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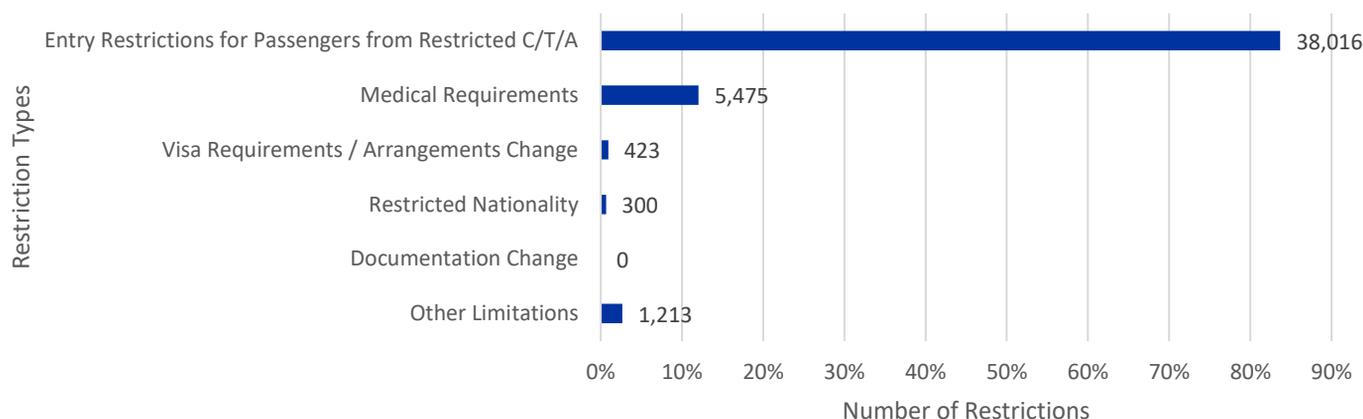
According to the latest report from the World Health Organization (WHO), there are nearly 1,210,956 COVID-19 cases reported in over 200 countries, territories and areas across the world. As per the WHO, a four per cent daily increase of new COVID-19 cases globally has been reported on 4th and 5th of April 2020 respectively. Since the start of the of COVID-19 global mobility restrictions monitoring and as of 6th April 2020, total of 45,427 restrictions and measures have been issued by Governments and authorities in 194 countries, territories and areas. While the total number of the different types of mobility restrictions issued has noted only a marginal one percent increase when compared to 3rd of April 2020, the medical restrictions and measures issued in the same period indicate an increase of seven per cent.

With 91,714 confirmed COVID-19 cases as of 6th April 2020, Germany announced mandatory 14-days quarantine for all passengers arriving to the country starting from 10th April 2020 onwards. This applies to nationals, citizens of EU Member States and third-country nationals. Reporting its highest number of new cases recorded in one day, Singapore issued mandatory quarantine for 14 days at designated locations for nationals as well as flight and cabin crew with travel history or arriving from Brunei Darussalam, Cambodia, France, India, Indonesia, Lao People's Democratic Republic, Malaysia, Myanmar, Philippines, Switzerland, Thailand, the United States of America, the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland and Viet Nam. However, Singapore has banned the entry of airline crew who are not nationals, long-term pass holders or residents. Owing to a surge in COVID-19 cases, Japan announced to declare a state of emergency as of 7th April 2020 advising people to stay at home but not imposing a lock-down. While extending closure of all airports indefinitely, Sri Lanka also introduced exceptions for the entry of humanitarian worker and medical workers. Pertaining to the mobility of humanitarian aid and medical workers, Ukraine sent a team of 20 doctors to Italy, and the United Arab of Emirates also sent of medical supplies to help Italy, as well Afghanistan, Pakistan, Seychelles, People's Republic of China and the Islamic Republic of Iran. The People's Republic of China also sent medical supplies and an 18-person medical team to Nigeria to support the fight against COVID-19.

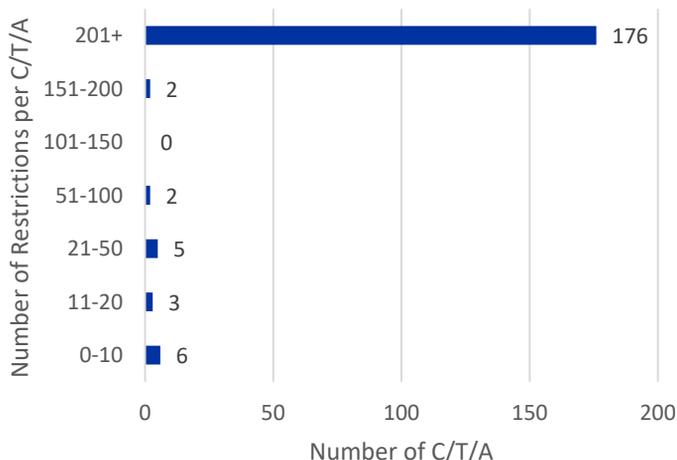
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Numbers at a glance

