

COVID-19 INFORMATION - REPUBLIC OF ARGENTINA

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COUNTRY-SPECIFIC INFORMATION:

The Government of Argentina has, on 7th November, announced the extension of the preventive and mandatory social distancing (DISPO) until **December 20**.

Masks or other face coverings are mandatory nationwide in public spaces, including public transportation and passenger vehicles.

Restrictions may vary significantly by province and municipality; check with local health authorities for a full list of restrictions in your province or municipality. More information can be found on the Ministry of Health's website <https://www.argentina.gob.ar/coronavirus/aislamiento>.

You can read the text of the latest Presidential order <https://www.boletinoficial.gob.ar/detalleAviso/primera/237844/20201130>

ENTRY AND EXIT REQUIREMENTS:

According to the latest regulations referred to the admission of foreign citizens coming from neighboring countries, the Ministry of Health and the National Directorate of Migration has published the following in order to uniformly regulate the conditions for the entry of people to the national territory, within the framework of the health emergency of COVID-19:

- Electronic Affidavit for Entry/departure to/of the National Territory, which is completed at <http://ddij.migraciones.gob.ar/app> within 48 hours of their travel. Travelers may be required to present the confirmation e-mail they receive from this system in order to board a flight.
- PCR negative result for COVID-19 -regardless of the age of the traveler- must be attached at the time of completing the mentioned Affidavit, and presented at the time of boarding. It must be conducted within 72hs prior to the trip;
- Travel Insurance that includes coverage for COVID-19 care throughout the country, including hospitalization and, when appropriate, isolation, without limitations or exclusions throughout the whole stay.

The following persons are authorized to enter Argentina:

- Drivers or crew of any nationality;
- Argentines and residents in the Argentine Republic, regardless of their place of origin; including diplomats and officials from Embassies, Consulates and Diplomatic Representations;

- Foreign nationals of neighboring countries or residents in those, who travel to carry out tourist activity in the country and who do not require a consular visa due to their nationality;
- Foreigners expressly authorized by the National Directorate of Migration (NDM), to carry out a work or commercial activity; or to fulfill an official diplomatic mission; or to participate in sport events, or for family reunification with Argentines or residents;
- Foreigners declared in transit to other countries with a stay at the international airport of less than 24 hours.

The points enabled for entry are:

- "Ministro Pistarini" Ezeiza International Airport for air entries/arrivals.
- San Fernando International Airport for air entries/arrivals.
- Port of Buenos Aires for river passenger entries/arrivals.

For the cases of entry by air or sea (except crew members) the presentation of a negative PCR is **mandatory**.

In addition, the following international border crossings are also enabled:

- Paso de los Libres - Uruguayana (Corrientes)
- Cristo Redentor System (Mendoza)
- San Sebastian (Tierra del Fuego)
- Gualeguaychu - Fray Bentos (Entre Rios)

For cases of entries through the said land crossings, it will be possible to choose between the submission of a negative PCR, or otherwise, to comply with the 14 days isolation.

For cases of family reunification, all the steps it must be accredited before the airline or the corresponding international border crossing:

- Birth, marriage or cohabitation certificate duly apostilled or legalized, as accordingly, that proves the direct link with an Argentine citizen.
- Copy of the Argentine ID (DNI) of the family member who will be visited.
- Ticket reservation

In the case of the PCR test, drivers and crew members and nationals or foreign citizens in transit to other countries with a stay of less than 24 hours at international airports, as well as, those who have had the disease in the previous 90 days are **exempted** of the submission of the test, upon presenting a certificate by the laboratory, proving the results of the diagnostic tests for SARS-CoV-2 and the discharge after more than ten days from the diagnosis.

In case that Argentine citizens or foreign nationals with residence in Argentina that enter through a land border crossing and expressly choose not to present the PCR, they must comply with the 14 days isolation, which is not a requirement for those who do the test. In addition, it is suggested that these people enter by means of transport other than a public one and the jurisdiction of destination will verify the compliance of the indicated isolation. For the entry by air or sea, it will not be possible to choose for this possibility, due to the greater risk of contagion existing in these means of transport.

Non-resident foreign citizens must add to the affidavit: the proof of contracting an international traveler's insurance with coverage for the care of Covid-19 in Argentina, including admission and isolation without exclusions or limitations during the whole stay; or similar coverage contracted by the company that calls them for the labor or commercial activity or the respective embassy when they come to develop labor, commercial, sports or diplomatic activities in the country.

The resolution also establishes that all travelers coming with international transports must be submitted to the temperature measurement when embarking on a trip to the Argentine Republic, as well as, upon arrival at the ports of entry or at any other control or sanitary measure/point that may be implemented and report any news about their health situation to the crew or authorities at the points of entry.

