

Covid-19 Middle East and Africa Travel and Containment Information Sheet

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Overall take: The development as mentioned on the update yesterday is still on a rise, which means more and more countries will be seen closing borders completely.

Analysts Message: We are working to bring you up to date information as best we can, however, the pace of change is becoming difficult to keep up with. The FGA Security Team has reason to believe that many other governments will enact new emergency measures in the coming days. We will continue to update you as best we can.

Disclaimer: Falck Global Assistance adheres to the advice of the Danish health authorities and the World Health Organization. Events regarding Covid-19 are subject to rapid change. Travellers are advised to follow the advice of their local health authorities.

About: The following is a brief overview of travel restrictions and containment measures for countries with infections or of organizational interest. This is a work in progress and efforts are being made to improve the collection and centralization of relevant inputs. Data collection was performed manually, and sources include national foreign ministries and select newspapers of record.

Note: Keep in mind, information on this sheet is subject to rapid change. *This should be referenced as a starting point only.* **Travelers and their stakeholders are strongly encouraged to perform regular due diligence on travel destinations and transit routes before embarking on international travel as containment measures and travel restrictions change by the hour.**

Country	Travel Restrictions and Containment Measures	Recent Developments
Algeria	Ban on public gatherings. Temperature screenings at airports. Air and sea connections between Algeria and Europe will be suspended from the 19th of March. As of the 17th of March, air connections to Tunis, Cairo, Dubai, Doha and Amman are suspended. All flights to Morocco, France, Italy and Spain are suspended. Schools, nurseries, and universities have closed, sporting events have been cancelled from 16 March and some public amenities and public spaces have been shut to the general public	Algeria has banned all types of gatherings, including the weekly "hirak" demonstration. All worship places are closed
Angola	Officials will suspend all inbound and outbound international flights starting on 20th of March. All returning Angolan nationals will be put under obligatory quarantine for 14 days.	Authorities indicated that all land, sea and air entry points will be closed from 00:00 local time on 20 March (23:00 GMT on 19 March) for 15 days
Benin	All air travellers must place themselves in a designated hotel for a period of 14-days quarantine. Non-Beninese travellers will be charged.	Travellers will only be permitted to enter or exit at a



	Travellers must fill out a health declaration on arrival.	land port of entry in cases of extreme necessity
Burkina Faso	No travel restrictions at this time. Heightened screening measures in Ouagadougou International Airport. Closure of educational institutions	
Chad	All flights in and out the country, except for cargo will be suspended for two weeks from 00:00 local time on the 19th March. The borders with Sudan and CAR are closed. Public gatherings of over 50 people are banned.	If there is a history of travel to China within the past 14 days it is advised to self-quarantine at home with daily phone calls or visits from a government representative.
Cameroon	Screening measures have been applied in airports. The authorities might take you to additional screening at the medical facilities in the capital or advise you to self-quarantine.	Cameroon authorities have announced closure of all its land, sea and air border. If travelling as a diplomat or other consular representations it is compulsory to show a negative test on arrival.
Congo	All travellers from China, Korea, Iran, France and Italy will be quarantined upon arrival and released after 14 days if the test is negative.	Body temperature checks has been implemented in Brazzaville Beach landing.
Democratic Republic Congo	Temperature screening and health checks is in place at the airport. All travellers arriving from countries designated to be high-risk will be subject to 14 days mandatory self-quarantine. The countries currently counted as high risk are China, France, Germany, Italy, Iran, South Korea, and Iraq. Though the list can change with very short notice. The DRC Ministry of Health is currently contacting people who travelled aboard SN Brussels flight 359, Turkish Airlines flight 359, and Air France flight 736 on March 8.	The government of the DRC has suspended flights and boats arriving from unspecified countries including transits with exception of cargo flights and boats.
Djibouti	Djibouti has announced a closure of all international travel in and out of Djibouti as well as screening measures in the airport.	
Egypt	The government has announced a suspension of all air travel, both international and domestic starting at 12 p.m. Thursday March 19 lasting until March 31. Air and sea transport internally and externally are suspended from 19th of March and until the 31st of March. Schools and universities are closed from 15th of March. Social distancing is encouraged. Temperature scan at airports, if the traveller shows signs of infection they will be tested.	Mandatory quarantine can be imposed on travellers.



