

# Update 10: North Korea - Faces Economic Crisis Amid COVID-19 Pandemic

## Source(s)

<https://www.theguardian.com/world/2021/may/05/north-korea-economic-crisis-food-and-medicine-shortages-covid>

<https://news-block.com/north-korea-faces-economic-ruin-amid-food-and-drug-shortages-north-korea/>

## Targets Affected:

North Korea

## Category(s):

Geo-Political Risk

## Event:

Coronavirus (COVID-19) Incident(s)

### Guidance

#### *Actions to consider:*

No immediate action required. Supply Wisdom will continue to monitor and provide updates as necessary.

**Related Alerts**

**April 22, 2021**

**Medium**

Update 9: North Korea - Tightens Border Restrictions with China Amid COVID-19 Pandemic

**Nov. 30, 2020**

**High**

Update 8: North Korea - Government Toughens Border Restrictions Amid COVID-19 Pandemic

**Nov. 28, 2020**

**High**

Update 7: Pyongyang, North Korea - Orders Execution of Two Lawmakers and Announces Lockdown in Capital Amid COVID-19 Pandemic

**Nov. 16, 2020**

**Medium**

Update 6: North Korea - Announces Tightening of COVID-19 Restrictions

**Nov. 7, 2020**

**High**

Update 5: Hyesan, North Korea - Imposes Lockdown to Avoid Spread of COVID-19

**Oct. 27, 2020**

**Medium**

Update 4: North Korea - To Resume International Train Service with China from November 30, 2020

**Aug. 14, 2020**

**Medium**

Update 3: Kaesŏng, North Korea - Lifts Lockdown in Border Town Amid Decrease in COVID-19 Cases

**July 26, 2020**

**Immediate**

Update 2: North Korea - Declares Lockdown in Border as It Reports First Suspected COVID-19 Case

May 20, 2020

Medium

Update 1: North Korea - Relaxes  
COVID-19 Restrictions on Foreign  
Diplomats

May 7, 2020

Medium

North Korea - Reports Speculate  
Economic Woes and Panic Buying  
Amid COVID-19 Pandemic

# 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.