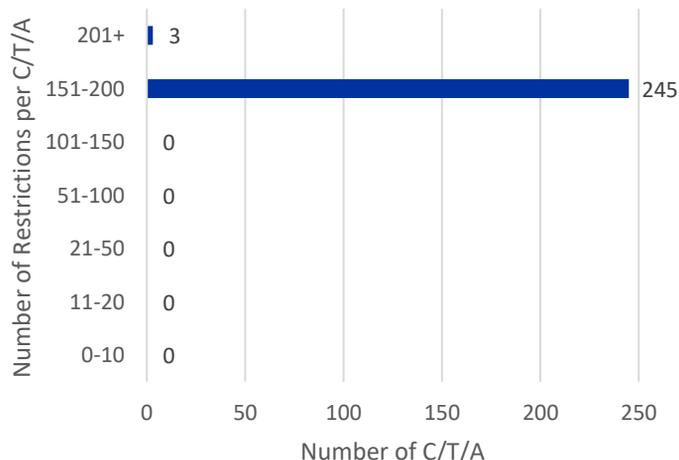
Most Common Imposed Restriction Types



Number of Countries/ Territories/ Areas Imposing Restrictions

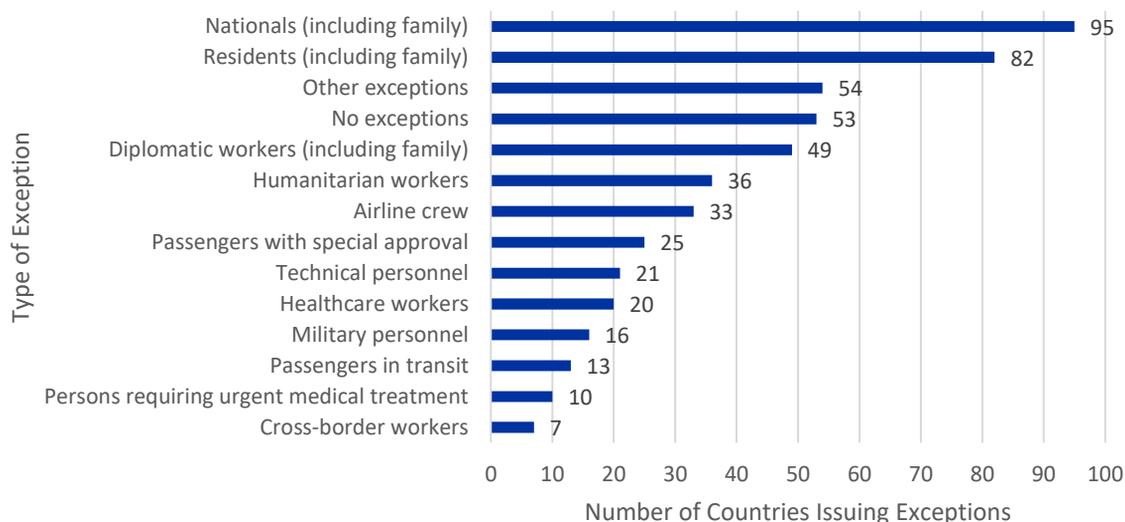


Number of Countries/ Territories/ Areas with Restrictions Imposed upon them



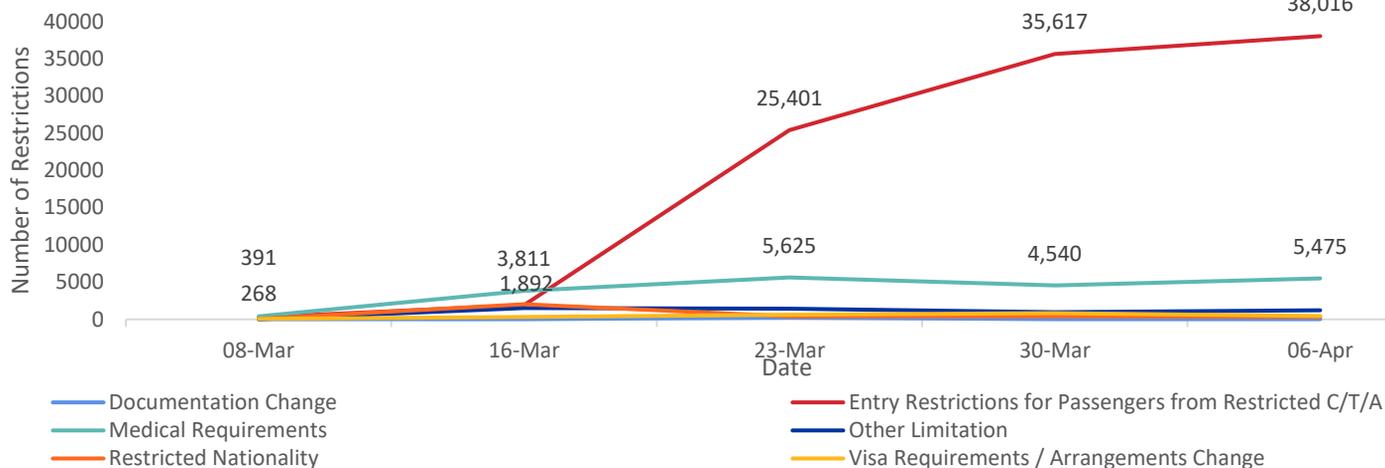
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Exceptions for Entry

