

Update 16: Iraq - Eases Restrictions Despite Surge in COVID-19 Cases

- Iraqi health authorities have decided to ease the restrictions imposed across the country despite reporting increase in COVID-19 infections
- The country has decided to reopen the country's borders exclusively for the commercial movement with precautions
- It also decided to reopen restaurants and tourist facilities of five-star hotels, as well as lifting a ban on sporting activities and events but without an audience
- The authorities decided to permit up to 50% of the workforce in government institutions after it had permitted 25% last month
- Iraq has so far recorded 264,684 COVID-19 cases, 202,859 recoveries (76.6% of total reported cases), and 7,589 related deaths (2.8% of total reported cases)
- Iraq has been taking a series of measures to contain the pandemic since February when the first COVID-19 case appeared in the country
- Supply Wisdom is continuously monitoring the situation and will alert you to any relevant developments
- Please consult Ministry of Health (<http://www.moh.gov.iq/>) for the latest information on COVID-19 in Iraq

Source(s)

<https://in.reuters.com/article/us-health-coronavirus-iraq/iraq-to-reopen-borders-for-trade-bring-back-sports-and-dining-idINKBN25Y1Y6>

https://www.business-standard.com/article/international/iraq-s-health-ministry-allows-easing-of-coronavirus-restrictions-120090800360_1.html

Targets Affected:

Iraq

Guidance

Actions to consider:

- Consider implementing suggested actions related to '[Business Recovery/Lifting Restrictions](#)' and '[Increase in Positive Cases/Deaths](#)' and under the '[COVID-19: Actions to Consider](#)' section below / next page

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Medium

Update 15: Iraq - Reports Highest Daily Increase of 5,036 COVID-19 Cases, Raising National Total to 252,075

Impact level Definitions

Impact Level	Definitions
Immediate	Certain - Supply Wisdom recommends considering prompt action. Examples of Immediate level alert events may include bankruptcy filings, data breaches, unexpected curfews, strikes, power black-outs, major geo-political events etc.
High	Highly likely to occur in the near term (within 3 months) - Supply Wisdom recommends being in a state of readiness to take quick action. Examples of High level alert events may include withdrawal of rating by ratings agencies, hostile takeover, multiple cyber-attacks, new business policies causing significant hardship etc.
Medium	Likely to occur in the mid-term (within 3 to 6 months) - Supply Wisdom recommends reviewing current mitigation steps and being ready to take proactive actions if and when situation deteriorates further. Examples of Medium level alert events may include unplanned C-level exits, suppliers caught in bribery cases, economy slipping into recession.
Low	Possible in the long-term (after 6 months) - Supply Wisdom recommends taking proactive action if situation does not resolve. Examples of Low level alert events may include lawsuits filed against suppliers, client losses, air pollution alerts issued by country's local authorities, unexpected holidays announced for the location etc.
Informational	The event is pertinent information but does not have a risk element associated with it. Examples of Info level alert events may include launch of new solutions, partnerships signed, industry outlook, positive changes in government policies, announcements regarding launch of software parks/ free trade zones/special economic zones etc.