

# Update 20: South Africa - Government Decides to Reopen 20 Land Borders Effective February 15, 2021 amid COVID-19 Pandemic

- South Africa will reopen 20 of its land border crossings from February 15, 2021 with a new set of rules
- The borders were shut last month to try to stop the spread of COVID-19 infections
- Any person presenting themselves at any of the borders with fake COVID-19 certificates will be denied entry and barred from visiting South Africa for a period of at least five years
- Border points, including those with Zimbabwe, Mozambique, and Botswana, would reopen
- South Africa has been hit hard by a second wave of the outbreak linked to a new variant of the disease
- South Africa has recorded the highest number of COVID-19 infections and deaths on the African continent
- 31,149 new tests were conducted in the past 24 hours with 2,382 new infections recorded
- As of now, South Africa has reported 1,490,063 confirmed COVID-19 cases with 47,821 deaths, 3.2% of total reported cases and 1,385,996 recoveries, 93% of total reported cases
- When compared to the overall population of the country, confirmed COVID-19 cases and fatality rate stand at 2.5% and 0.08%, respectively
- Supply Wisdom is continuously monitoring the situation and will alert you to any relevant developments
- Please consult South African National Department of Health (<http://www.health.gov.za>) for latest information on COVID-19 in South Africa

## Source(s)

<https://news.yahoo.com/covid-19-south-africa-reopen-005219381.html>  
<https://www.wionews.com/world/south-africa-to-reopen-20-land-borders-363478>  
<https://www.thesouthafrican.com/news/sa-to-reopen-20-land-border-crossings-including-zimbabwe-mozambique-and-botswana/>  
<https://www.worldometers.info/coronavirus/country/south-africa/>

## Targets Affected:

South Africa

## 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' and 'Increase in Positive Cases/Deaths' under the 'COVID-19: Actions to Consider' section below / next page

## Related Alerts

**Feb. 12, 2021**

High

Update 19: South Africa - Extends National State of Disaster Until March 15, 2021 in Response to the COVID-19 Pandemic

**Jan. 13, 2021**

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Update 18: South Africa - Reports 1,259,748 Confirmed COVID-19 Cases in Total; Announces Closure of Land Borders Until February 15, 2021 to Curb the Spread of Infection

**Dec. 22, 2020**

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Update 17: South Africa - Reports 930,711 Confirmed COVID-19 Cases in Total, Announces a New Variant of COVID-19 Virus

**Dec. 15, 2020**

Medium

Update 16: South Africa - Reports 866,127 Confirmed COVID-19 Cases in Total, Tightens Restrictions as COVID-19 Infections Rise

**Dec. 10, 2020**

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Update 15: South Africa - Reports 6,079 New COVID-19 Cases in Last 24 Hours, Enters Second Wave of COVID-19 Infection

**Dec. 4, 2020**

Medium

Update 14: South Africa - Reports 4,173 New COVID-19 Cases in Last 24 hours, Announces Stricter Lockdown for Nelson Mandela Bay

**Nov. 12, 2020**

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Update 13: South Africa - President Extends State of Emergency Until December 15, 2020; Eases Travel Restrictions

**Oct. 29, 2020**

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Update 12: South Africa - Government Plans to Freeze Public Sector Wages as COVID-19 Crisis Impacts Economy; Expects Economy to Shrink by 7.8% in 2020

Sept. 18, 2020

Medium

Update 11: South Africa - Further Eases COVID-19 Restrictions; Allows International Travel Starting October 01, 2020

Sept. 8, 2020

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Update 10: South Africa - Recession Deepens as Economy Contracts by 51% in Q2 2020 Amid COVID-19 Pandemic

Aug. 16, 2020

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Update 9: South Africa - Extends National State of Disaster Until September 15, 2020; Eases Restrictions as Outbreak Reaches Peak

July 13, 2020

Medium

Update 8: South Africa - Reimposes Night Curfew Amid Increase in COVID-19 Cases

July 1, 2020

High

Update 7: South Africa - Recession Deepens as GDP Declines by 2% in Q1 2020

June 30, 2020

Medium

Update 6: South Africa - Further Eases Restrictions on Domestic Air Travel Despite Surge in COVID-19 Cases

June 28, 2020

Medium

Update 5: South Africa - Reports Highest Daily Increase of 7,210 Confirmed COVID-19 Cases, Totaling 131,800

June 24, 2020

Medium

Update 4: South Africa - Q1 2020 Unemployment Rate Increases to 30.1%

June 21, 2020

Medium

Update 3: South Africa - Records ~5,000 New COVID-19 Cases, Totaling ~93,000

June 12, 2020

Medium

Update 2: South Africa - Plans to  
Reopen Tourism Industry Starting  
September 2020 Amid COVID-19  
Pandemic

June 6, 2020

Medium

Update 1: South Africa - Records 2,642  
New COVID-19 Cases, Totaling 43,434

June 2, 2020

High

South Africa - Partially Lifts COVID-19  
Lockdown to Aid Economy

# 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.