

# Update 17: Dominican Republic - Centers for Disease Control and Prevention Issues Travel Notice Amid Outbreak of Diphtheria, Adding Further Challenges to Ongoing COVID-19 Pandemic

- The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) issued a travel notice for the Dominican Republic due to a diphtheria outbreak
- The Dominican Republic has reported 12 confirmed diphtheria cases, including 9 deaths
- In recent years, vaccination against diphtheria in the Dominican Republic has declined
- Health officials, there are now reporting cases of the disease among children throughout the country
- Infection can lead to difficulty breathing, heart failure, kidney failure, paralysis, and even death
- People (including travelers) who are unvaccinated or not fully vaccinated against diphtheria are at risk of getting sick
- CDC said that all travelers to the Dominican Republic should make sure they are up to date with diphtheria vaccination
- CDC recommends infants, children, teens, and adults get vaccinated to prevent diphtheria
- Reported COVID-19 stats for Dominican Republic:
  1. Confirmed Cases: 306,698
  2. Deaths: 3,700 (1.2%)
  3. Recoveries: 249,637 (81.3%)
  4. Vaccine Doses Administered: 5,652,133
  5. Fully Vaccinated Population: 14.7%
- Supply Wisdom is continuously monitoring the situation and will alert you to any relevant developments

## Source(s)

<http://outbreaknewstoday.com/diphtheria-outbreak-in-the-dominican-republic-prompts-cdc-travel-notice-13770/>  
<https://www.worldometers.info/coronavirus/country/dominican-republic/>  
<https://www.pharmaceutical-technology.com/covid-19-vaccination-tracker/>  
<https://www.msp.gob.do/web/>

## Targets Affected:

Dominican Republic

## Category(s):

Geo-Political Risk

## Event:

Coronavirus (COVID-19) Incident(s)

## Guidance

### *Actions to consider:*

- Determine if all management teams in impacted areas are current on all government-designated guidelines and restrictions and are aware of possible misdiagnosis due to the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic, and diphtheria concurrently
- It is advisable that third parties or captive units educate employees and conduct workshops to help increase awareness about diphtheria and its preventive measures
- SW Subscribers should determine if third parties or captive units have in-house health professionals to detect sickness and quarantine suspected disease carriers spotted within the business premises if any
- SW Subscribers should ensure appropriate Business Continuity Plans and Programs are activated
- Consider implementing suggested actions related to 'Increase in Positive Cases/Deaths' under the 'COVID-19: Actions to Consider' section below / next page

## Related Alerts

June 4, 2021

Medium

Update 16: Dominican Republic - Lifts Restrictions on Travelers from UK and Brazil; Imposes Night Curfews in Several Provinces Until June 9, 2021, Amid COVID-19 Pandemic

May 21, 2021

Medium

Update 15: Dominican Republic - Open Borders to Foreign Arrivals to Resume Tourism Business

April 30, 2021

Medium

Update 14: Dominican Republic - Eases COVID-19 Measures for Travelers; Imposes Curfew Until May 16, 2021 to Curb the Spread of COVID-19 Infections

Feb. 23, 2021

Medium

Update 13: Dominican Republic - Extends Curfew Until March 8, 2021 to Curb Spread of COVID-19

Dec. 23, 2020

Medium

Update 12: Dominican Republic - Announces New Measures Against New Strain of COVID-19; Total Cases Reach to 161,930

Oct. 18, 2020

Medium

Update 11: Dominican Republic - President Extends National Curfew Until November 11, 2020 Amid COVID-19 Pandemic

Oct. 9, 2020

Medium

Update 10: Dominican Republic - Tightens Anti COVID-19 Curfew to Control Infections

Sept. 23, 2020

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Update 9: Dominican Republic - Eases COVID-19 Curfew as Cases Decline

**Sept. 15, 2020**

Medium

Update 8: Dominican Republic - Extends Curfew Until September 27, 2020 Amid COVID-19 Pandemic

**Sept. 11, 2020**

Medium

Update 7: Dominican Republic - Announces New Measures to Revive Tourism Industry Amid COVID-19

**Aug. 9, 2020**

High

Update 6: Dominican Republic - Extends COVID-19 Lockdown for 25 Days to Curb the Spread of COVID-19 Infections

**Aug. 2, 2020**

Medium

Update 5: Dominican Republic - Changes Entry Requirements Due to Surge in COVID-19 Cases

**July 21, 2020**

High

Update 4: Dominican Republic - Issues State of Emergency for 45 Days Amid Increase in COVID-19 Cases

**June 10, 2020**

Medium

Update 3: Dominican Republic - Plans to Reopen Tourism from July 1, 2020

**May 29, 2020**

Immediate

Update 2: Dominican Republic - Extends State of Emergency for 25 Days to Curb the Spread of COVID-19 Infections

**May 18, 2020**

High

Update 1: Dominican Republic - Businesses to Resume Beginning May 20 Amid COVID-19 Lockdown to Aid Economy

May 9, 2020

Immediate

Dominican Republic - Reports 283  
COVID-19 Cases in Last 24 Hours,  
Totaling 9,376

# 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.