

# Update 30: Iran - Closes Border with Iraq to Curb the Spread of UK COVID-19 Variant

- On February 20, 2021, Iran closed several crossing points with Iraq to stem the spread of the UK mutant variant of COVID-19
- Crossing points to Iraq from Khuzestan province as well as the nearby provinces of Ilam and Kermanshah were being closed for travelers
- On February 19, 2021, nine cities and towns in Iran were declared as red zones after the rise in COVID-19 cases
- As of now, Iran has reported 1,574,012 confirmed COVID-19 cases with 59,483 related deaths, ~3.7% of total reported cases, and 1,344,791 recoveries, ~85.43% of total reported cases
- When compared to the overall population of the country, confirmed COVID-19 cases and fatality rate stands at 1.83% and 0.069%, respectively
- Supply Wisdom is continuously monitoring the situation and will alert you to any relevant developments

## Source(s)

- <https://www.news18.com/news/world/iran-closes-iraq-border-points-to-stem-spread-of-coronavirus-variant-3457037.html>
- <https://www.thenationalnews.com/mena/iran-closes-border-with-iraq-to-curb-the-spread-of-uk-coronavirus-variant-1.1169883>
- <https://www.worldometers.info/coronavirus/country/iran/>

## Targets Affected:

Iran

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

**Related Alerts**

**Jan. 31, 2021**

**Medium**

Update 29: Iran - Government Imposes Mandatory Quarantine for Travelers from Europe

**Jan. 25, 2021**

**Medium**

Update 28: Iran - Extends Ban on UK Flights Until February 18, 2021 amid Surge in COVID-19 Cases

**Jan. 6, 2021**

**High**

Update 27: Iran - Confirms First Case of UK COVID-19 Variant

**Dec. 20, 2020**

**Medium**

Update 26: Iran - Government Extends COVID-19 Restrictions Ahead of Yalda Festival

**Dec. 18, 2020**

**Medium**

Update 25: Iran - Reports 7,453 New COVID-19 Cases, Raising National Total to 1,138,530

**Dec. 6, 2020**

**Medium**

Update 24: Iran - Government Extends Restrictions Amid Rise in COVID-19 Daily Cases

**Nov. 22, 2020**

**Immediate**

Update 23: Iran - Government Imposes New Business and Travel Restrictions Amid Surge in COVID-19 Cases

**Nov. 16, 2020**

**Medium**

Update 22: Iran - Government Announces National Mobilization Amid Highest Daily Increase of 12,543 COVID-19 Cases

**Nov. 15, 2020**

Medium

Update 21: Iran - Government Announces to Further Tighten COVID-19 Restriction

**Nov. 11, 2020**

High

Update 20: Iran - Government Imposes Additional Restrictions Amid Rise in COVID-19 Daily Cases

**Nov. 2, 2020**

High

Update 19: Iran - Government Imposes Travel Restrictions Until November 6, 2020 Amid Rise in COVID-19 Deaths

**Nov. 1, 2020**

Medium

Update 18: Tehran, Iran - Extends Curfew in Selected Regions Amid Rise in COVID-19 Cases

**Oct. 28, 2020**

High

Update 17: Iran - Reports Highest Daily Increase of Over 6,968 COVID-19 Cases, Non-Essential Businesses Shut in Capital Tehran

**Oct. 21, 2020**

Medium

Update 16: Iran - Reports Highest Daily Increase of Over 5,000 COVID-19 Cases, Raising National Total to 539,670

**Oct. 18, 2020**

Medium

Update 15: Tehran, Iran - Extends Curfew Until October 23, 2020 Amid Rise in COVID-19 Cases

**Oct. 4, 2020**

High

Update 14: Tehran, Iran - Imposes New Restrictions Amid Rapid Rise in COVID-19 Cases

**Sept. 18, 2020**

Medium

Update 13: Iran - Faces Third Wave of COVID-19 Infections as Death Toll Surges Over 23,000

**Aug. 24, 2020**

**Medium**

Update 12: Iran - Economy Contracts by 3% Amid COVID-19 Pandemic

**Aug. 5, 2020**

**Medium**

Update 11: Iran - Reports Highest Daily Increase of 2,751 COVID-19 Cases Amid Second Wave, Totaling 314,786

**July 31, 2020**

**Medium**

Update 10: Iran - Reports Higher Fatality During Second COVID-19 Surge, Surpassing 16,000

**June 15, 2020**

**Medium**

Update 9: Iran - Records 107 Single Day COVID-19 Deaths for First Time in Two Months

**June 7, 2020**

**High**

Update 8: Iran - Cases Hit Record High in Second Wave of COVID-19

**May 24, 2020**

**High**

Update 7: Iran - Announces Further Easing of COVID-19 Restrictions; Reopens Religious and Cultural Centers

**May 19, 2020**

**Immediate**

Update 6: Iran - Faces Second Wave of COVID-19 Infections as Death Toll Surges Past 7,000

**May 16, 2020**

**Immediate**

Update 5: Iran - Records Biggest Rise in COVID-19 Cases of 2,102, Totaling 116,635

**May 4, 2020**

**High**

Update 4: Iran - Set to Lift Restrictions in Low-Risk Areas as COVID-19 Infections Decline

**April 26, 2020**

**Immediate**

Update 3: Iran - Raises Concerns of Fresh COVID-19 Outbreak After Relaxing Restrictions; Reports 89,328 Cases, Death Toll at 5,650

**April 21, 2020**

**Medium**

Update 2: Iran - Partially Reopens Businesses in Tehran for Relief from Economic Damage Despite COVID-19 Fears

**April 13, 2020**

**Immediate**

Update 1: Iran - COVID-19 Cases Surpass 71,000

**April 8, 2020**

**Immediate**

Iran - Reports Highest Daily Increase of 2,089 in COVID-19 Cases, Totaling 62,589

# 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.