

# Update 13: Israel - Relaxes COVID-19 Measures as Economic Crisis Escalates

- Amid the COVID-19 pandemic, Israel has decided to partially lift the country's national lockdown from October 18 onwards
- The decision was taken amid declining new coronavirus cases in the country
- After a four-weeks lockdown, including a ban on movement beyond one-third of a mile from home, the country has dramatically brought down its number of infections
- As per the Israeli cabinet's decision, the restrictions that previously limited people to a 1,000-meter radius will be lifted
- Restaurants will be allowed to reopen but only offer takeaway options and businesses that do not cater to clients will also be allowed to reopen
- Schools and other retail businesses will remain close
- People will be allowed to move without restriction and visit each other's homes, capping gatherings at 10 people indoors and 20 outdoors
- Public transportation will operate at 50% capacity
- Several cities with mostly ultra-Orthodox populations will remain under restrictions as they continue to suffer high infection rates
- As of now, the country reported 301,896 confirmed COVID-19 cases with 2,141 deaths (0.7% of total reported cases), and 262,503 recoveries (87% of the total reported cases) Supply Wisdom is continuously monitoring the situation and will alert you to any relevant developments
- Please consult Ministry of Health (<https://govextra.gov.il/ministry-of-health/corona/corona-virus-en/>) for latest information on COVID-19 in Israel

## Source(s)

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## Targets Affected:

Israel

## Category(s):

Geo-Political Risk - Macro-Economic Risk

## Event:

Coronavirus (COVID-19) Incident(s)

## Guidance

### *Actions to consider:*

- Consider implementing suggested actions related to 'Business Recovery/Lifting Restrictions' under the 'COVID-19: Actions to Consider' section below / next page

**Related Alerts**

**Oct. 14, 2020**

**Medium**

Update 12: Israel - Government Extends Lockdown Until October 18, 2020

**Oct. 9, 2020**

**High**

Update 11: Israel - Thousands Demonstrate as Government Extends Lockdown

**Sept. 24, 2020**

**Medium**

Update 10: Israel - Tightens Second Lockdown Amid Surge in COVID-19 Cases

**Sept. 15, 2020**

**High**

Update 9: Israel - Imposes Second Nationwide Lockdown Over COVID-19

**Sept. 8, 2020**

**Medium**

Update 8: Israel - Reports Highest Daily Increase of 3,331 COVID-19 Cases, Totaling 133,975

**Sept. 5, 2020**

**High**

Update 7: Israel - Plans to Impose Lockdowns in 30 Cities Amid High COVID-19 Morbidity

**Aug. 7, 2020**

**Medium**

Update 6: Israel - Plans to Resume International Flights Starting August 16, 2020, Amid Spike in COVID-19 Cases

**July 17, 2020**

**High**

Update 5: Israel - Imposes New COVID-19 Lockdown Measures Starting July 17, 2020

**July 2, 2020**

Medium

Update 4: Israel - Reports Highest Daily Increase of 1,013 COVID-19 Cases, Totaling 24,257; Declares Lockdown in Lod and Ashdod

**June 12, 2020**

Medium

Update 3: Israel - Reports Over 200 New COVID-19 Cases in Last 24 Hours, Highest Daily Rise Since April 2020, Totaling 18,569

**June 9, 2020**

Medium

Update 2: Israel - Freezes Reopening of Economy Amid Spike in COVID-19 Cases

**June 2, 2020**

High

Update 1: Israel - Reports 98 New COVID-19 Cases, Totaling 17,169

# Impact level Definitions

Impact Level	Definitions
Immediate	<b>Certain</b> - 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	<b>Highly likely to occur in the near term (within 3 months)</b> - 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	<b>Likely to occur in the mid-term (within 3 to 6 months)</b> - 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	<b>Possible in the long-term (after 6 months)</b> - 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.