Ethiopia	<p>Travellers from countries with Covid19 confirmed cases are required to complete a health declaration form. Screening and questions about Covid19 is in place to some degree in Bole airport. All travellers who have been to Hubei province will be put in quarantine in a dedicated centre.</p>	<p>All travellers from the following countries could be subject for a 14-days quarantine: Japan, China, South Korea, Dubai, Belgium, France, Germany, Iran, Norway, Italy, Malaysia, Portugal, Netherlands, Republic of Korea, Spain, Switzerland, UK and USA.</p>
Gabon	<p>Non-Gabonese travellers who have visited China within 14 days of arrival will not be able to enter the country. Heightened screening measures has been applied in the airport. The land border between Gabon and Cameroon will be closed indefinitely. Travellers arriving from countries affected by coronavirus will be required to self-quarantine. Those who are suspected of having the virus will be placed in quarantine at a designated government hospital. Suspension of tourist visas for visitors travelling from countries affected by covid19.</p> <p>Those suspected of having the virus will be put in quarantine at a government health care facility. Gatherings of more than 30 people have been banned.</p>	<p>Closure of multiple airports from Saturday 21 March until further notice.</p>
Ghana	<p>As of 17th of March ban on all travellers that within the last 14 days have been in countries with more than 200 covid19 cases. Thermal scan is conducted at airports and southern Togo border. Suspension of all consular services provided by embassies and high commissions in countries affected by COVID-19. From 15 March and four weeks ahead all public gatherings and events are banned.</p> <p>A mandatory self-quarantine will be put in place if you are otherwise allowed in. If the government determines the travellers to be unable to self-quarantine the travellers will be quarantined by the State.</p>	



Guinea	Travellers from countries considered high-risk will be asked to a 14-day quarantine where they need to monitor their temperature daily. Temperature screening at the airport.	
Iran	All flights to and from China suspended. Domestic travel restrictions in place for confirmed or suspected cases. A number of international airlines has suspended flights to and from Iran. Iranian authorities have announced domestic travel restrictions for people with confirmed or suspected corona infections. As well as curbs have been put on major pilgrimage sites. Authorities closed schools, universities, cultural centres, sporting events and deployed teams of sanitary workers to disinfect buses, trains and public spaces	
Iraq	All flights to and from Iraq are suspended between 17th of March and 24th of March. Entry ban for travellers from Iran, China, Bahrain, Kuwait, Japan, South Korea, Thailand, Singapore, Nigeria, Turkey, France, Spain and Italy. Border closure with Iran. Travellers will be medically screened upon arrival. Iraqi citizens who have visited the banned countries will be quarantined for 14 days. According to media reports, Kurdistan's Regional Government has shut down all women's salons, beauty centres, and bars that offer alcohol, from 8 March until 1 April. Children's entertainment areas in all public parks will also be closed over the same period. These measures are part of the government's effort to contain the COVID-19 or coronavirus outbreak.	Kurdistan Region have also declared a lockdown across all governorates.
Israel	All foreign travellers are denied access to Israel. Any gathering of more than 10 people is prohibited. If less than 10 people, maintain 2 meters from each other. Israel closed its borders with neighbouring Lebanon and Syria on 6 March. Foreign nationals are not able to cross checkpoints in Bethlehem currently. Public transportation will stop at 20:00 on weeknights and will be unavailable on weekends. There can be difficulties leaving the West Bank. If you have a flight out Israel you should be in the airport at least 6 hours prior to departure.	The government closed down schools, Commercial/dining establishments, heritage sites, and parks/beaches, as well as restrictions on movements.