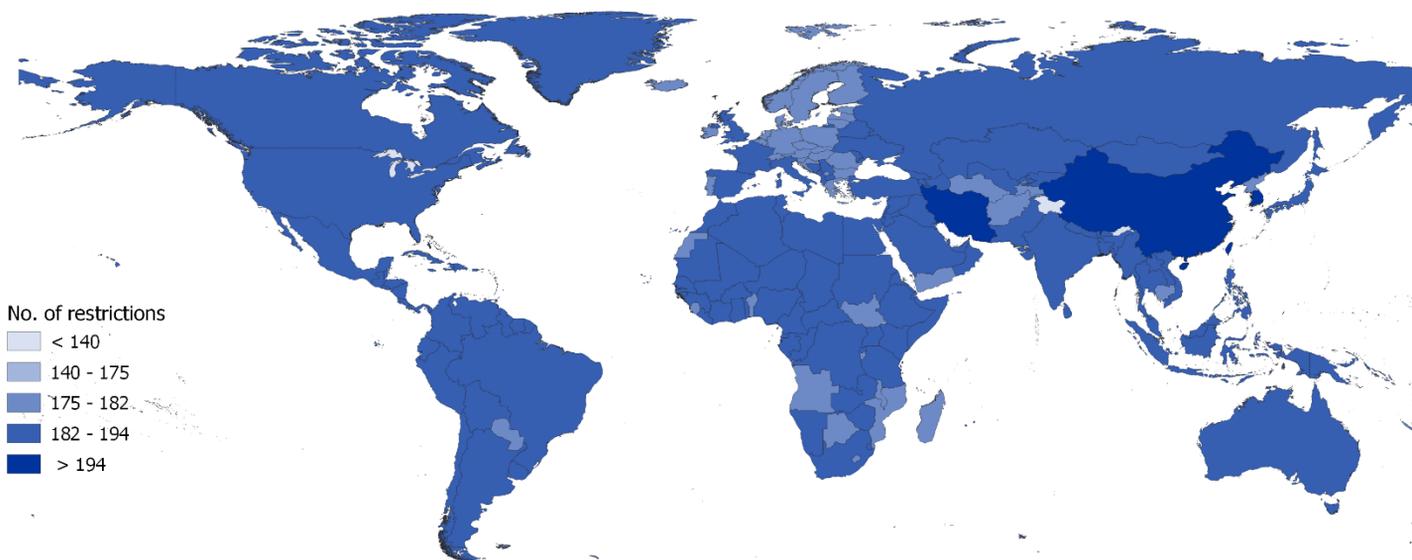


*Nationals (including family members)
Residents (including family members)
No exceptions
Other exceptions
Passengers with a diplomatic passport/visa; diplomats on duty station in the country (including family members)
Passengers with a UN passport; personnel of international and humanitarian organizations
Airline crew
Passengers with a special approval/valid letter of prior approval issued by the government or other entity
Technical, directive personnel and cargo operators
Healthcare professionals, healthcare researchers and collaborators
Military personnel/Military forces of NATO
Passengers in transit
Persons requiring urgent medical treatment
Cross-border workers

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



Restriction Received by Country



Key Highlights

- Ghana announced an extension of complete closure of airports until 19th April 2020, while Guyana also extended closure of all airports until 1st May 2020.

- To curb rising COVID-19 cases, Turkey announced the full closure of one international airport (Sabiha Gökçen) in Istanbul, shut down of the borders of 31 cities, including Istanbul, for all vehicles, excluding transit passage and essential supplies such as food, medical and sanitary products and imposed partial curfew for people under the age of 20.

- Repatriation efforts of Governments and authorities continue to transpire as Saudi Arabia opened up an electronic registry service for nationals abroad seeking to return home and the United States of America arranged a second charter flight to repatriate several hundred of American nationals from Bangladesh. The People's Republic of China announced charter planes to the United States of America to repatriate its nationals under the age of 18 studying in the USA.

- Lebanon also commenced repatriation efforts, this is after the current expat policy restricted the entry of nationals until the national lockdown of 12th April 2020. Upon return all repatriated Lebanese nationals will undergo COVID-19 testing and will be placed under 14-days mandatory quarantine upon arrival.

- Amid a 21-day lockdown, authorities in India will repatriate stranded Canadians on three flights via London from 8-10th April 2020. Following their arrival in the United Kingdom, the Canadian government will organize onward flights to Canada.

- Measures to limit internal mobility were to be released, Kenya announced a partial lockdown whereas Algeria has announced an extension of the current lockdown. Conversely, the Government of Austria has announced a timeline for a potential relaxation of internal mobility restrictions on 14th April 2020, re-opening small shops of up to 400 square meters, and larger shops by 1st May 2020, depending on how closely citizens abide by social distancing measures.

- While the United Arab of Emirates has extended the night-time curfew indefinitely, authorities also announced a relaxation in fines for expiring residency permits holders in light of the existing restrictions.

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