe and Asia from March 16 for a period of 30 days.

- Suriname: Officials suspend all inbound and outbound international flights at Johan Adolf Pengel International Airport (JAP) through March 21.

- Uruguay: Persons arriving from China, France, Germany, Italy, Iran, Japan, Singapore, South Korea, and Spain will be subject to a 14-day quarantine period.

- Venezuela: Authorities have canceled all flights arriving from Europe and Colombia.

Countries could expand travel restrictions in the coming days, particularly if the number of confirmed cases of COVID-19 increases. Officials in most countries have also announced additional measures to combat the spread of the virus, including a ban on mass gatherings, and temporarily canceling in-person classes at schools and universities. Several private businesses and public offices are allowing employees to work remotely. Health screenings in airports have also increased.

Background and Analysis

The measures taken by the South American governments correspond with similar actions taken by other governments globally in recent days in response to the spread of coronavirus disease (COVID-19). COVID-19 is a viral respiratory disease caused by infection with the SARS-CoV-2 virus (previously known as 2019-nCoV). Symptoms occur 1-14 days following exposure (average of 3-7 days). These symptoms include fever, fatigue, cough, difficulty breathing, sometimes worsening to pneumonia and kidney failure - especially in those with underlying medical conditions. On March 11, the WHO declared the ongoing COVID-19 outbreak a pandemic.
Laos: Authorities have closed the national border checkpoints, located along the northern province of Houaphanh, with Vietnam. The government has also advised the public to reduce the size and duration of large events, like Lao New Year celebrations, while local authorities in Luang Prabang have announced it will downsize Lao New Year festivities in April. Officials had suspended most flights to and from mainland China. Immigration officials have increased health screenings at checkpoints, especially for foreign visitors from mainland China and South Korea in the previous 14 days. Additionally, reports indicate that authorities have asked airlines to obtain passengers’ temperatures before flying to Laos. Officials reportedly also require travelers who show physical symptoms, such as fever and coughing, to undergo medical observation and testing at hospitals.

Myanmar: Officials have canceled the annual Thingyan water festival scheduled April 13-16. Earlier reports state that authorities require airlines to ensure that travelers from Iran, Italy, and South Korea show health documents certifying they are free from COVID-19 before boarding Myanmar-bound flights. Officials stopped providing visas on arrival for Chinese citizens and suspended flights with mainland China. Authorities have increased screenings at overland border checkpoints. The Indian government has also closed its border with Myanmar as a precaution. Additionally, reports indicate that the authorities have stopped preschools through April 30.

Vietnam: Through at least April 13, authorities are banning the entry of foreigners coming from or transiting through mainland China, 26 Schengen countries, the UK, and Northern Ireland within 14 days preceding their entry into Vietnam. The restrictions will not apply to diplomatic, official, employment, and business visa holders, who will be allowed entry after health checks. On-arrival visa issuance stands suspended indefinitely, regardless of nationality. Prime Minister Nguyen Xuan Phuc has also instructed large cities, including Hanoi and Ho Chi Minh City, to prepare for possible large-scale quarantine measures in the event of a COVID-19 outbreak. The national government had suspended visa-free travel for citizens of Denmark, Finland, France, Germany, Italy, Norway, South Korea, Spain, Sweden, and the UK. Authorities had also required all travelers entering from mainland China, Iran, Italy, and South Korea to undergo quarantine for two weeks, and had banned flights to and from mainland China. Reports indicate that authorities are increasing health screenings for visitors who enter from Cambodia and Laos.

Countries could expand their response in the coming weeks, particularly if COVID-19 activity increases in-country. The measures are unlikely to impact most travelers but may lead to immigration delays, especially for passengers from mainland China and other locations with significant numbers of COVID-19 cases.