

# Update 50: Oman - Reports First Three Cases of Black Fungus, Adding Further Challenges to COVID-19 Pandemic

- Three COVID-19 patients in Oman have been infected with mucormycosis, a condition commonly known as 'black fungus'
- This infection has spread quickly among COVID-19 patients in India
- Mucormycosis is caused by exposure to mucor mold, which is commonly found in soil, air and even in the nose and mucus of humans
- It spreads through the respiratory tract and erodes facial structures
- The fungal infection impacts patients with weakened immune systems and underlying conditions
- The infection has raised alarm among authorities that its sudden increase could complicate efforts to combat COVID-19
- Oman health officials warned earlier that the country faces an acute shortage of beds
- Reported COVID-19 stats for Oman:
  1. Confirmed Cases: 238,566
  2. Deaths: 2,565 (1.07%)
  3. Recoveries: 212,064 (88.8%)
  4. Vaccine Doses Administered: 605,845
  5. Fully Vaccinated: 3.5%
- Supply Wisdom is continuously monitoring the situation and will alert you to any relevant developments

## Source(s)

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## Targets Affected:

Oman

## Category(s):

Geo-Political Risk

## Event:

Coronavirus (COVID-19) Incident(s)

## Guidance

### Actions to consider:

- 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 9, 2021

Low

Update 49: Oman - Air Travelers Reduce by 70% YoY in Q1 2021

June 3, 2021

Medium

Update 48: Oman - Extends Travel Restrictions with India and 14 Countries Effective June 05, 2021 Amid COVID-19 Pandemic

May 11, 2021

Medium

Update 47: Oman - Issues Quarantine Rules for Travelers to Curb the Spread of COVID-19, Effective May 11, 2021

May 5, 2021

Medium

Update 46: Oman - Extends Travel Ban with Multiple Countries Until Further Notice to Curb the Spread of COVID-19

May 3, 2021

Medium

Update 45: Oman - Extends Curfew and Bans Commercial Activity from May 8, 2021 to May 15, 2021 to Curb the Spread of COVID-19

April 29, 2021

Medium

Update 44: Dhofar, Oman - Imposes New Restrictions to Curb the Spread of COVID-19 Infections

April 26, 2021

Medium

Update 43: Oman - Closes Inbound Travel to Curb the Spread of COVID-19

April 22, 2021

Medium

Update 42: Oman - Bans Travelers from India, Pakistan and Bangladesh Indefinitely Effective April 24, 2021 to Curb the Spread of COVID-19 Infections

**April 18, 2021**

Medium

Update 41: Dhofar, Oman - Extends Lockdown to Curb the Spread of COVID-19

**April 14, 2021**

Medium

Update 40: Oman - Imposes Night Lockdown from April 14, 2021 to Curb the Spread of COVID-19

**April 8, 2021**

Medium

Update 39: Oman - Lifts Night Restrictions; Exempts Citizens from Mandatory Institutional Quarantine Amid COVID-19 Pandemic

**April 6, 2021**

Medium

Update 38: Oman - Announces to Ban Entry of Visitors from April 8, 2021 to Curb the Spread of COVID-19

**April 4, 2021**

Low

Update 37: Oman - Announces 50 Percent Occupancy in Government Offices, Effective April 04, 2021

**March 29, 2021**

Medium

Update 36: Oman - Announces Nationwide Night Lockdown

**March 24, 2021**

Medium

Update 35: Oman - Announces Mandatory Quarantine for Travelers, Effective March 29, 2021

**March 18, 2021**

Medium

Update 34: Oman - Extends Strict COVID-19 Restrictions and Announces Ban of Flights from UK Amid COVID-19 Pandemic

**March 2, 2021**

Medium

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

**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.