

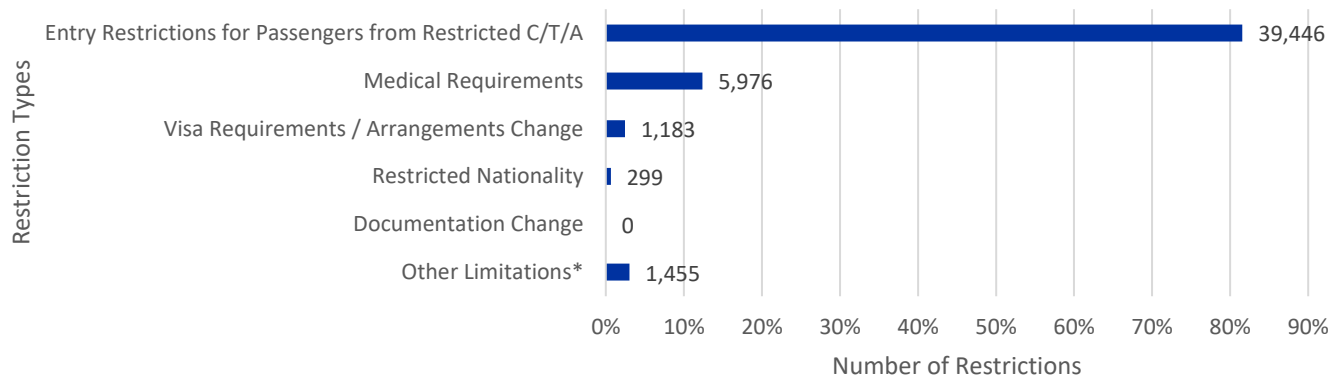
### Overview:

The curve of the COVID-19 pandemic continues to advance and pose a myriad of challenges for Governments and authorities in 212 affected countries, territories and areas. As of 17th April 2020, the total number of confirmed cases has exceeded two million as per the World Health Organization. Resultantly, a total of 204 countries, territories and areas have issued a total of 48,359 COVID-19 related mobility restrictions and measures. This marks a two per cent increase from 47,423 in all restrictions and measures reported as of 15th April 2020. However, restrictions and measures such as visa suspensions and invalidations increased by 52 per cent and medical measures/requirements also increased by four per cent. While Governments and authorities grapple with the health impact of COVID-19, the effects on global mobility and migration dynamics simultaneously unfold. Uganda extended its restricted movement measures for an additional three weeks starting 15th April 2020. Sudan also announced a three-week lockdown in the state of Khartoum in effect from 18th April 2020. Japan announced a nation-wide state of emergency; this directive allows regional governments to advise people to stay at home. Georgia announced a ban on the movement of all private vehicles from 17th to 21st April 2020, in addition to the existing lockdown until 10th May 2020 to limit spread of the infection. Conversely, authorities in Poland announced the reopening of parks and forests from 20th April 2020, while also placing limits on the numbers of people in shops. In terms of relaxations of mobility restrictions, the Government in the United States of America announced guidelines for the potential reopening of parts of the country, using a phased approach. Some national airlines in India have announced that they will restart domestic flights in vital corridors from 4th May 2020. The repatriation movements remain going, Turkey repatriated 262 nationals from London on 17th April 2020 to Ankara. All repatriated nationals were transported in buses to student dormitories in the Çankırı province, where they have been placed under a 14-day quarantine period. Spain announced the repatriation flights operated by Iberia airlines for almost 2,000 third-country nationals to return over the next two weeks. This includes flights to Australia, the Philippines, Thailand, Cabo Verde, the Plurinational State of Bolivia. Additionally, repatriations flights were also announced to Peru, Equatorial Guinea, Colombia, and three flights to Argentina, one with a stop neighboring Paraguay. Germany extended repatriations flights operated by its national carrier, Lufthansa until 17th May 2020. United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland announced 17 charter flights from six cities in India to repatriate 4,000 its nationals. Turkey sent medical supplies to support Somalia in support of its COVID-19 efforts.

