

Update 23: Iran - Government Imposes New Business and Travel Restrictions Amid Surge in COVID-19 Cases

- On November 21, 2020, the Iranian Government shuttered businesses and curtailed travel between its major cities, including the capital city Tehran amid a rise in COVID-19 cases
- The new lockdown measures include shuttering most businesses, shops, malls, and restaurants, including Iran's cities of Mashhad, Isfahan, and Shiraz
- The closures are set to last two weeks but can be automatically extended
- From November 21, government offices that provide essential public services, including banks, post offices, communications, and utility services, will continue their work with half of the regular number of staff
- All other government offices will continue working with one-third of their staff
- All schools in the capital will also be closed and required to switch to virtual instruction by Internet
- Any travel between the affected cities by private car is also suspended
- Public transportation will be available, but the use of private cars is banned between 9 p.m. IRST to 4 a.m IRST
- People who have tested positive for the virus are required to stay at home and can face a roughly US\$8 cash fine if they appear in public
- Media organizations, construction jobs, agriculture, heavy industry, and services for the elderly and assisted living are largely exempt from the closures
- President Hassan Rouhani announced that the Government plans to supply cash subsidies to Iran's 30 million poorest people for four months to help them to manage the economic fallout from the COVID-19 outbreak
- As of now, the country has recorded a total of 841,308 COVID-19 cases, with 44,327 related deaths (~5.26% of total cases), and 596,136 recoveries (~70.8% of total cases)
- Supply Wisdom is continuously monitoring the situation and will alert you to any relevant developments
- Please consult the Ministry of Health of Iran (<https://behdasht.gov.ir/>) for the latest information on COVID-19 in Iran

Source(s)

<https://www.thehindu.com/news/international/iran-closes-businesses-curtails-travel-amid-coronavirus-surge/article33150241.ece>

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Targets Affected:

Iran

Category(s):

Geo-Political Risk

Event:

Coronavirus (COVID-19) Incident(s)

Guidance

Actions to consider:

- Consider implementing more detailed actions related to 'Lockdown/Emergency/Extension of Lockdown/Other Restrictions' and 'Increase in Positive Cases/Deaths' under the 'COVID-19: Actions to Consider' section below / next page

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Update 2: Iran - Partially Reopens Businesses in Tehran for Relief from Economic Damage Despite COVID-19 Fears

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Update 1: Iran - COVID-19 Cases Surpass 71,000

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Impact level Definitions

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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.
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