

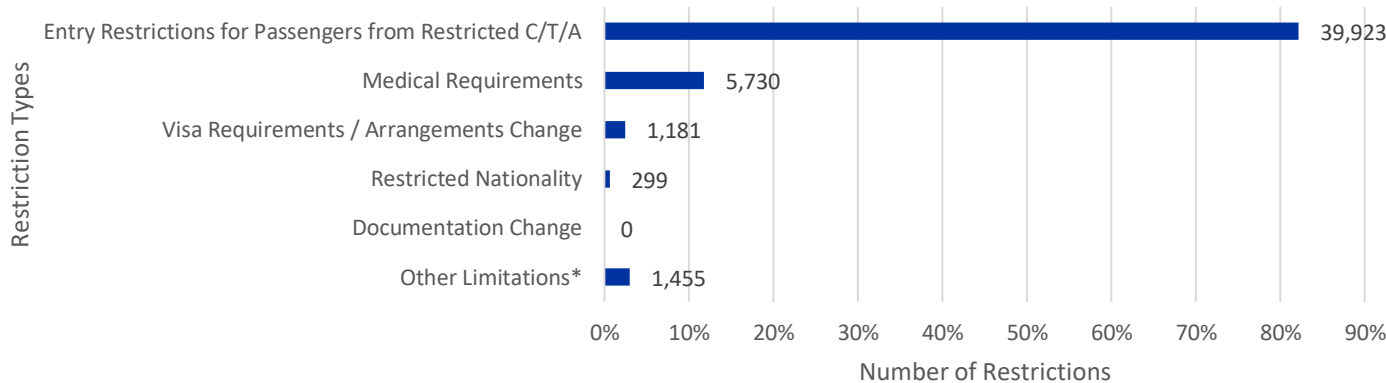
Overview:

While many borders and airports continue to remain closed for common use, the varying impact of COVID-19 across the affected countries, territories and areas continues to generate a diversity of responses. Even with global mobility and migration dynamics on pause, the total number of COVID-19 related mobility restrictions has reached 48,588 on 20th April 2020, marking a slight increase of nearly one per cent from 48,359 recorded as of 17th April 2020 and a similar one per cent increase on restrictions on the arrival of passengers from specific country, territory or area. In such a context, Governments and authorities have started demonstrating a preference for mixed measures, cautiously loosening some essential mobility restrictions yet curbing overall internal mobility. After reporting consistently low number of new COVID-19 cases, the Republic of Korea has partially eased some restrictions allowing restaurants and churches to reopen, while extending the social distancing policy for an additional 16-days. Ghana lifted some lockdown measures on 20th April 2020 allowing non-essential businesses to reopen but banned large gatherings and closed educational institutions. Zimbabwe extended its national lockdown for another two weeks until 3rd May 2020 but permitted the reopening of factories and mining. Meanwhile New Zealand extended the current lockdown until 27th April 2020, but in parallel relaxed measures allowing business and schools to reopen for some students and permitting funerals and weddings of up to 10 people. Sri Lanka lifted curfews in districts that are deemed low-risk, but restrictions on religious festivals, pilgrimages, non-essential travel, processions and meetings remain until further notice. Israel announced easing restrictions measures allowing staff capacity to increase from 15 per cent to 30 per cent and the reopening of some shops, however, malls and large markets will continue to remain closed. Likewise, the Islamic Republic of Iran allowed low-risk business like shops, factories, and workshops to reopen in Tehran, a week after re-opening across other parts in the country. Conversely, lockdowns have also been extended in Honduras until 26th April 2020, in both Croatia and Tunisia until 4th May 2020 and Uzbekistan until 10th May 2020. The global mobility of return flights remains strong and consistent. Pakistan announced at least four return flights for its nationals from Dubai and Abu Dhabi on 20th and 24th April 2020 respectively, in efforts to return more than 3,000 Pakistani nationals from the United Arab Emirates. The authorities of the United Kingdom of Northern Ireland and Great Britain announced four return flights from 21st to 26th April 2020 for the return of 850 British nationals from Bangladesh. Likewise, authorities also announced plans for the return of British nationals in Sierra Leone and Pakistan. Turkey also announced massive return efforts between 20th to 28th April 2020 to bring back 25,000 Turkish nationals from 59 countries. The national carrier, Turkish Airlines will operate 195 flights over the next nine days.

