

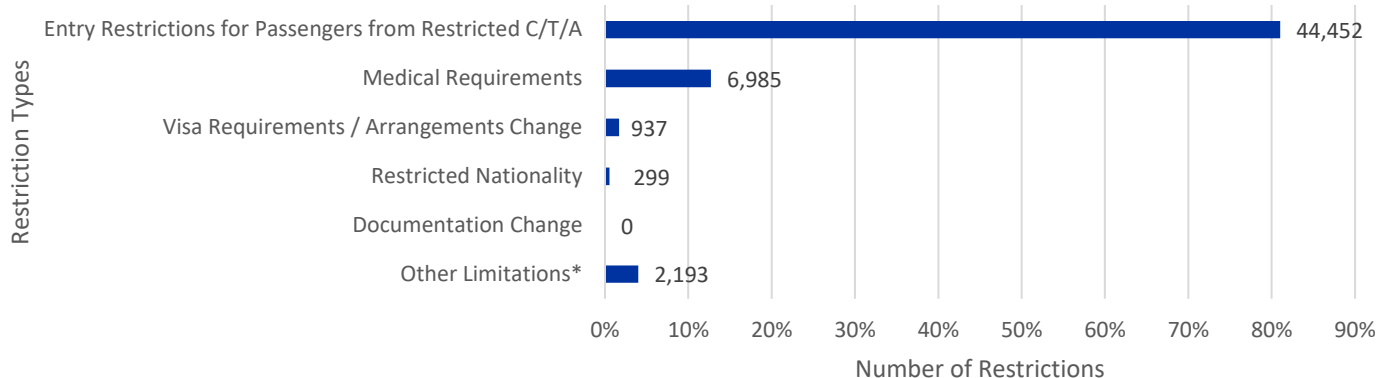
## Overview:

With the number of COVID-19 cases reaching 3.5 million (3,349,786 cases on 3rd May 2020) as per the World Health Organization, Governments and authorities around the world continue to devise multiple mitigation measures and varying degrees of restrictions. The impact of COVID-19 on global mobility and migration is prolonged as international air traffic and borders remain suspended. This is also reflected in the stabilisation observed in the number of travel restrictions issued. As of 4th May 2020, a total of 219 countries, territories or areas issued 54,866 restrictions, indicating an increase of one per cent from 54,379 restrictions recorded on 30th April 2020. Likewise, restrictions on the entry of passengers from a specific arrival country, territory or area increased by one per cent. While air travel remains limited, Governments and authorities continue to develop new and inventive measures to balance restricting internal mobility and allowing some movements while also mitigating risk of new infections. Japan has extended its pandemic state of emergency until 31st May 2020 as number of COVID-19 cases continue to spike. Bangladesh announced an extension of its lockdown until 16th May 2020. Egypt extended its state of emergency for three months but eased restrictions allowing malls and some shops to stay open until 5pm on weekends. Zimbabwe also extended its lockdown on 1st May 2020 for an additional two weeks, while small business remain closed, big businesses are allowed to reopen under supervision. India extended the lockdown measures for two more weeks until 17th May 2020 in metropolitan cities. Authorities introduced a colour coded system of red, orange and green zones, in all three zones movements are prohibited between 7pm and 7am. Azerbaijan has extended partial lockdown measures until 31st May 2020, however, some shops, small businesses like beauty salons and hairdressers are set to open in the capital and certain other regions. With lower number of infection cases and mortality rates, internal mobility restrictions have been eased. Portugal has downgraded its state of emergency, authorities announced a three-phased plan allowing small shops and business to reopen from 4th May 2020 while restaurants can reopen at 50 per cent capacity from 18th May 2020. Lebanon also relaxed measures allowing restaurants to reopen and for individuals to walk on public promenades wearing mandatory face masks. The Philippines have begun to ease restrictions allowing work, public transport and commercial establishments to resume at reduced capacity. After the United States of America Federal Government announced on 1st May 2020 that states can begin reopening, more than 30 states have eased up on social distancing restrictions. Following this trend, Israel authorized the gradual reopening of schools as of 3rd May 2020. Return flights and exceptional movement of aid remains stable despite restrictions. Kenya has announced return flights from London (4th May 2020), Mumbai (7th May 2020) and Guangzhou (8th May 2020) for Kenyan nationals who have tested negative for COVID-19, returnees will be subject to mandatory quarantine for 14 days upon arrival. Despite suspensions on air travel in the United Arab Emirates, Emirates Airlines has announced return flights from London, Manila, Sao Paolo, Frankfurt and Shanghai. All passengers are required to wear masks onboard and no cabin baggage limit the risk of infections. After authorities in India opened registration for Indian nationals seeking to return home from the United Arab Emirates, more than 160,000 nationals have registered. Authorities in Turkey facilitated the evacuation of at least 122 Turkish nationals from Burkina Faso and Guinea following request for return due to the novel coronavirus outbreak. As of 4th May 2020, a total of 28,700 Turkish nationals are in 14-day mandatory isolation at dormitories across 76 provinces after returning from abroad. A total of 275 South African nationals returned from the United States of America on special return flights on 3rd May 2020, an additional two flights have been scheduled for the return of 550 nationals in the coming days. Under the World Food Programme's efforts to ensure that the mobility of humanitarian and medical staff continues amid restrictions, a flight departed from the newly-established hub in Liège, Belgium carrying almost 16 tonnes of supplies that included face masks and gloves for the West African countries of Burkina Faso and Ghana. The United Arab Emirates has begun sending Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) to the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland since 30th April 2020 to support COVID-19 efforts.

