

# Update 33: Turkey - Plans to Ease Restrictions on Provincial Basis Starting March 2021 Amid Rise in COVID-19 Cases

- On February 17, 2021, Turkish President Recep Tayyip Erdogan said that Turkey will gradually lift restrictions against COVID-19 on the provincial levels from March 2021
- The government will lift the restrictions gradually according to the number of cases, vaccination, and other relevant criteria in the provinces
- He also noted that the numbers of daily COVID-19 cases should also be declining in order to take a step toward lifting restrictions in these provinces
- Turkey plans to reopen schools nationwide on March 1, 2021
- Erdogan said a plan on re-opening cafes and restaurants, which have been shut down for months, would be announced in coming days
- He also added that the provinces will be categorized as low, medium, high, and very high risk based on infection and vaccination rates
- As of now, the country has reported 2,609,359 confirmed COVID-19 cases with 27,738 deaths, 1.06% of total reported cases, and 2,496,833 recoveries, 95.68% of the total reported cases
- When compared to the overall population of the country, confirmed COVID-19 cases and fatality rate stands at 3.07% and 0.03%, respectively
- Supply Wisdom is continuously monitoring the situation and will alert you to any relevant developments
- Please consult the Ministry of Health (<https://www.saglik.gov.tr/>) for the latest information on COVID-19 in Turkey

## Source(s)

<https://www.channelnewsasia.com/news/world/erdogan-says-turkey-to-start-gradual-covid-19-normalisation-in-march-14221994>  
<https://www.dailysabah.com/turkey/turkey-to-ease-covid-19-restrictions-on-provincial-basis-erdogan/news>  
<https://www.reuters.com/article/health-coronavirus-turkey-int/erdogan-says-turkey-to-start-gradual-covid-19-normalisation-in-march-idUSKBN2AH2EZ>  
<https://www.worldometers.info/coronavirus/country/turkey/>

## Targets Affected:

Turkey

## Category(s):

Geo-Political Risk

## Event:

Coronavirus (COVID-19) Incident(s)

## Guidance

### *Actions to consider:*

- Consider implementing more detailed 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

Jan. 23, 2021

Medium

Update 32: Turkey - Suspends All Flights from Brazil Due to New COVID-19 Variant

Dec. 26, 2020

Medium

Update 31: Turkey - Requires Negative PCR Tests for All Incoming Passengers

Dec. 22, 2020

Medium

Update 30: Turkey - Reports Highest Daily COVID-19 Death Toll Of 254

Dec. 16, 2020

Medium

Update 29: Turkey - Imposes Four Days Lockdown Starting New Year's Eve to Curb the Spread of COVID-19

Dec. 8, 2020

Medium

Update 28: Turkey - Reports Highest Daily Increase of 32,137 COVID-19 Cases, Raising National Total to 860,432

Dec. 1, 2020

Medium

Update 27: Turkey - Imposes Partial Curfew on Weekdays and Full Curfew on Weekends Amidst COVID-19 Cases Rise

Nov. 29, 2020

Medium

Update 26: Turkey - Reports Highest Daily Increase of 30,103 COVID-19 Cases, Raising National Total to 578,347

Nov. 24, 2020

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Update 25: Turkey - Reports Highest Daily Increase of 6,713 COVID-19 Cases, Raising National Total to 453,535

**Nov. 22, 2020**

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Update 24: Turkey - Reports Highest Daily Increase of 5,532 COVID-19 Cases, Raising National Total to 440,805

**Nov. 18, 2020**

Medium

Update 23: Turkey - Imposes Partial Curfew Amidst COVID-19 Cases Rise

**Nov. 15, 2020**

Medium

Update 22: Turkey - Reports Highest Daily Increase of 3,116 COVID-19 Cases, Raising National Total to 411,055

**Nov. 12, 2020**

Medium

Update 21: Turkey - Imposes New Restrictions on Senior Citizens Amidst COVID-19 Cases Rise

**Nov. 4, 2020**

Medium

Update 20: Turkey - Imposes New Restrictions to Curb COVID-19 Spread

**Oct. 29, 2020**

Medium

Update 19: Turkey - Reports Highest Daily Increase of 2,305 COVID-19 Cases, Raising National Total to 368,513

**Oct. 24, 2020**

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Update 18: Turkey - Reports Highest Daily Increase of 2,165 COVID-19 Cases, Raising National Total to 357,693

**Oct. 16, 2020**

Medium

Update 17: Turkey - Reports 1,693 New COVID-19 Cases in Last 24 Hours, Raising National Total to 342,143

**Sept. 24, 2020**

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Update 16: Turkey - Reports 1,767 New COVID-19 Cases in Last 24 Hours, Raising National Total to 308,069

Sept. 8, 2020

High

Update 15: Turkey - Imposes Strict  
New Measures Amid Increase in  
COVID-19 Cases

Sept. 1, 2020

Medium

Update 14: Turkey - Economy  
Contracts by 9.9% YoY in Q2 2020  
Amid COVID-19 Pandemic

Aug. 29, 2020

Medium

Update 13: Turkey - Economy Shrinks  
by 11.8% in Q2 2020 Amid COVID-19  
Pandemic

Aug. 24, 2020

Medium

Update 12: Turkey - Imposes Stricter  
Safety Controls Measures Amid  
Increase in COVID-19 Cases

July 31, 2020

Medium

Update 11: Turkey - Plans to Resume  
International Flights Starting August 1,  
2020

July 26, 2020

Medium

Update 10: Turkey - COVID-19 Cases  
Exceed 200,000, Death Toll at 5,596

June 27, 2020

Medium

Update 9: Turkey - COVID-19 Cases  
Exceed 190,000, Death Toll at 5,065

June 5, 2020

Medium

Update 8: Turkey - Plans to Resume  
International Flights in 40 Countries  
Starting June 10, 2020

May 29, 2020

High

Update 7: Turkey - Announces  
Relaxation in COVID-19 Restrictions  
Commencing June 1, 2020

May 21, 2020

Immediate

Update 6: Turkey - Extends Travel Ban and Flight Suspension Until June 10, 2020 Amid COVID-19 Pandemic

May 12, 2020

Immediate

Update 5: Turkey - Imposes Four-Day Curfew Starting May 16, 2020; Lifts Travel Restrictions in Nine Cities

May 7, 2020

High

Update 4: Turkey - Eases COVID-19 Lockdown Restrictions

April 28, 2020

Immediate

Update 3: Turkey - Imposes Three-Day Curfew in 31 Provinces Starting May 1, 2020 as COVID-19 Cases Exceed 112,000

April 24, 2020

Immediate

Update 2: Turkey - COVID-19 Cases Exceed 100,000, Death Toll at 2,491; Central Bank Cuts Interest Rates to Shore Up Economy

April 19, 2020

Immediate

Update 1: Turkey - Extends COVID-19 Quarantine Restrictions for Another 15 Days

April 11, 2020

Immediate

Turkey - Imposes Two-Day Lockdown as COVID-19 Death Toll Exceeds 1,000

# 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.