Côte d'Ivoire	<p>Temperature screening of all travellers entering the FHB international airport. If there is a suspected case the traveller will be placed in isolation for 14 days.</p> <p>Effective midnight on March 16, Cote d'Ivoire is restricting incoming flights from countries with 100 or more COVID-19 cases, as well as the entry of non-Ivorian citizens coming from a country with 100 or more COVID-19 cases. From 15 March all kindergarten, primary, secondary schools and universities are closed for a duration of 30 days. Sporting events, festivals, and gatherings larger than 50 people have been banned.</p>	<p>Suspension of all international flights and passengers cruises from 20th March until further notice.</p>
Jordan	<p>There is no way to enter or exit Jordan currently. Residents banned from leaving homes except in extreme cases. Print media to be suspended.</p> <p>The military will be spread across the country at the entry and exit points of all large cities. Jordanian citizens and residents subject to mandatory 14-day quarantine upon arrival. Advanced screening in effect at air and land borders. Quarantine area is at Al Bashir Hospital in Amman. Jordan authorities are implementing enhanced screening procedures at points of entry and foreigners may be quarantined if displaying flu-like-symptoms.</p>	<p>All health sector visits are stopped except for critical or life threatening cases.</p>
Kenya	<p>On 15 March, the government of Kenya announced that travel for all persons coming into Kenya from any country with reported coronavirus cases is suspended for the next 30 days. All travellers will be screened on arrival (incl. Airports, ground crossings and seaports). Include temperature measurement, visual assessment and, if any recent travel to China a declaration of health. Meetings, conferences and events in Kenya has been cancelled by the authorities.</p> <p>If you are a Kenyan citizen, or a foreigner with a valid residence permit, you will be allowed to enter Kenya. A mandatory self-quarantine for 14 days will be required.</p> <p>Foreigners can break their self-quarantine before 14 days if asymptomatic and only to depart Kenya immediately</p>	<p>On 21st March, the Government will be conducting random temperature screenings in public spaces.</p>
Kuwait	<p>All commercial flights in to and out of Kuwait will be stopped Friday 13 March until further notice. Entry ban on foreign ships, except those carrying oil, for vessels from South Korea, Italy, Thailand,</p>	<p>Kuwait has closed its airport and land border with Iraq.</p>



	<p>Singapore, Japan, China, Hong Kong, and Iraq. The Kuwaiti international airport will be closed until further notice to all commercial flights. Excluding flights with Kuwaitis and immediate relatives. Kuwait citizens and resident who visited China, Hong Kong, Iran, Iraq, Italy and South Korea during the two weeks prior to entering Kuwait will be put in institutional quarantine for two weeks upon arrival. All travellers are advised to self-quarantine if visited Belgium, France, Germany, the Netherlands, Norway, Spain, Sweden, Switzerland, The United Kingdom or the United States during the two weeks prior to entering Kuwait. The Ministry of Health mandated all non-Kuwaiti residents who arrived in Kuwait regardless of which country the traveller returned from to report in-person the Ministry of Health to follow up on precautionary measures. All public and private offices are closed at least until the 26th of March, unless other is notified. Schools and universities are similarly closed.</p>	
Lebanon	<p>Flights for non-residents halted for travellers from China, Iran, South Korea and Italy. Travellers arriving displaying symptoms will be brought to Rafik Hariri University hospital for testing and possible quarantine. Travellers arriving displaying symptoms will be brought to Rafik Hariri University hospital for testing and possible quarantine. Beirut Rafik Hariri airport closes on 18 March for all in and out bound flights. At the same time all sea and land borders will close.</p>	<p>From 19 of March the Lebanese authorities have in addition announced a lock-down in Lebanon. This will be reviewed on 29 March.</p>
Malawi	<p>All travellers will be screened on arrival. Individual showing symptoms may be moved into a treatment facility. Self-isolation is mandatory for all travellers from: UK, European Union, SADC region and from countries with more than 700 cases or from countries with more than 100 cases reported in 24 hours.</p>	
Mali	<p>Screenings measures have been implemented in Bamako airport, and travellers with minor symptoms will be put into self-isolation for 14 days including daily check-ups. Travellers with major symptoms will be brought to an isolated site for testing.</p>	
Mauritania	<p>As of Tuesday morning, 17 March, flights between Mauritania and all other countries have been suspended. Land border crossings in use is reduced</p>	<p>Rosso border crossing is no longer issuing visas.</p>



