

# Update 75: Australia - International Borders May Remain Closed Until Late 2022 to Curb the Spread of COVID-19

- On May 7, 2021, Trade Minister Dan Tehan said, the country's international borders may not completely open until the second half of 2022
- Delays in vaccination program and contagious COVID-19 mutations, especially in India are hampering plans to lift travel restrictions more broadly
- Australia's international borders have been closed since early 2020, even though an air-travel bubble with New Zealand opened in march
- Reported COVID-19 stats for Australia
  1. Confirmed Cases: 29,893
  2. Deaths: 910 (3.04%)
  3. Recoveries: 28,712 (96.05%)
  4. Vaccine Doses Administered: 2,179,544
- Supply Wisdom is continuously monitoring the situation and will alert you to any relevant developments

## Source(s)

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<https://www.reuters.com/world/asia-pacific/australia-says-international-borders-might-not-fully-reopen-until-mid-to-late-2021-05-06/>

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<https://www.worldometers.info/coronavirus/country/australia/>

<https://www.pharmaceutical-technology.com/covid-19-vaccination-tracker/>

## Targets Affected:

Australia

## 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' under the 'COVID-19: Actions to Consider' section below / next page

## Related Alerts

April 27, 2021

Medium

Update 74: Australia - Bans Direct Passenger Flights from India Until May 15, 2021 to Curb the Spread of COVID-19

April 25, 2021

Medium

Update 73: Perth and Peel, Australia - Government Imposes Three-Day Lockdown Amid COVID-19 Pandemic

April 22, 2021

Medium

Update 72: Australia - Reduces Flights from India by 30% due to Surge in COVID-19 Cases

April 8, 2021

Medium

Update 71: Australia - Plans to Start Quarantine-Free Travel with New Zealand from April 19, 2021 as COVID-19 Cases Decline

April 1, 2021

Medium

Update 70: Brisbane, Australia - Lifts Three-Day Lockdown as COVID-19 Cases Decline

March 29, 2021

High

Update 69: Brisbane, Australia - Government Imposes Lockdown for Three Days to Contain Spread of New UK COVID-19 Variant

March 11, 2021

Low

Update 68: Australia - Announces Stimulus Package to Boost Domestic Tourism Amid COVID-19 Pandemic - ~US\$928 M

March 4, 2021

Medium

Update 67: Australia - Extends International Travel Ban Until June 17, 2021 Amid COVID-19 Pandemic

**Feb. 25, 2021**

Medium

Update 66: Australia - Tightens Restrictions in Four States Amid COVID-19 Outbreak in New Zealand

**Feb. 12, 2021**

High

Update 65: Victoria, Australia - Government Imposes Lockdown for Five Days After Reporting Multiple COVID-19 Cases

**Feb. 1, 2021**

High

Update 64: Perth, Australia - Government Imposes Lockdown for Five Days After Reporting One COVID-19 Case

**Jan. 29, 2021**

Medium

Update 63: Australia - Extends Suspension of Quarantine-Free Travel with New Zealand Until January 31, 2021 Amid Confirmation of New COVID-19 Variant Cases in New Zealand

**Jan. 8, 2021**

Medium

Update 62: Brisbane, Australia - Enters Three-Day Lockdown Starting January 08, 2021 to Contain Spread of New UK COVID-19 Variant

**Jan. 3, 2021**

High

Update 61: New South Wales, Australia - Government Imposes New Restrictions Amid Rise in COVID-19 Cases

**Dec. 23, 2020**

Medium

Update 60: New South Wales, Australia - Government Plans to Slightly Ease Lockdown Restrictions During Festival

**Dec. 19, 2020**

Medium

Update 59: Sydney, Australia - Imposes Strict Restrictions Amid Rise in COVID-19 Cases

**Dec. 18, 2020**

Medium

Update 58: Australia - Imposes Border Restrictions Amid Rise in COVID-19 Infections

**Dec. 8, 2020**

Medium

Update 57: New South Wales and Victoria, Australia - Government Removes Quarantine Requirements for Travelers Amid Drop in COVID-19 Cases

**Dec. 2, 2020**

Medium

Update 56: Australia - Reports Minor Economic Recovery; However COVID-19 Recession Continues

