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## CLIENT UPDATE



### Updates Regarding COVID - 19 Regulations and the Upcoming Lockdown in Israel

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The Israeli government has decided on a series of new steps to address the COVID-19 pandemic, commencing with a lockdown starting on September 18th, currently scheduled to end on October 9th. Among the restrictions expected to be enforced during the lockdown:

- Restrictions on movement to no more than 500 meters from one's place of residence. Nevertheless, work in the private sector will be permitted in accordance with existing safety guidelines.
- Closure of educational institutions, entertainment, non-essential commerce, domestic tourism etc.
- No gatherings of more than 10 people indoors and 20 outdoors.
- Ben-Gurion Airport will remain open for flights (As previously updated, Foreign Nationals will need a Special Entry Permit (SEP), to be obtained in prior to flight).
- At present, there is no final information regarding the activity of the Immigration Authority during the lockdown; the public sector in general may work to a limited extent (approximately 30%-50% of staff), and different government functions may be closed. In general, the Immigration Authority's and related authorities processing time may be longer.

SIMULTANEOUSLY WITH THE LOCKDOWN, A NUMBER OF HOLIDAYS WILL BE CELEBRATED IN ISRAEL, DURING WHICH THE IMMIGRATION AUTHORITY IS EXPECTED TO BE CLOSED:

- ▶ Rosh Hashanah (Jewish New Year) – From September 18th until September 20th (inclusive).
- ▶ Yom Kippur (Day of Atonement) – From September 27th until September 28th (inclusive).
- ▶ Sukkot – From October 2nd until October 11th (inclusive).

Our Relocation and Immigration team is available to advise further with respect to the above update as well as any matters related to immigration law.

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**WE WISH YOU A HAPPY NEW YEAR AND GOOD HEALTH**

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