



COVID-19 RESOURCES

COVID-19 International Transition Strategies

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MAC's Global Commerce team is tracking international transition plans of Georgia's top investing markets. We are capturing resources and links from official websites to provide guidance for everyone doing business in these markets.

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Belgium

(Population: 11.4 million*)

Please click [here](#) for the latest number of confirmed COVID-19 cases in Belgium. (For country-specific regional data and trends, please select the country from the list)

Summary: The National Security Council (NSC) has developed a plan to phase out lockdown measures. The country just entered phase three, which eases most restrictions implemented to fight the pandemic. The hospitality industry is allowed to reopen partially under a strict protocol. Gaming, banqueting and reception halls won't fully reopen until July 1. Bars and nightclubs will remain closed. Some cultural activities are allowed to resume without an audience or a limited audience. Everyone who participates in cultural and leisure activities is asked to wear a face mask at all times. Large-scale mass events are still prohibited. Working from home is still recommended. Everyone is asked to follow strict hygiene measures, avoid group meetings of more than 10 people, and limit the number of people they interact with per week. Travel restrictions within the country will be lifted on June 15, and the country will open its border to and from the European Union, including the UK and the four other Schengen countries (Switzerland, Lichtenstein, Iceland and Norway).

For information on travel guidelines and restrictions, please visit the [website](#) of the Embassy and Consulates of Belgium in the United States.

Sources:

Measures taken by the National Security Council of 03 June 2020



Brazil

(Population: 209.5 million*)

Please click [here](#) for the latest number of confirmed COVID-19 cases in Brazil. (For country-specific regional data and trends, please select the country from the list)

For information on travel guidelines and restrictions please visit the [website](#) of the Embassy of Brazil in the United States.



Canada

(Population: 37 million*)

Please click [here](#) for the latest number of confirmed COVID-19 cases in Canada.
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Summary: Transition plans vary between provinces in Canada. Many provinces and territories have mandated the closure of all workplaces, except for those providing essential services and goods. Local governments can allow more businesses to reopen if they can follow measures to lower the risk of the spread of COVID-19. Everyone is asked to stay at home as much as possible, practice good hygiene, and follow physical distancing guidelines. Face masks are not mandatory but recommended. Non-essential travel between the U.S. and Canada is restricted.

For information on travel guidelines and restrictions, please visit the [website](#) of the Canadian Embassy in the United States.

Sources:

[Website of the Government of Canada](#)
[Coronavirus disease \(COVID-19\)](#)



France

(Population: 67 million*)

Please click [here](#) for the latest number of confirmed COVID-19 cases in France.
(For country-specific regional data and trends, please select the country from the list)

Summary: The French government implemented strict coronavirus lockdown measures early on. Although some measures have been gradually relaxed, they still vary across regions. A regularly updated [map](#) shows areas in which the virus is highly active (red zones) and areas where the virus is less active (green zones). Everyone is asked to work from home and, if not possible, a staggered work pattern is recommended. Most shops, open-air markets, bars, restaurants, theatres, entertainment venues and leisure parks may reopen in green zones but must have health measures in place. No more than 10 people can gather at one place at the same time. While some schools and daycares are gradually reopening across the country, universities will remain closed. Gatherings of more than 5,000 people are banned until the end of August. Everyone must wear a mask in transit stations and on public transport.

For information on travel guidelines and restrictions, please visit the [website](#) of the Embassy of France in the United States.

Sources:

[Website of the French Government](#)



Germany

(Population: 83 million*)

Please click [here](#) for the latest number of confirmed COVID-19 cases in Germany.
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Summary: Federal and state governments have been relaxing lockdown measures thanks to a slowdown of new infections, but an emergency mechanism will stay in place. If a region or city sees an increase to more than 50 new infections for every 100,000 people within seven days, new regional restrictions can

be put in place (some states have adjusted this number to 30 new infections). All citizens are required to wear masks in public. Gatherings of larger groups should be avoided (the definition of larger groups varies by states). Mass events are cancelled until August 31. Reopening guidelines vary between states. France and Germany are working on an initiative to foster economic recovery in Europe after the crisis.

For information on travel guidelines and restrictions, please visit the [website](#) of the German Missions in the United States.

Sources:

[Website of the Robert Koch Institute](#)



Ireland

(Population: 4.9 million*)

Please click [here](#) for the latest number of confirmed COVID-19 cases in Ireland.

(For country-specific regional data and trends, please select the country from the list)

Summary: The Irish government has implemented a Roadmap for Reopening Society and Business and on June 5 decided to accelerate this map. The country is currently in phase two of this roadmap. Everyone is advised to stay local within their county or within 20 km of their home and follow strict [social distancing guidelines](#). Groups of up to six people are allowed to meet outdoors. Employees are asked to work from home if possible, but a phased return to work has begun for solitary workers and other workers that can maintain a constant distance of two meters from other people. All retailers can reopen but have to apply a [Return to Work Safety Protocol](#). All contact personal services (hairdressers, barbers, beauty salons, etc.) have to remain closed.

For information on travel guidelines and restrictions, please visit the [website](#) of the Embassy of Ireland in the United States.