**Nov. 23, 2020**

Medium

Update 55: New South Wales, Victoria, Australia - Government Plans to Reopen Borders Amid Drop in COVID-19 Cases

**Nov. 19, 2020**

Medium

Update 54: South Australia - Imposes Six-Day Lockdown Amid Rise in COVID-19 Infections

**Nov. 17, 2020**

Medium

Update 53: South Australia - Plans to Impose Social Distancing Restrictions Amid COVID-19 Outbreak

**Nov. 10, 2020**

Medium

Update 52: Australia - Plans to Open Borders to Asia as It Records No Local COVID-19 Case

**Oct. 29, 2020**

Medium

Update 51: Melbourne, Australia - Ends Lockdown After Three Months

**Oct. 25, 2020**

Medium

Update 50: Australia - Plans to Lift State Border Closures by December 25, 2020

**Oct. 18, 2020**

Medium

Update 49: Victoria, Australia - Government Eases Lockdown as COVID-19 Cases Fall

**Oct. 2, 2020**

Medium

Update 48: Australia - Plans to Open Borders with New Zealand as COVID-19 Restrictions Ease

**Sept. 22, 2020**

Medium

Update 47: Australia - Queensland and South Australia to Reopen Border with New South Wales Amid State-wise Decline in COVID-19 Infections

**Sept. 7, 2020**

High

Update 46: Melbourne, Australia - Extends Strict Lockdown Until September 28, 2020 to Curb the Spread of COVID-19 Infections

**Sept. 4, 2020**

Medium

Update 45: Australia - Extends Outbound Travel Ban Until December 17, 2020 Amid COVID-19 Crisis

**Sept. 2, 2020**

High

Update 44: Australia - Reports First Recession Since 1991 as Economy Contracts by 7% in Q2 2020 Citing Biggest GDP Decline Since 1959

**Aug. 28, 2020**

Medium

Update 43: South Australia - Eases Restrictions as COVID-19 Infections Decline

**Aug. 13, 2020**

Medium

Update 42: South Australia - Announces New Border Restrictions with Victoria Commencing August 21, 2020 Amid Increase in Nationwide Unemployment Rate in July 2020

**Aug. 4, 2020**

Immediate

Update 41: Melbourne, Australia - New Restrictions on Non-Essential Businesses Commencing August 5, 2020 Amid New Surge in COVID-19 Cases

**Aug. 2, 2020**

High

Update 40: Victoria, Australia - Declares State of Disaster, Imposes Curfew Until September 13, 2020 to Contain COVID-19

**July 30, 2020**

Medium

Update 39: Australia - Reports Annual Deflation of 0.3% for the First Time in 22 Years Amid COVID-19 Pandemic

**July 27, 2020**

Medium

Update 38: Australia - Reports Highest Daily Death Toll Due to COVID-19 Infections

**July 24, 2020**

High

Update 37: South Australia - Tightens COVID-19 Restrictions Commencing July 28, 2020 to Curb the Spread of Infections

**July 20, 2020**

High

Update 35: New South Wales, Australia - Plans to Close Border with Victoria Starting July 21, 2020 Amid Increase in COVID-19 Cases

**July 20, 2020**

Low

Update 36: Australia - Extends Loan to Support Small Businesses Amid COVID-19 Pandemic

July 16, 2020

Medium

Update 34: Australia - Unemployment Rate Increases to 22-Year High in June 2020 Amid COVID-19 Pandemic

July 8, 2020

High

Update 33: Melbourne, Australia - Reimposes Lockdown for Six Weeks Amid Increase in COVID-19 Cases

July 6, 2020

High

Update 32: Australia - Closes Victoria-New South Wales Border Indefinitely Amid Increase in COVID-19 Cases

June 30, 2020

High

Update 31: Melbourne, Australia - Imposes Strict Lockdown for Four Weeks to Curb the Spread of COVID-19 Cases

June 29, 2020

Medium

Update 30: Australia - Reports Highest Daily Increase of 85 COVID-19 Cases Amid Second Wave, Totaling 7,800

June 25, 2020

Immediate

Update 29: Melbourne, Australia - Deploys Military to Contain Spread of COVID-19 Amid Concerns of Second Wave