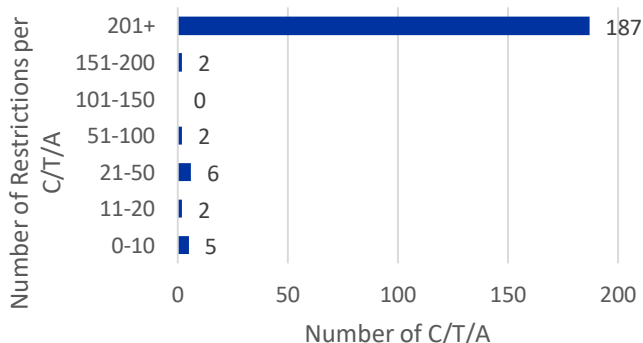
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Numbers at a glance

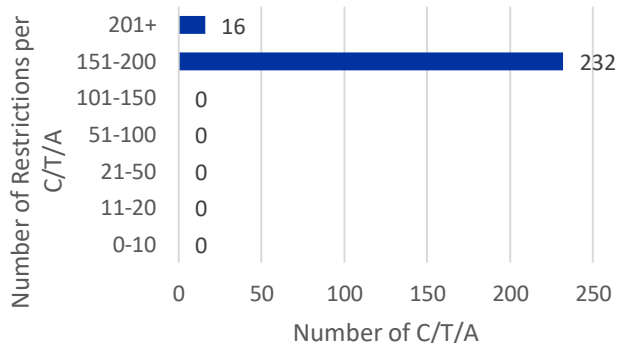
Most Common Imposed Restriction Types



Number of Countries/ Territories/ Areas Imposing Restrictions



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



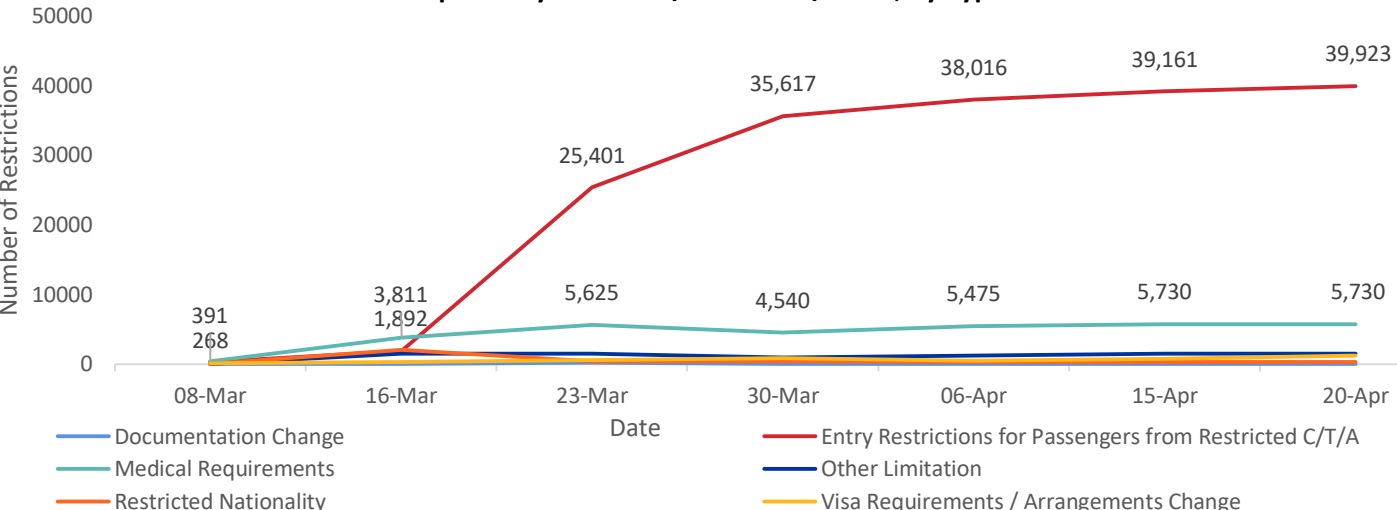
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Exceptions for Entry