Data Source: IATA (<https://www.iatatravelcentre.com/international-travel-document-news/1580226297.html>)

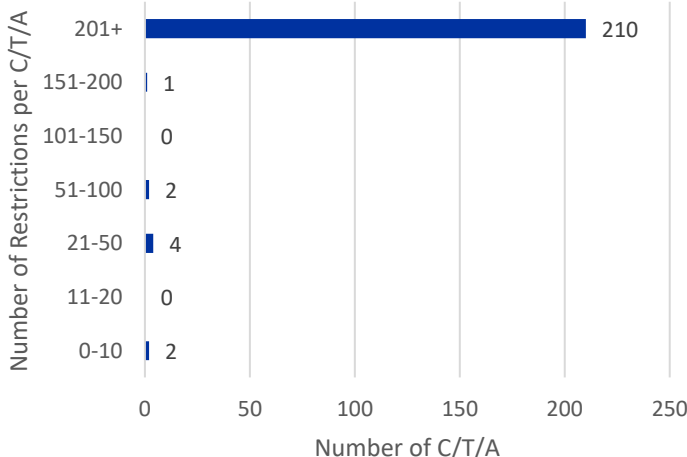
## Numbers at a glance

### Most Common Imposed Restriction Types

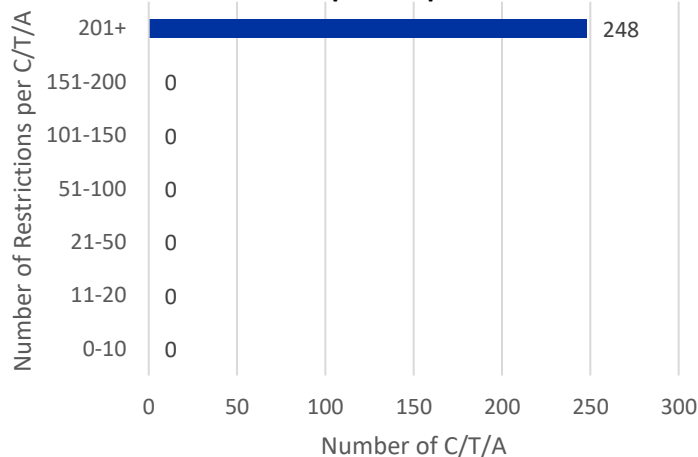


\*Other limitations include suspended visas on arrival and entry permits, requirements for international travel certificates and medical coverages.