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

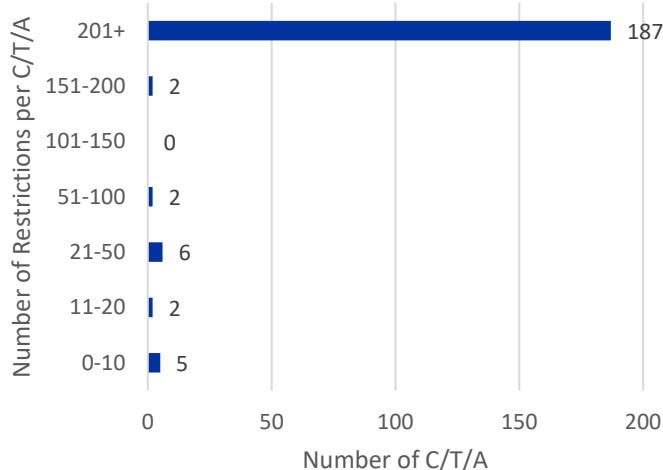
## Numbers at a glance

### Most Common Imposed Restriction Types

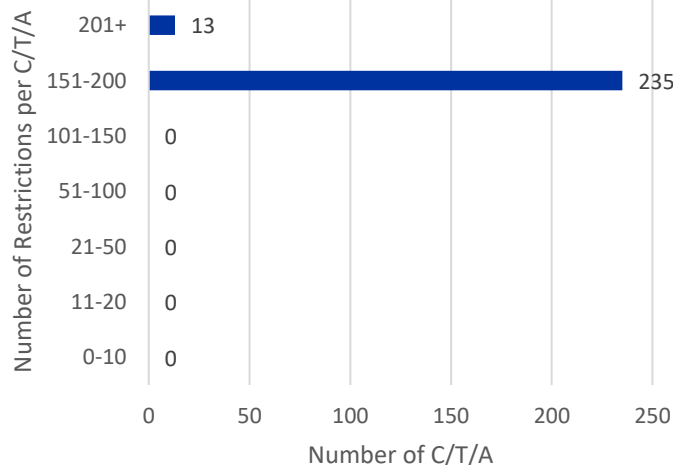


\*Other limitations include suspended visas on arrival and entry permits, requirements for international travel certificates and medical coverages.

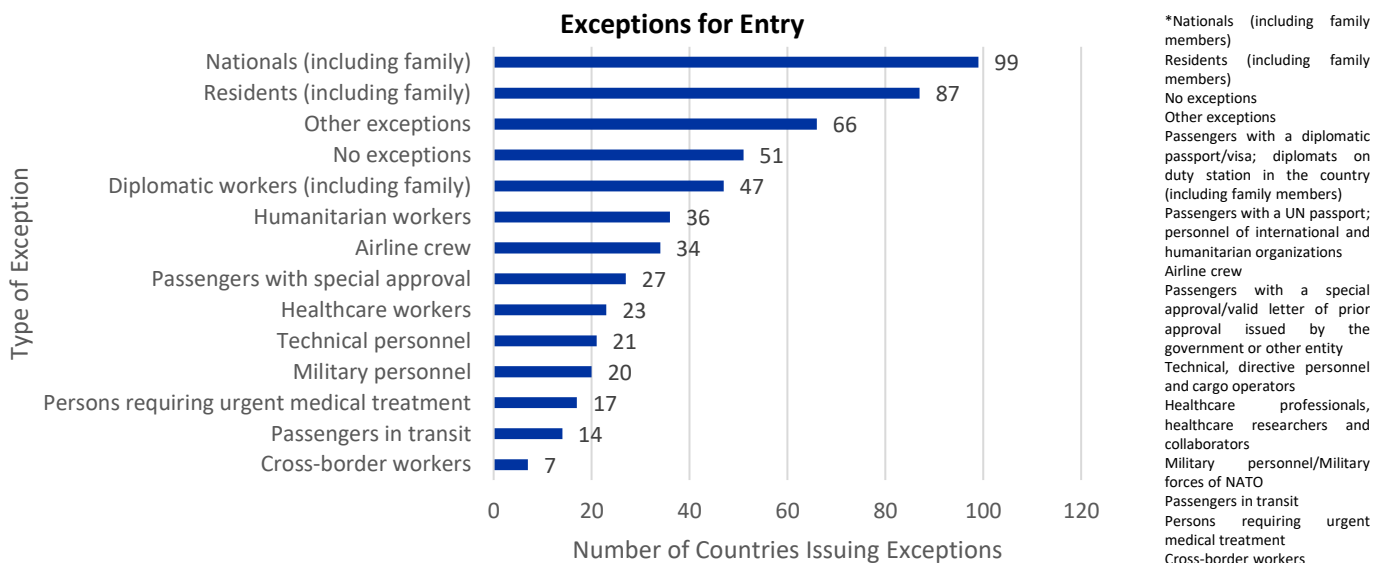
### Number of Countries/ Territories/ Areas Imposing Restrictions