Sources:

[Roadmap for reopening society and business](#)

[Public health measures in place right now](#)

[Department of Health](#)



Japan

(Population: 126.5 million*)

Please click [here](#) for the latest number of confirmed COVID-19 cases in Japan.

(For country-specific regional data and trends, please select the country from the list)

Summary: The country has seen a steady decline in new infections. The government's recommendations include a gradual increase in the level of socio-economic activity while watching the numbers of new infections carefully. The government asks everyone to refrain from leaving their homes, if not necessary. Working from home is encouraged, especially in Prefectures under Specific Cautions.

For information on travel guidelines and restrictions, please visit the [website](#) of the Embassy of Japan in the United States.

Sources:

[Website of the Ministry of Health, Labor and Welfare](#)



Netherlands

(Population: 17.2 million*)



Please click [here](#) for the latest number of confirmed COVID-19 cases in the Netherlands.
(For country-specific regional data and trends, please select the country from the list.)

Summary: The Dutch government is gradually easing restrictions, but everyone must follow basic rules including avoiding busy places, working from home if possible, and keeping a distance of 1.5 meters. The overall rule is that people who don't live in the same household have to stay 1.5 meters apart. Restaurants, cafes and bars can reopen under strict guidelines (e.g. maximum 30 people are allowed, upfront reservations, six-foot distance and health checks). Theatres, cinemas and concert halls can admit up to 30 people per auditorium (not counting staff). Most contact-based professions (e.g. personal care professions) can resume work. All citizens aged 13 and over are required to wear a non-medical face mask on public transport. Primary schools and daycare can reopen but can only allow half of its pupils at a time.

For information on travel guidelines and restrictions, please visit the [website](#) of the Netherlands Embassy in the United States.

Sources:

<https://www.government.nl/topics/coronavirus-covid-19>
[The coronavirus- FAQ for entrepreneurs](#)



Republic of Korea

(Population: 51 million*)

Please click [here](#) for the latest number of confirmed COVID-19 cases in the Republic of Korea.

(For country-specific regional data and trends, please select the country from the list)

Summary: The country started its reopening strategy thanks to relatively low numbers of new infections.

For information on travel guidelines and restrictions, please visit the [website](#) of the Embassy of the Republic of Korea in the United States.

Sources:

[Korea's national response to the COVID-19 outbreak](#)



Sweden

(Population: 10.1 million*)

Please click [here](#) for the latest number of confirmed COVID-19 cases in Sweden.
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Summary: Employees are encouraged to work from home if possible and permitted by their employers. Restaurants, bars and cafes can remain open but need to take [special precautions](#) (e.g. physical distance between customers). Higher education institutions are encouraged to provide distance learning opportunities. Public gatherings and events of 50 people or more are prohibited.

For information on travel guidelines and restrictions, please visit the [website](#) of the Embassy of Sweden in the United States.

Sources:

[Website of the Government Offices of Sweden](#)
[Public Health Agency of Sweden](#)



Switzerland

(Population: 8.5 million*)

Please click [here](#) for the latest number of confirmed COVID-19 cases in Switzerland.

(For country-specific regional data and trends, please select the country from the list)

Summary: Thanks to a decline in new infections, the country is taking a step-by-step approach to reopening. Most shops, markets, museums, libraries, sports facilities and restaurants can reopen if they implement precautionary measures. The same applies to zoos, theatres, campsites and cinemas. Working from home is still recommended for people in high risk groups. Classroom teaching resumed at primary and lower secondary schools as well as at upper secondary and vocational schools and universities. Public gatherings of up to 300 people are permitted (including company meetings) under precautions. Sport events involving physical contact are still prohibited. Everyone is asked to wear a mask if they can't keep a distance and observe hygiene rules.

For information on travel guidelines and restrictions, please visit the [website](#) of the Embassy of Switzerland in the United States.

Sources:

[Federal Office of Public Health FOPH](#)



United Kingdom

(Population: 66.4 million*)

Please click [here](#) for the latest number of confirmed COVID-19 cases in the United Kingdom.

(For country-specific regional data and trends, please select the country from the list)

Summary: The British government is currently easing restrictions. The new guidelines allow its citizens to spend more time outdoors, but everyone is still asked to reduce contact with others. It is permitted to gather in groups of up to six people from different households (following social distancing guidelines). Employers should continue arranging for their employees to work from home and provide necessary equipment to do so. For jobs that require being in the workspace, [guidelines](#) have been developed to protect the workforce and customers. Non-essential businesses (e.g. retail, restaurants, pubs, bars and gyms) will remain closed. Everyone is advised to wear face coverings in public and follow strict social distancing guidelines when in public. Starting June 15, wearing a face mask on public transport will become a legal requirement.

These guidelines only apply to England. Citizens in Scotland, Wales and Northern Ireland should follow their own specific guidelines.

For information on travel guidelines and restrictions, please visit the [website](#) of the British Embassy in the United States.

Links:

[Coronavirus outbreak FAQs: what you can and can't do](#)
[Coronavirus \(COVID-19\): Information for individuals and businesses in Scotland](#)

[Welsh Government: Coronavirus \(COVID-19\)](#)

[Northern Ireland: Coronavirus \(COVID-19\)](#)

* Population data (as of 2018) provided by The World Bank:

<https://data.worldbank.org/indicator/SP.POP.TOTL>