	from 34 to eight, with enhanced screening at these points of entry.	
Morocco	<p>As of 23:59 on 15 March, flights between Morocco and 31 other countries have been suspended. Large public gatherings and sport and cultural events postponed. Advanced screening at entry points.</p> <p>The government has shut down the land borders with Ceuta and Melilla on the coast of Morocco.</p>	Various foreign ministries is coordinating how to evacuate out of Morocco.
Mozambique	<p>All travellers arriving from COVID-19 affected countries will be quarantined for 14 days. The Government has temporarily suspended issuance of visas to travellers from China but are still allowing asymptomatic travellers with valid visas to travel to the country. Screening at airports and other points of entry. Temporarily suspended visas of travellers from China, but travellers without symptoms from covid-19 infected countries are allowed to enter. However, it will include a 14-day self-quarantine. The Ministry of Health has prepared an isolation centre at Mavalane General Hospital in Maputo.</p> <p>The Ressano-Garcia/Lebomo border post is the only open post between Mozambique and South Africa.</p> <p>Connecting flights are being disrupted.</p>	
Namibia	<p>State of emergency was declared on the 17th of March which means a suspension of visas and a travel on foreign travellers including Schengen countries, China, Iran, Korea UK, US and Japan. All returning Namibians and permanent resident will be subject to a 14-day supervised quarantine. Public gatherings of more than 50 people will be prohibited.</p>	<p>Screening measures have been implemented at Hosea and Kutako International airport.</p> <p>Passengers suspected of having Covid19 might be transferred to an isolation facility at the airport.</p>
Nigeria	<p>The government in Nigeria has announced entry restrictions for travellers from 13 high-risk Covid-19 countries China, Italy, Iran, South Korea, Spain, Japan, France, Germany, United States of America, Norway, United Kingdom, Netherlands and Switzerland. Temperature scans might occur at the airport. All travellers arriving in Nigeria who has travelled to China in the last two months or to an area with COVID-19 cases should self-quarantine for 14 days and report to Nigeria Centre for Disease Control.</p>	Travellers will be asked to complete a questionnaire regarding their health current state of health.



Oman	<p>Entry ban on travellers from all countries from March 15 for a period of 30 days. As of 17, 2020, the Omani authorities have suspended entry for all travellers into the Sultanate's territories from all land, sea and airports except for residents, citizens of Oman and citizens of Gulf Cooperation Council. Travellers and other individuals showing severe symptoms will be sent to Royal Hospital in Muscat. Travellers showing minor symptoms will be sent to Al Nadha Hospital in Muscat.</p> <p>Suspending all tourist visas including visa on arrival for all countries, valid visas and the issuance of new eVisas.</p> <p>From 18th March the following places will be closed: mosque and other places of worship, events and conferences, all tourist sites, all shops in malls (except supermarkets, clinics pharmacies and opticians), souqs and other markets, restaurants and cafes (including in hotels) excepts for takeaway gyms, spas and hairdressers.</p>	<p>There will be daily flights between Oman and Bahrain from 20th March until further notice.</p>
Qatar	<p>From the evening of 18 March for a period of at least 14 days (which may be subject to further extension), no international passengers – including those with a residence permit - will be allowed to enter Qatar. Transit passengers travelling on to another destination will still be able to transfer through Qatar, and most flights continue to operate. Until further notice, public transport - including the metro and bus services - has been suspended around the country. Qatar has advised against all social gatherings, postponed sporting and public events, and closed all cinemas, leisure facilities, children's playgrounds, museums, and bars. Restaurants and cafes are also closed or only allowing take away orders. Limited flights options to China and SAR regions. Flights between Qatar and Italy has been reduced and travellers from there may be put in 14 days quarantine. Travellers from Hong Kong, Singapore and Japan will be tested for coronavirus if they are showing any symptoms on arrival.</p>	
Saudi Arabia	<p>All airports in Saudi Arabia are closed from the 15th of March and 14 days ahead. All international passenger traffic, whether by air, land or sea, has been suspended. All tourist travel is currently suspended.</p>	



