

# Update 44: Turkey Plans to Lift PCR Test Requirement for Travelers from 16 Countries Effective May 15, 2021

- Turkey government announced that the country will not require a negative COVID-19 polymerase chain reaction (PCR) test result for passengers from 16 countries starting from May 15, 2021
- The 16 countries include China, Hong Kong, Taiwan, Vietnam, Australia, New Zealand, Singapore, the UK, Latvia, Luxembourg, Ukraine, Thailand, South Korea, Israel, Japan, and Estonia
- All passengers coming from abroad except from those 16 countries will be required to submit a negative PCR test result of last 72 hours before boarding
- Holidays to Turkey is on hold amid the UK's current travel ban
- Though UK arrivals are permitted into Turkey with specific rules, travel for leisure purposes from the UK is banned until May 17, 2021
- Prior onboarding, passengers transiting from India, Brazil or South Africa will be required to show a negative Polymerase chain reaction (PCR) test taken within 72 hours of departure to Turkey
- In addition, Nigeria announced that it will ban entry of non-Nigerian passengers to the country, who have been in Brazil, India, or Turkey in the past 2 weeks to curb the spread of COVID-19 infections
- On May 2, 2021, Turkey reported 25,980 new cases, including 2,587 symptomatic patients, raising the total number to 4,875,388
- Reported COVID-19 stats for Turkey:
  1. Confirmed Cases: 4,900,121
  2. Deaths: 41,191 (0.84%)
  3. Recoveries: 4,515,819 (92.15%)
  4. Vaccine Doses Administered: 22,813,081
  5. Fully Vaccinated: 9,206,329 (11%)
- Supply Wisdom will continue to monitor and issue alerts for any relevant developments

## Source(s)

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## Targets Affected:

Turkey

## 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

**April 27, 2021**

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Update 43: Turkey - Announces Full Lockdown Effective April 29, 2021 Until May 17, 2021 to Curb Spread of COVID-19

**April 23, 2021**

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Update 42: Turkey - Extends Weekend Lockdown Amid Surge in COVID-19 Pandemic; Israel and US Issues Travel Warning Against the Country

**April 22, 2021**

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Update 41: Turkey - Plans to Resume Flight Services from UK and Denmark

**April 16, 2021**

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Update 40: Turkey - Reports Highest Daily Rise of 62,797 COVID-19 Cases and 279 Deaths in Last 24 Hours Since the Pandemic

**April 14, 2021**

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Update 39: Turkey - Imposes Partial Lockdown for Two Weeks from April 13, 2021 to Curb the Spread of COVID-19

**April 13, 2021**

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Update 38: Turkey - Russia Imposes Restrictions on Air Travel with the Country Effective April 15, 2021 to Curb the Spread of COVID-19

**April 12, 2021**

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Update 37: Turkey - Unemployment Rate Rises to 13.4% in February 2021, Highest Since July 2020 Amid COVID-19 Pandemic

**April 3, 2021**

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Update 36: Turkey - Reports 42,308 COVID-19 Cases in Last 24 Hours, Highest Daily Cases Since The Pandemic

**March 30, 2021**

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Update 35: Turkey - Imposes New Tougher Restrictions and Weekend Lockdown for Ramadan Period Amid Surge in COVID-19 Infections

**March 16, 2021**

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Update 34: Turkey - Reports Highest Daily Increase of 15,503 COVID-19 Cases, Raising National Total to 2,894,893

**Feb. 18, 2021**

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

**Jan. 23, 2021**

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

**Dec. 26, 2020**

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

**Dec. 22, 2020**

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

**Dec. 16, 2020**

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

**Dec. 8, 2020**

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

**Dec. 1, 2020**

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

**Nov. 29, 2020**

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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**

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

**Nov. 15, 2020**

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

**Nov. 12, 2020**

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

**Nov. 4, 2020**

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

**Oct. 29, 2020**

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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**

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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**

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

**Aug. 24, 2020**

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

July 31, 2020

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

July 26, 2020

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

June 27, 2020

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

June 5, 2020

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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.