

Coronavirus: Israel Extends List of Foreign Nationals Subject to Entry Restrictions

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The Israeli Ministry of Health has imposed restrictions on entry of foreign nationals who were recently (during the 14 days prior to their entering Israel) present in certain countries, due to concerns about spread of the coronavirus. Initially, these restrictions applied to persons who had been in China, Hong Kong, Macau, Singapore, Hong Kong, South Korea, Japan and Italy. Today, the Ministry expanded this list to include Germany, France, Switzerland, France, Spain and Austria. All persons who were present in any of these countries during the 14 days prior to their entering Israel will not be permitted to enter the State of Israel, unless they can show evidence that they will remain in home isolation until 14 days have elapsed from the date that they left any of these countries. Israeli nationals and non-Israeli nationals who visited any of these countries during the 14 day period prior to their arriving in Israel will be required to enter into home isolation immediately upon their entering the country until 14 days have lapsed from the date of their leaving these countries. In addition, non-Israeli nationals who were in these countries will be questioned when entering the country by border officials to confirm that they have made arrangements to enable them to comply with these restrictions. Non-Israeli nationals will be permitted to leave isolation early solely for the purpose of returning to their home countries, and then in accordance with certain procedures set forth in orders issued by the Israeli Ministry of Health. Non-Israeli nationals who have visited Iran, Iraq, Syria or Lebanon during the 14 day period prior to their arriving in Israel will not be allowed to enter the country.

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