

# Update 33: Oman - Announces Partial Shutdown of Commercial Activities from March 4, 2021 to March 20, 2021 Amid Spread of COVID-19

- The Supreme Committee of Oman has announced that all commercial activities in the country's governorates will remain closed between 8 pm (GMT+4) and 5 am (GMT+4) from March 4, 2021, to March 20, 2021
- The closure covers all restaurants, cafes and cafeterias inside tourism installations, in addition to home delivery services
- The ban exempts fuel filling stations, health establishments, and private pharmacies
- The Committee reviewed the international COVID-19 scenario surged in the number of infections and deaths due to the prevalence of new, mutated variants of the virus
- In some of the governorates of the country, a surge beyond the red mark was registered, with an alarming swell linked to travel cases
- The committee held a meeting on March 01, 2021 under the chairmanship of Sayyid Hamoud Faisal Al Busaidi, Minister of Interior, to follow up updates on the pandemic, measures for protection against the virus and ways to curb its spread and alleviate its impacts
- The committee approved the continuation of online learning in government schools from March 7, 2021 to March 11, 2021
- The committee has also urged all members of the public to take precautions and protect their families and communities, with special attention to be accorded to the elderly, children and people suffering from chronic diseases
- They have called upon all to avoid gatherings, noting that assembling proved to be scientifically associated with infection cases in societies on a large scale
- As of now, Oman has reported 141,808 confirmed COVID-19 cases with 1,577 deaths, ~1.1% of total reported cases and 132,685 recoveries, ~93.56% of total reported cases
- When compared to the overall population of the country, confirmed COVID-19 cases and fatality rate stands at 2.72% and 0.03%, respectively
- Supply Wisdom is continuously monitoring the situation and will alert you to any relevant developments
- Please consult Ministry of Health (<https://www.moh.gov.om/en/home>) for the latest information on COVID-19 in Oman

## Source(s)

<https://timesofoman.com/article/supreme-committee-to-close-all-commercial-activities-in-all-governorates-from-march-4>  
<https://www.gulfoday.ae/news/2021/03/01/oman-suspends-all-commercials-activities>  
<https://www.arabnews.com/node/1817841/business-economy>  
<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 'Increase in Positive Cases/Deaths' under the 'COVID-19: Actions to Consider' section below / next page

## Related Alerts

Feb. 23, 2021

Medium

Update 32: Oman - Government Announces to Suspend Arrivals from Ten Countries, Effective February 25, 2021

Feb. 13, 2021

Medium

Update 31: Oman - Announces Mandatory Hotel Quarantine for Travelers

Feb. 8, 2021

Medium

Update 30: Oman - Announces to Extend Land Border Closure Until Further Notice

Feb. 1, 2021

Medium

Update 29: Oman - Announces to Extend Land Border Closure Until February 8, 2021

Jan. 28, 2021

Medium

Update 28: Oman - Prohibits Group Events to Curb the Spread of COVID-19 Infections

Jan. 25, 2021

Medium

Update 27: Oman - Government Extends Land Border Closure Until February 1, 2021

Jan. 18, 2021

Medium

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

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.