	<p>Temperature screenings in place in airports. Travellers with tourist visas who have travelled to or transited China, Hong Kong, Macao, Iran, Italy, Korea, Japan, Taiwan, Thailand, Malaysia, Indonesia, Pakistan, Afghanistan, Iraq, the Philippines, Singapore, India, Lebanon, Syria, Yemen, Azerbaijan, Kazakhstan, Uzbekistan, Somalia, Vietnam, or Egypt in the previous four (4) weeks will not be permitted entry into the country. Persons who have been in China, Hong Kong, Taiwan, Macao, Iran, United Arab Emirates, Kuwait, Bahrain, Lebanon, Syria, Egypt, Iraq, Italy, and South Korea in the previous 14 days will not be permitted to enter or transit the Kingdom, irrespective of visa or residency status. Persons who have been in Kuwait in the previous 14 days will not be permitted to enter or transit Saudi Arabia, irrespective of visa or residency status. Mandatory quarantines for travellers arriving from any Gulf state. Visa's for travellers from all affected countries temporarily suspended. Exit ban on Saudi nationals to Iran. Entry ban on foreigners seeking to perform Umrah pilgrimage.</p>	
Senegal	<p>On March 19th the Government instituted a mandatory 14-day quarantine for all travellers arriving on flights from Covid19 areas. The travellers from these destinations will be held at the airport or another designated location throughout the period. Cancellation of some public events and limited official travel. Systematic temperature screening of passengers All educational instruction, including universities, secondary schools, primary schools, and nursery schools.</p>	<p>Authorities in Senegal have announced that all commercial inbound and outbound flights will be suspended, reportedly from Saturday, 21 March at 00:00 (local time). The only exception remains the domestic route between Dakar's Blaise Diagne International Airport (DSS) and Ziguinchor Airport (ZIG, Ziguinchor region). Associated travel disruptions can be expected.</p>
South Africa	<p>Travel ban on foreign nationals from high-risk countries such as Italy, Iran, South Korea, Spain, Germany, the United States, the United Kingdom and China as from 18 March 2020. visas to visitors from those countries from 16 and previously granted visas are revoked except. All domestic travel is discouraged which has led to several domestic cancellations and rerouting of airlines. Screening processes have been put in place at several entry points both land, air and sea entries.</p>	



	<p>Any foreign national who has visited high-risk countries in the past 20 days will be denied a visa. Schools are closed from 18th of March. Self-isolation in place for travellers with symptoms. All individuals with pending consular appointments who were physically in China or Iran for the last 14 days and experiencing flu-like symptoms is advised to postpone their appointments.</p>	
Sudan	<p>All commercial flights to Sudan as well as land borders has been closed</p>	
Tanzania	<p>No travel restrictions at this time.</p>	<p>Ports of entry will have screening measures in place.</p>
Togo	<p>The government of Togo has now foreign travellers arriving from France, Germany, Italy and Spain. Brussel Airlines and Air France has been suspended temporarily. Thermal scan on arrival in airports. International events are cancelled for the weeks as well as gatherings of more than 100 people is prohibited from 19th March.</p>	
Tunisia	<p>Some flights to affected areas suspended. Advanced screening at entry points. Infected persons to be held in quarantine for 14-days. From 2359hrs on 17 March, commercial flights between Tunisia and all other countries will be suspended. All maritime borders have already been closed. All schools, mosques, markets nurseries are closed, and cafés and restaurants are closing daily at 1600hrs. All sporting fixtures, conferences, public prayers and events have been cancelled. A country wide curfew has been put in place every day between 6p.m. and 6.a.m. where military will patrol the streets. Thermal screening and/or frontal lasers at all ports of entry is now in place</p>	
Zambia	<p>Travellers that have been in Covid19 infected countries will be required to spend 14-days in a mandatory quarantine on arrival in Zambia. Zambia officials will do daily telephone check-ups while in quarantine.</p>	<p>Increased screenings at airport and border entry points</p>
Zimbabwe	<p>No travel restrictions at this time. Screening measures are in place at the all entry points. Anyone arriving from a country affected by Covid19 entering by land or air displaying symptoms will be treated in Government of Zimbabwe treatment centre</p>	

