

Update 26: Egypt - Opens Rafah Border Crossing with Gaza Strip Indefinitely Amid COVID-19 Pandemic

- On February 9, 2021, Egypt opened its border crossing with the Israeli-blockaded Gaza Strip, 'indefinitely'
- The Rafah border crossing, the sole pedestrian passageway between Egypt and Gaza, was mainly shuttered due to a high level of mistrust between Cairo and the leadership of Hamas
- Cairo took the step while hosting talks between Hamas, which rules the Gaza Strip, and Fatah, which runs the Palestinian Authority in the Israeli-occupied West Bank
- The Rafah crossing has been largely closed in recent months as part of efforts to rein in the COVID-19 pandemic
- This is the first time in years that the Rafah border crossing is opening indefinitely
- Egypt has recently cited the Covid-19 pandemic threat to keep the border closed
- As of now, Egypt has reported 171,390 confirmed COVID-19 cases with 9,804 deaths (5.7% of total reported cases) and 133,331 recoveries (77.8% of total reported cases)
- When compared to the overall population of the country, confirmed COVID-19 cases and fatality rate stands at 0.17% and 0.01%, respectively
- Supply Wisdom is continuously monitoring the COVID-19 situation and will alert you to any relevant developments
- Please consult Ministry of Health (<http://www.mohp.gov.eg/>) for the latest information on COVID-19 in Egypt

Source(s)

- <https://www.timesofisrael.com/egypt-opens-rafah-border-crossing-with-gaza-strip-indefinitely/>
- <https://www.france24.com/en/live-news/20210209-egypt-opens-gaza-border-crossing-indefinitely-1>
- <https://www.ynetnews.com/article/S1Nyf7xZu>
- <https://www.worldometers.info/coronavirus/country/egypt/>

Targets Affected:

Egypt

Category(s):

Geo-Political 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

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Update 25: Egypt - Imposes New COVID-19 Restrictions Starting January 03, 2021 to Curb the Spread of Infections

Dec. 24, 2020

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Update 24: Egypt - Reports Highest Daily Rise of New COVID-19 Cases; Bans New Year Celebrations to Curb Infection

Dec. 22, 2020

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Update 23: Egypt - Reports Bird Flu Outbreaks in Rural Areas, Adding Further Stress to COVID-19 Pandemic

Dec. 4, 2020

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Update 22: Egypt - Reports 421 New COVID-19 Cases in Last 24 Hours, Infections Exceed 400 for First Time in Four Months

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Update 21: Egypt - Government Reports 116,724 Confirmed COVID-19 Cases, Sets New Working Hours for Shops Amid Second Virus Wave Fears

Dec. 1, 2020

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Update 20: Egypt - Current Account Deficit Widens to US\$11.2 B for 2019-20 Amid COVID-19 Pandemic

Nov. 24, 2020

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Update 19: Egypt - Authorities Confirm Second Wave of COVID-19 Pandemic

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Update 18: Egypt - Allows Four Day Opening of Rafah Border Crossing with Gaza Amid COVID-19 Pandemic

Oct. 19, 2020

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Update 17: Egypt - Reopens Schools Amid ~1,057 Active COVID-19 Cases

Sept. 5, 2020

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Update 16: Egypt - Reports 157 New COVID-19 Cases in Last 24 Hours, Raising National Total to 99,582

July 25, 2020

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Update 15: Egypt - Announces Precautionary Measures for Religious Holiday Starting July 26, 2020 Amid COVID-19 Pandemic

July 12, 2020

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Update 14: Egypt - Reports 923 New COVID-19 Cases in Last 24 Hours, Raising National Total to 81,158

June 27, 2020

Low

Update 13: Egypt - IMF Approves Fund to Aid Economy Amid COVID-19 Pandemic - ~US\$5.2 B

June 25, 2020

Medium

Update 12: Egypt - Plans to Lift COVID-19 Restrictions and Implement New Precautionary Measures Starting June 27, 2020

June 20, 2020

Low

Update 11: Egypt - Includes Small and Medium-Sized Enterprises to ~US\$6.2 B Financing Initiative Support Amid COVID-19 Pandemic

June 15, 2020

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Update 10: Egypt - Plans to Resume International Flights and Reopen All Airports Starting July 1, 2020 Amid COVID-19 Pandemic

June 12, 2020

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Update 9: Egypt - Further Eases COVID-19 Restrictions to Aid Economy

May 20, 2020

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Update 8: Egypt - Extends Ban on International Travel Indefinitely

May 18, 2020

Immediate

Update 7: Egypt - Tightens COVID-19 Restrictions During Festival Holidays to Contain COVID-19 Pandemic

May 15, 2020

High

Update 6: Egypt - Announces Three-Stage 'Coexistence Plan' Amid COVID-19 Pandemic

April 30, 2020

Immediate

Update 5: Egypt - Extends State of Emergency for Three Months to Fight COVID-19 Pandemic

April 29, 2020

Immediate

Update 4: Egypt - Reports Highest Daily Increase of 260 in COVID-19 Cases, Totaling 5,042

April 24, 2020

High

Update 3: Egypt - Extends Partial COVID-19 Lockdown During Festival Month with Few Relaxations in Place

April 17, 2020

High

Update 2: Egypt - Plans to Extend Night-Time Curfew Next Week to Curb COVID-19 Pandemic Amid Festival Celebrations

April 9, 2020

Immediate

Update 1: Egypt - Extends Lockdown Until April 21, 2020 to Contain COVID-19 Pandemic

April 7, 2020

Immediate

Egypt - Reports Highest Daily Increase of 149 in COVID-19 Cases

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.
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.