

Update 8: North Korea - Government Toughens Border Restrictions Amid COVID-19 Pandemic

- North Korea has enforced stricter control measures at state borders in the wake of the COVID-19 pandemic
- According to report, the country has stepped up virus control measures along the inter-Korean border and at sea
- As of now, North Korea has maintained a free COVID-19 territory
- Despite that, the country is taking strong measures in coastal areas to prevent the inflow of COVID-19
- Some experts say COVID-19 can spread more broadly during cold weather when people typically spend more time indoors
- A major outbreak in North Korea could have devastating consequences because of its broken health care system and a chronic lack of medicines
- Supply Wisdom is continuously monitoring the situation and will alert you to any relevant developments

Source(s)

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Targets Affected:

North Korea

Category(s):

Geo-Political Risk

Event:

Coronavirus (COVID-19) Incident(s)

Guidance

Actions to consider:

Consider implementing suggested actions related to 'Lockdown/Emergency/Extension of Lockdown/Other Restrictions' under the 'COVID-19: Actions to Consider' section below / next page

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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.
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