Overview:
Global mobility continues to be impacted by COVID-19 with the continual increase in travel measures such as nationality based restrictions and passenger bans implemented by several countries, territories and areas globally. As of 17th March 2020, a total of 131 countries, territories or areas have issued new or updated existing COVID-19 related travel restrictions, with 3341 new measures issued in one day. As of 17th March 2020, there were at least 12,887 known COVID-19 related measures underlying an increase of 35% from the 9546 restrictions reported on 16th March 2020. The scope and effect of the different restrictions have intensified. The preference for issuing visa restrictions such as suspensions and invalidations grew, as there was a 172% increase in nationality-based travel restrictions for passengers issued globally (179% increase on 16th March 2020. Likewise, a 158% increase on passengers restrictions on specific countries, territories or areas were issued by Australia, Aruba, Cayman Islands, Hong Kong SAR, China. In this vein, Canada has issued a restriction denying entry to non-citizens and non-permanent residents, with an exception for U.S. citizens, air crews, diplomats, and immediate family members of Canadians. In South America, the Plurinational State of Bolivia issued travel restrictions on passengers who have been in the People’s Republic of China, France, Germany, Islamic Republic of Iran, Italy, Japan, the Republic of Korea, Spain or United States of America in the last 20 days, whereas Argentina issued mandatory quarantine for passengers from these countries. Chile announced closure of its borders to all foreigners starting on 18th March 2020 for an undetermined period and nationals returning from areas with a significant number of cases of the coronavirus must quarantine for 14 days. The scale of COVID-19 in Europe resulting in a near total lockdown in Italy, France and Spain is also reflected in the new travel restrictions and medical measures issued outside Europe by Mauritius and Hong Kong SAR, China, as well as within Europe, with several countries intensifying travel restrictions by implementing a total ban on all passengers issued by Estonia, Hungary, Republic of Moldova, Latvia and Lithuania.


Numbers at a glance

Most Common Imposed Restriction Types in %

Number of Countries/ Territories/ Areas Imposing Restrictions

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

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Medical Restrictions (by Date)

- Other type of medical restrictions and measures
- Quarantine of 14 days prior or after entering the country
- Medical certificate required
- Other forms of screening and monitoring upon arrival

Quarantine of 14 days in country with no confirmed...