The new regulations recommend the registering at Cuidar application within 48 hours from their arrival if they are Argentines or residents, or in the specific application from its enforcement, if they are non-resident foreigners, respectively; or via the web within 48 hours after their arrival in the country for the self-report of symptoms every 48 hours in order to promote knowledge of the risk situation, perform a self-diagnosis and achieve consciousness on health recommendations for prevention and self-care. The geolocation of these applications will not be required, and personal data will be protected.

The following people will not be able to enter or leave the country:

1. Those people who, within 14 days prior to the trip have registered two or more symptoms such as cough, myalgia, sore throat, headache, vomiting and/or diarrhea or at least one of the following, such as, fever greater than 37.5°C, sudden loss of smell or taste or severe respiratory distress, the cause of which does not fully explain the clinical presentation in a disease other than COVID 19;
2. Those people who, within 14 days prior to the trip, were close contact of a positive case of COVID 19.
3. Symptomatic people from affected areas until they have a medical diagnosis by a health authority of the country in which they are located, with the due certification that rules out the possibility of contagion.
4. those people who 90 days prior to entering the country suffered Covid-19 that is known by the health authority, an accompanying confirmation by a laboratory accrediting the results of the diagnostic tests for SARS-CoV-2 which do not count with the medical discharge after more than ten days have passed from the diagnosis.

Finally, it is recalled that the Electronic Affidavit must be completed, as a migratory requirement for those who depart from the Argentine Republic abroad to prevent the international spread of diseases.

Note that the new measures will enter into force as of the third day of its publication in the Official Gazette, that is, as of Sunday 6 December at 00:00

COVID-19 TESTING:

While Argentine government authorities may only test symptomatic patients, you may obtain COVID-19 tests at many private labs (diagnósticos/laboratorios) at your own cost by appointment.

The following is suggested labs providing testing in the Buenos Aires area:

- Diagnostico Rossi
 - Laboratorio Hidalgo
 - Diagnostico Maipu
 - IADT (Instituto Argentino de Diagnostico y Tratamiento)
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FINES FOR NON-COMPLIANCE:

Depending on your location you should confirm health measures with the Ministry of Health <https://www.argentina.gob.ar/coronavirus/aislamiento> as failure to regulations may result in fines and / or criminal penalties, up to and including arrest and jail time.

EXTENSION OF VISAS:

Argentine Immigration (Migraciones Argentinas) previously announced an automatic 30-day visa extension for all non-residents with visas set to expire after March 17. See details at <https://www.argentina.gob.ar/interior/migraciones> and contact Argentine Immigrations if having any questions.

MOVEMENT / TRANSPORTATION RESTRICTIONS:

The Ministry of Transport has announced new measures regarding the resumption of regular domestic flight for passengers; intercity and interprovincial buses; Buquebus and long distance trains, aimed to resuming interjurisdictional connectivity in the country and thus it was developed a circulation permit for the category “transfer of foreigners non- residents” in order to enable them move around and/or board such means of transport.

For its processing, each person must enter the webpage www.argentina.gob.ar/circular; select the third option “**No tengo DNI/ I don’t have DNI.**” “**Tengo documento de identidad de país limítrofe/ I have an identity document issued by a neighboring country or foreign passport**”, complete the reasons for the trip, as the case may be:

- Transfer to land border crossings, ports and authorized airports (Departures)
- Transfer to land border crossings, ports and authorized airports (Arrivals)
- Medical treatment
- Essentials and professional duties

- Family reunification

In “**Observaciones/ observations**” designated space, all details of the trip must be indicated. For example: date, company and details of the flight/ bus/ train/ship/particular vehicle; for cases of medical treatment: hospital where the treatment will be performed; in case of professionals: company where the person will be working; for cases of family reunification: details of the Argentine relative or resident. It will be appreciated that all the information is clearly indicated in each case.

Once all the personal details are completed (contact details and address, means of transport, destiny), select the option Health Sworn declaration. Approx. 2 hours later of having completed all the details, the interested party shall re-enter the system and download or print the respective circulation permit.

The new on line circulation permit replaces the safe passengers currently issued by the Embassies to their nationals. Likewise the note verbal addressed to the Foreign Ministry informing about the transfer of foreign citizens without residence in the country will not be necessary.

FLIGHTS: The borders of Argentina remain closed to foreign nationals and non-residents entering the country or those who are not residents in neighboring countries.

PUBLIC TRANSPORTATION: Limited public transportation within cities with strict limitations is operating. In the Buenos Aires metropolitan area, only essential workers may board public transportation. These regulations are likely to remain in place for the duration of the social distancing order and can change with little notice.

INTER-CITY TRANSPORTATION: Travel between cities and provinces are restricted. Additional information about movement exemptions can be found at: <https://www.argentina.gob.ar/coronavirus/aislamiento/exceptuados>

Individual provinces may require additional local permits to enter or transit.

RESTRICTIONS AT MINISTRO PISTARINI INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT (EZEIZA)

- Passengers leaving Argentina may not arrive at Ezeiza Airport more than 5 hours in advance of the flight departure.
 - Overnight at Ezeiza Airport is no longer permitted.
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