

# Update 26: Oman - Announces to Close Land Borders Effective January 18, 2021

- Oman announced to close its land borders for one week starting from January 18, 2021, to curb the spread of COVID-19, especially the new variant
- The state's coronavirus emergency committee said that the measure will come into effect from 6 p.m. (GMT+4) on January 18, 2021, and can be extended for longer than the initial one-week closure
- The committee said that it had also observed a trend wherein the COVID-19 precautionary measures laid out by the authorities were not being adhered to entirely by citizens and residents
- It warned of fines that will be imposed on those that flout the rules with respect to new restrictions
- The country had previously closed all of its air, land, and sea borders for one week in mid-December 2020 for the same reason, but lifted its ban on December 29, 2020, as initially planned
- As of now, Oman has reported 131,790 confirmed COVID-19 cases with 1,512 deaths, ~1.14% of total reported cases and 124,067 recoveries, ~94.13% of total reported cases
- When compared to the overall population of the country, confirmed COVID-19 cases and fatality rate stands at 2.5% and 0.02%, respectively
- Supply Wisdom is continuously monitoring the situation and will alert you to any relevant developments
- Please consult the Ministry of Health (<https://www.moh.gov.om/en/home>) for the latest information on COVID-19 in Oman

## Source(s)

<https://gulfnews.com/world/gulf/oman/oman-to-close-land-borders-for-an-extendable-week-1.1610881491933>  
<https://www.argusmedia.com/en/news/2177837-oman-to-close-land-borders-for-one-week>  
<https://www.arabnews.com/node/1794091/middle-east>  
<https://www.worldometers.info/coronavirus/country/oman/>

## Targets Affected:

Oman

## 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' and 'Business Recovery/Lifting Restrictions' under the 'COVID-19: Actions to Consider' section below / next page

## Related Alerts

Jan. 6, 2021

High

Update 25: Oman - Reports First Case of New Strain of COVID-19 in Traveler from UK

Dec. 28, 2020

Medium

Update 24: Oman - Announces to Reopen Borders Effective December 29, 2020

Dec. 22, 2020

High

Update 23: Oman - Announces to Close All Borders for a Week to Prevent Mutant Strain of COVID-19

Dec. 11, 2020

Medium

Update 22: Oman - Reports 125,669 Confirmed COVID-19 Cases in Total, Exempts Citizens of 103 Countries from Entry Visas Amid COVID-19 Pandemic

Dec. 3, 2020

Medium

Update 21: Oman - Issues New Guidelines for Resumption of Business Operations Amid COVID-19 Pandemic

Nov. 14, 2020

Low

Update 20: Oman - Reopens Land Borders with Neighbouring Countries

Nov. 10, 2020

Low

Update 19: Oman - Introduces New Airport Rules Effective from November 11, 2020

Nov. 5, 2020

Medium

Update 18: Oman - Reports Daily Increase of 319 New COVID-19 Cases in Last 24 Hours, Raising National Total to 116,847

**Oct. 10, 2020**

**High**

Update 17: Oman - Reimposes Night Curfew Starting October 11, 2020 to Curb the Spread of COVID-19 Infections

**Sept. 23, 2020**

**Medium**

Update 16: Oman - Plans to Reopen Land Borders Starting October 1, 2020

**Sept. 8, 2020**

**Medium**

Update 15: Oman - Plans to Reopen International Flights Starting October 1, 2020

**Aug. 27, 2020**

**Medium**

Update 14: Oman - Announces Guidelines to Reopen Commercial Activities

**Aug. 6, 2020**

**Medium**

Update 13: Oman - Plans to Lift Ban on Domestic Travel Starting August 8, 2020 Amid COVID-19 Pandemic

**July 22, 2020**

**High**

Update 12: Oman - Imposes Two-Week Lockdown Until August 8, 2020 Amid COVID-19 Outbreak

**July 14, 2020**

**Medium**

Update 11: Oman - Confirms 2,164 New COVID-19 Cases, Totaling 58,179

**July 5, 2020**

**Medium**

Update 10: Oman - Reports Highest Daily Increase of 1,177 COVID-19 Cases, Raising National Total to 45,106

**June 25, 2020**

**Medium**

Update 9: Oman - Eases COVID-19 Restrictions; Reopens Small Businesses and Industrial Activities

June 22, 2020

High

Update 8: Oman - Plans to Impose Fine on Private Businesses Upon Violation of COVID-19 Restrictions

June 13, 2020

Medium

Update 7: Oman - Confirms 1,067 New COVID-19 Cases, Totaling ~20,000

May 24, 2020

Immediate

Update 6: Oman - Confirms 463 New COVID-19 Cases, Totaling 7,257

May 17, 2020

Immediate

Update 5: Oman - Confirms 404 New COVID-19 Cases, Totaling 5,029

May 6, 2020

Immediate

Update 4: Muscat, Oman - Extends COVID-19 Lockdown Until May 29, 2020 as Nationwide Cases Rise to 2,735

May 5, 2020

Immediate

Update 3: Oman - Locks Down Industrial Area as COVID-19 Cases Rise to 2,637

April 24, 2020

High

Update 2: Oman - Announces Steady Rise of 102 New COVID-19 Cases, Totaling 1,716

April 9, 2020

Immediate

Update 1: Oman - Enforces Lockdown in Capital; Announces 38 New COVID-19 Cases

April 8, 2020

Immediate

Oman - Reports 40 New Coronavirus Cases, Taking Total to 371

# 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.