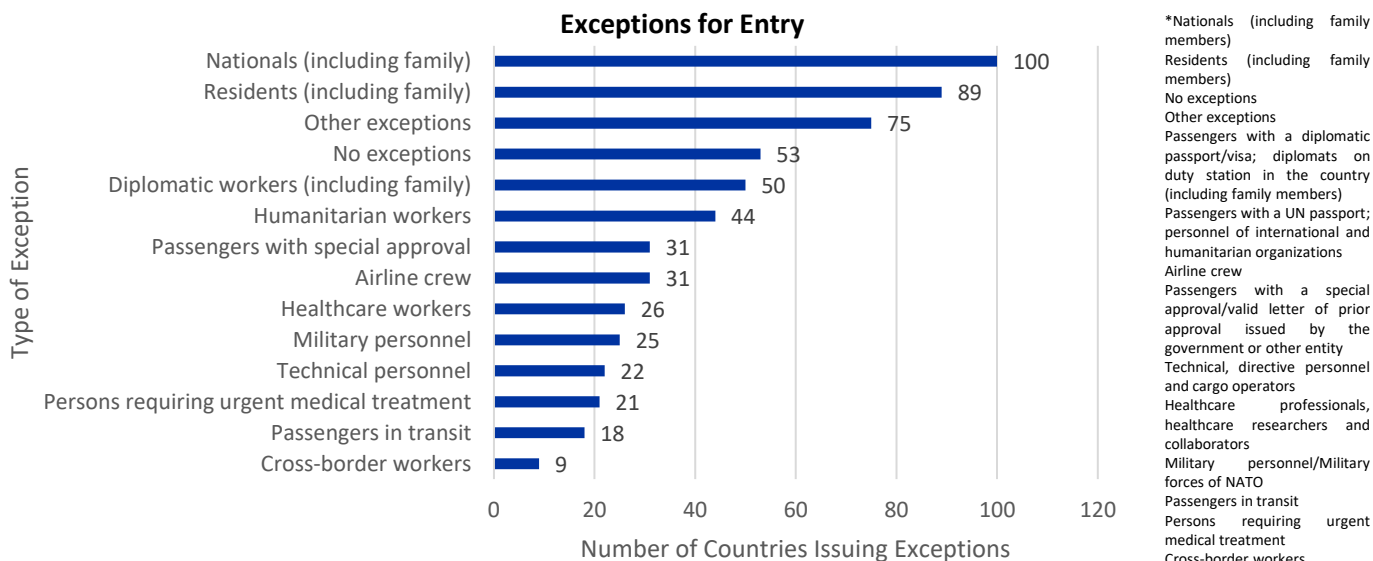
### Number of Countries/ Territories/ Areas Imposing Restrictions



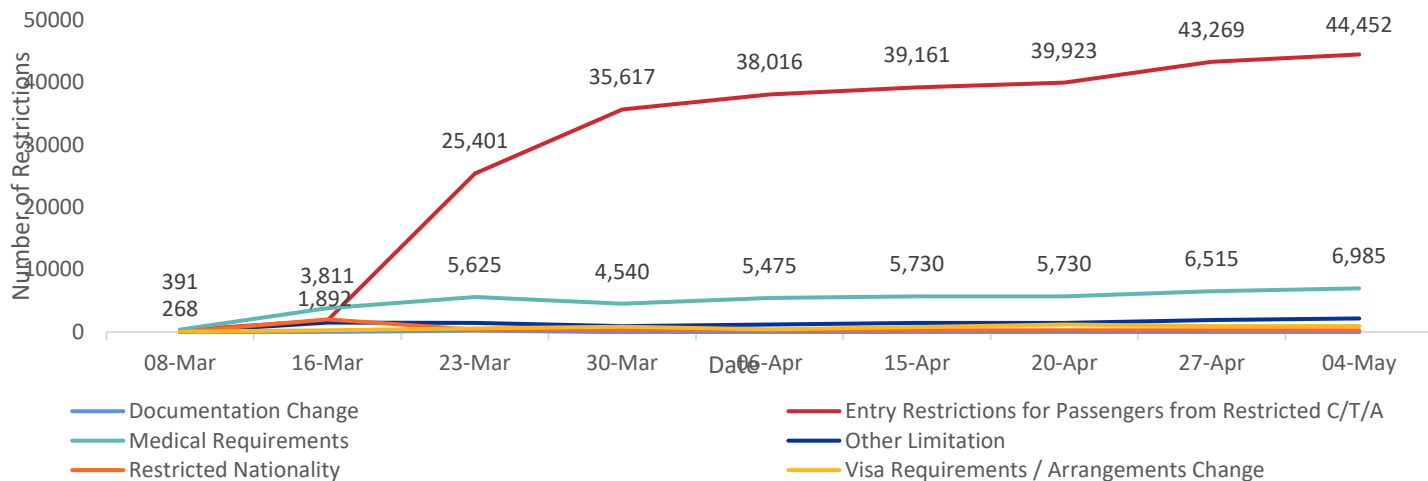
### Number of Countries/ Territories/ Areas with Restrictions Imposed upon them