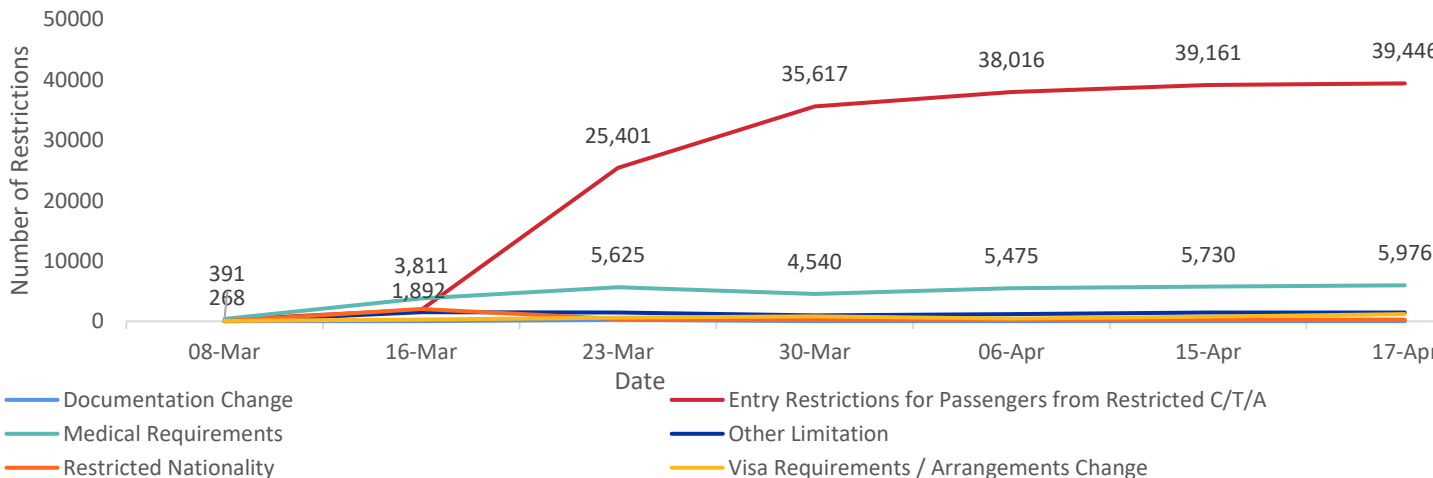
### Number of Countries/ Territories/ Areas with Restrictions Imposed upon them