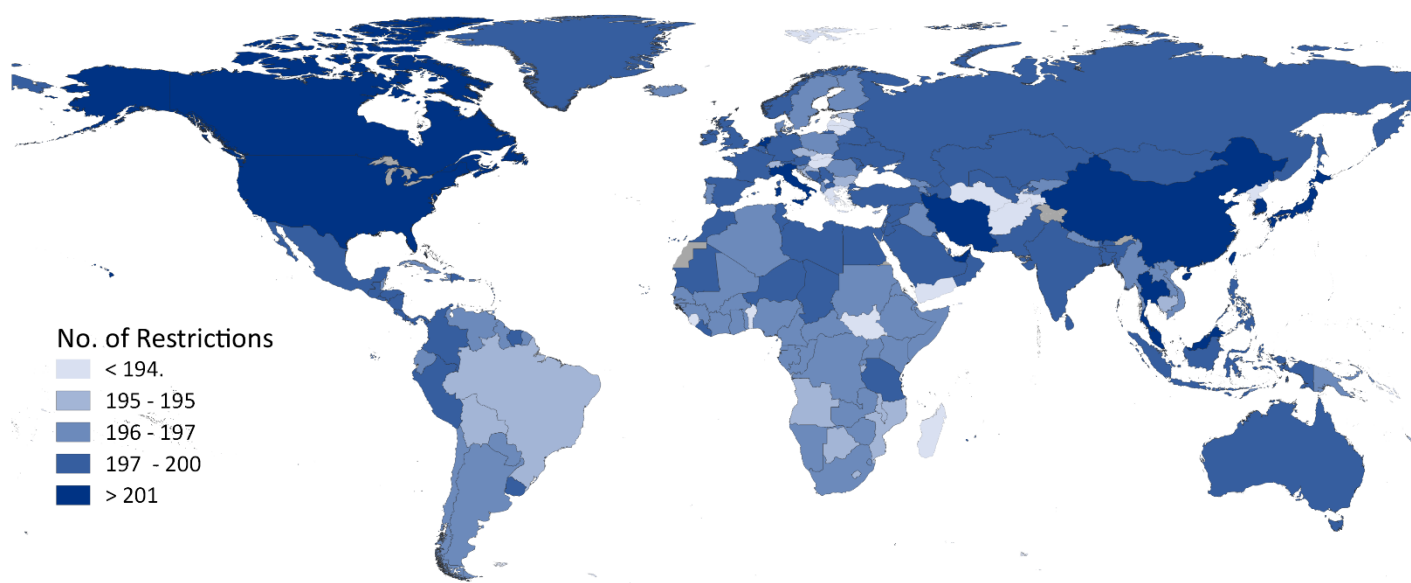


*National (including family members)
Residents (including family members)
No exceptions
Other exceptions
Passengers with a diplomatic passport/visa; diplomats on duty station in the country (including family members)
Passengers with a UN passport; personnel of international and humanitarian organizations
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



Points of Entry Update:

As of 19th April 2020 (17:00 CET), through the Points of Entry (PoE) database IOM has thus far recorded and processed information on 3,062 PoE located across 171* countries, territories and areas. These consist of 1,694 land border points, 635 airports, 408 sea border points, and 325 internal transit points. A total of 1,003 (33%) in Europe, 880 (29%) PoE are assessed in Africa, 880 (29%) in Asia, 175 (6%) in North America, 87 (3%) in South America and 37 (1%) in Oceania. Of the processed 3,062 PoE at the time of the assessment, 1,262 were fully closed, 1,158 were partially closed, 344 were open, 120 were closed for entry, for 161 the status was unknown, and 17 were closed for exit.

Key Highlights:

- The extension of airport closures and air travel suspensions were reissued by Croatia (until 18th May 2020), Pakistan (until 30th April 2020) and Paraguay (until 24th April 2020) and Turkmenistan (until 20th May 2020). Iraq extended airport closures from 18th April 2020 to 24th April 2020, whereas the Dominican Republic extended airport closures indefinitely.
- More stringent measures were introduced. Armenia shifted from visa requirements and partial restrictions on passengers from specific arrival countries, territories and areas to a total restriction on passengers until 14th May 2020. Authorities issued exceptions for nationals, residents, diplomatic officials and airline staff who are subject to mandatory 14-day quarantine period. Lao People's Democratic Republic shifted from suspension of visa on arrival to suspension of all air traffic until 3rd May 2020.
- New measures and requirements for airline crew members were issued by Lithuania requiring airline staff to remain in self-isolation for 14-days prior to departure.
- El Salvador announced airport closures until the 28th April 2020. Authorities concurrently issued the exceptions for the mobility restrictions, allowing United States of America military flights (CSL), humanitarian aid flights, ambulance flights, ferry/maintenance flights and return flights with a special clearance.
- While flights to Portugal are suspended until 17th May 2020, authorities also announced specific dates for the suspension of flights from Italy (until 21st April 2020) and Spain (until 14th May 2020). Exceptions for state flights, emergency flights, Hospital/Medevac flights, humanitarian/return flights, and United Nations flights were also issued.
- Pakistan has returned 500 of its nationals from Afghanistan through the Torkham land border point on 20th April 2020, returnees will be placed in quarantine for 14 days at designated isolation spaces.
- Lithuania relaxed the exceptions on returning nationals and residents, previously entry was under the condition that tickets were purchased prior to 1st April 2020. Lithuania also issued the exception allowing transiting passengers who are returning home to transit through the airport.
- Authorities in Mexico will release detained migrants who may at a higher risk of contracting COVID-19 i.e. above 60 years of age and those who have a disability or chronic illnesses.