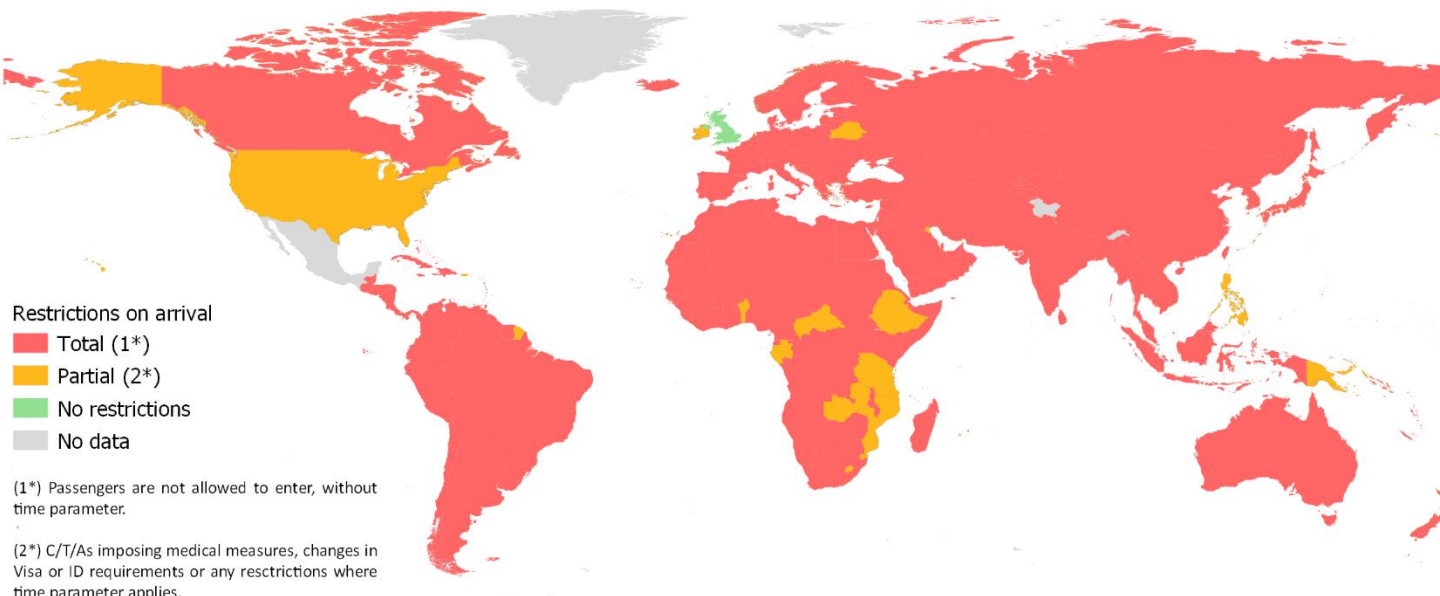
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### Measures Imposed by Countries/ Territories/ Areas, by Type and Date



### Restrictions on Arrival



**Key Highlights:**

- Airport closures and air traffic suspensions were reissued by Tunisia, India, Ghana and Dominican Republic for an indefinite period.
- Changes in dates of airport closures were issued by Chile and the Plurinational State of Bolivia, both shifted from airport closures until specific dates (24th April 2020 and 30th April 2020 respectively) to an indefinite period.
- New medical measures such as the requirement of mandatory health declaration form was added by authorities in Taiwan, Province of the People's Republic of China.
- Indefinite restrictions on passenger entry was issued by Bangladesh, authorities extended its restriction on passengers arriving from Austria, Belgium, Bulgaria, Croatia, Cyprus, Czechia, Denmark, Estonia, Finland, France, Germany, Greece, Hungary, Iceland, Islamic Republic of Iran, Republic of Ireland, Italy, Latvia, Liechtenstein, Lithuania, Luxembourg, Malta, the Netherlands, Norway, Poland, Portugal, Romania, Slovakia, Slovenia, Spain, Sweden or Switzerland on or after 1 March 2020 until 30th April 2020, to an indefinite period.
- Nicaragua issued travel restrictions for the first time, closing all airports for an indefinite period. Authorities issued exceptions for the entry of humanitarian flights with authorization requested 72 hours prior to flight.
- With nearly 2,000 nationals of the Philippines returning on a daily basis, authorities extended the travel ban on passenger entry until 9th May 2020. Cargo, maintenance, medical, and weather mitigation flights will remain operating as per usual.
- On-site COVID-19 testing for arriving passengers was announced by Austria, authorities introduced COVID-19 testing at Vienna airport so that passengers can avoid undergoing quarantine. Previously passengers were required to either travel with a COVID-19 negative test result valid no longer than 72 hours prior to travel or undergo mandatory quarantine.
- New measures for travel safety such as mandatory masks for airline crew and all passengers at airports and onboard will be introduced by airlines in the United States of America. Similarly, authorities in the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland will require all passengers to wear gloves and face masks as well as undergo mandatory temperature checks upon arrival.
- Measures and requirements for airline crew members were issued by the authorities of the Ghana requiring airline crew to undergo quarantine for 14-days during their rotation period.
- A total of 5,801 Afghan nationals have returned from the Islamic Republic of Iran through the Nimroz (Milak) and Herat (Islam Qala) borders between 26th April and 2nd May 2020.