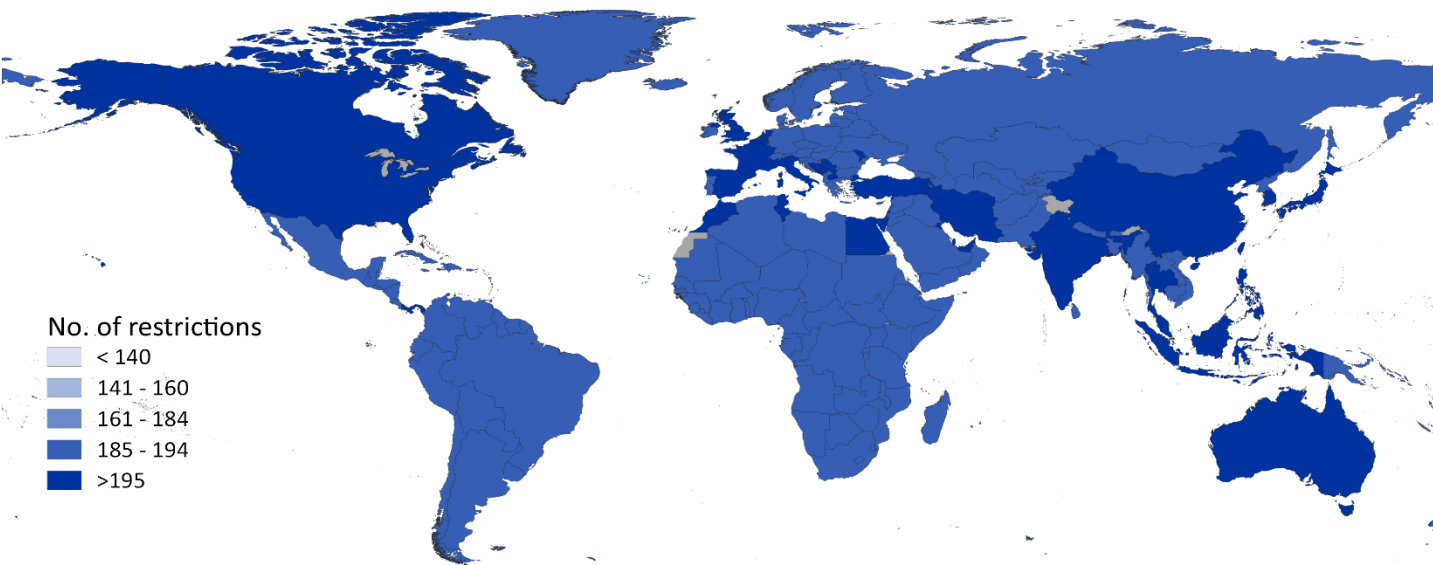
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### Measures Imposed by Countries/ Territories/ Areas, by Type and Date



### Restriction Received by Country



### **Points of Entry Update:**

As of 16th April 2020 (17:00 CET), through the Points of Entry (PoE) data base IOM has thus far recorded and processed information on 2,920 PoE located across 163\* countries, territories and areas. These consist of 1,574 land border points, 622 airports, and 403 sea border points, 321 internal transit points. A total of 859 (29%) PoE are assessed in Africa, 865 (30%) in Asia, 900 (31%) in Europe, 175 (6%) in North America, 87 (3%) in South America and 34 (1%) in Oceania. Of the processed 2,920 PoE, at the time of the assessment 1,113 were fully closed, 1,093 were partially closed, 349 were open, 128 were closed for entry, 26 were closed for exit, and for 211 the status was unknown.

### **Key Highlights:**

- Measures and requirements for airline crew members remain stringent, Barbados issued restrictions on airline crew from disembarking flights, if they do have overnight stays, airline crew is required to self-isolate. Dominica issued a new restriction banning airline crew from disembarking.
- Whilst the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland continues to receive 15,000 passengers each day, authorities have not yet issued any restrictions on the entry of travelers or suspended air travel. However, authorities have extended existing lockdown for an additional period of three weeks until 7th May 2020.
- The extension of airport closures and air travel suspensions were reissued by the Plurinational State of Bolivia and Mongolia until 30th April 2020. While Greece, Belgium, the Netherlands and Iceland announced closures until 15th May 2020.
- Indefinite airline suspension and airport closures were also announced by Barbados, Curaçao, and Dominica.
- As the daily number of cases continues to increase across Africa, Tunisia, South Africa, Cameroon and Senegal announced airport closures until further notice.
- Algeria issued travel restrictions for the first time, announcing airport closures for an indefinite period.
- Grenada issued restrictions banning the entry of nationals and residents for an indefinite period. Nationals and residents were previously exempt for travel restrictions.
- Restrictions on airport opening hours appear to have become a new way of managing mobility. The People's Republic of Korea issued a restriction on the timings of arrivals, as of 17th April 2020, all flights must arrive at Incheon International Airport (ICN) between 5:00 and 20:00. The Maldives also announced the daily closure of Velana Airport (MLE) from 16:00 to 01:00.
- Authorities in Thailand announced reopening of 23 land borders to allow Thai nationals to return home from neighboring countries, territories and areas. Returnees will be subjected to a 14-day quarantine upon return.