June 21, 2020

High

Update 28: Victoria, Australia - Reinstates Restrictions Until July 12, 2020 After Spike in COVID-19 Cases

June 18, 2020

Medium

Update 27: Australia - Unemployment Rate Increases to 19-Year High in May 2020 Amid COVID-19 Pandemic

June 17, 2020

Medium

Update 26: Australia - Eases Certain State Border Restrictions; Border Closure for International Travelers Anticipated Until 2021

June 3, 2020

High

Update 25: Australia - GDP Contracts 0.3% in Q1 2020, Signaling a Possible Recession; Further Contraction Anticipated for Q2 2020

June 1, 2020

High

Update 24: Australia - Businesses Resume Operations as COVID-19 Cases Decline

May 20, 2020

High

Update 23: Australia - Plans to Ease Interstate Travel Restrictions Beginning June 1 as COVID-19 Cases Decline

May 14, 2020

High

Update 22: Australia - COVID-19 Pandemic Causes Five-Year High in Unemployment Rate

May 11, 2020

High

Update 21: Australia - Eases COVID-19 Restrictions as COVID-19 Cases Decline

May 8, 2020

High

Update 20: Australia - Prepares Three-Stage Plan for Easing COVID-19 Restrictions

May 5, 2020

High

Update 19: Australia - Plans to Restart All Businesses by July 2020 to Recover Economy Amid COVID-19 Pandemic



**May 3, 2020**

**Immediate**

Update 18: Australia - Raises Concerns of Fresh COVID-19 Outbreak After Relaxing Few Restrictions; Reports 6,738 Cases, Death Toll at 94

**May 1, 2020**

**High**

Update 17: Australia - Prepares to Ease COVID-19 Restrictions

**April 24, 2020**

**Immediate**

Update 16: Australia - Travel Restrictions to Remain in Place for Three Months to Contain COVID-19 Pandemic

**April 22, 2020**

**Medium**

Update 15: Australia - Expected to Lift COVID-19 Restrictions in Major States as Reserve Bank Warns of Biggest Economic Contraction

**April 19, 2020**

**High**

Update 14: Australia - International Monetary Fund Predicts GDP Growth Contraction by 6.7% in 2020

**April 17, 2020**

**Immediate**

Update 13: Australia - COVID-19 Restriction Extended by Four Weeks

**April 14, 2020**

**High**

Update 12: Australia - Forecasters Predict Unemployment Rate to Double to 10% in Q2 2020

**April 2, 2020**

**Immediate**

Update 11: Australia - Restrictions on Public Gatherings in Place Until June 29, 2020 - New South Wales

**April 1, 2020**

**Immediate**

Update 10: Australia - Rise in Confirmed COVID-19 Related Cases and Deaths

**March 30, 2020**

**Immediate**

Update 9: Australia - New Restrictions to Limit Public Gatherings and Enforce People to Stay at Home

**March 27, 2020**

**Immediate**

Update 8: Australia - Imposes Forced Quarantine of 14 Days for Returning Citizens to Curb Spreading of COVID-19

**March 26, 2020**

**Immediate**

Update 7: Australia - Businesses Report Widespread Impact from COVID-19 Pandemic; Further Disruption Anticipated

**March 25, 2020**

**Immediate**

Update 6: Australia - Announces New Shutdown Measures Amid COVID-19 Pandemic

**March 22, 2020**

**Immediate**

Update 5: Australia - Reports Highest Daily Increase in Infected Cases; Brings Total to Over 1,000

**March 18, 2020**

**Immediate**

Update 4: Australia - Declares 'Human Biosecurity Emergency' Amid Coronavirus Pandemic

**March 16, 2020**

**Immediate**

Update 3: Australia - Declares State of Emergency Amid Coronavirus Outbreak

**March 5, 2020**

**Immediate**

Update 2: Australia - Coronavirus  
Outbreak Disrupts Normal Life

**Feb. 3, 2020**

**Low**

Update 1: Australia - Travel Ban Amid  
Coronavirus Outbreak

**Jan. 22, 2020**

**Low**

Australia - Health Alert in Place as  
Coronavirus Spreads

# 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.