

## COVID-19 INFORMATION - REPUBLIC OF ARGENTINA

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### COUNTRY-SPECIFIC INFORMATION:

The Government of Argentina has announced the extension of quarantine and social distancing measures. The following areas will remain in quarantine (“aislamiento social”) through at least **November 8**: the Buenos Aires Metropolitan Area; the General Pueyrredón department of Buenos Aires Province; the Paraná, Colonia Avellaneda, Oro Verde, San Benito, and Gualaguaychú metropolitan areas in the province of Entre Ríos; the Manuel Belgrano, Ledesma, El Carmen, Palpalá, and San Pedro departments of Jujuy; the Capital and Chamental departments of the province of La Rioja; the Bariloche and Dina Huapi metropolitan areas and the General Roca department of the province of Río Negro; the General José de San Martín and Orán departments of the province of Salta; the Caucete department of the province of San Juan; the Río Gallegos metropolitan area in the province of Santa Cruz; the Capital and Banda departments of the province of Santiago del Estero; and the Río Grande and Tolhuin departments of the province of Tierra del Fuego.

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/233684/20200816?busqueda=3>

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### ENTRY AND EXIT REQUIREMENTS:

Per the latest Argentine government policy, any foreigner who is not a resident in Argentina will not be permitted to enter Argentina; the Embassy is not aware of an estimated end date for this travel ban.

Travelers should be prepared for travel restrictions to be put into effect with little or no advance notice from national, provincial, and local governments.

A negative COVID-19 test (PCR and/or serology) is not required for entry however health screening procedures is in place at airports and other ports of entry.

**Argentine immigration authorities require that all travelers entering or exiting Argentina submit an electronic sworn statement within 48 hours of their travel. The form is available <http://ddjj.migraciones.gob.ar/app/>.**

**Travelers may be required to present the confirmation e-mail they receive from this system in order to board a flight.**

*Passengers who declare, either in the electronic DDJJ or in the paper form, having registered two or more symptoms in the last 14 days such as cough, sore throat, headache, vomiting or diarrhea, or at least one of the following such as fever equal to or more than 37.5 ° C, sudden loss of smell or taste or severe respiratory distress, WILL NOT be able to board, unless they present a medical certificate stating that this symptom responds to another condition or pathology other than COVID-19. Those people who have not been able to board a flight due to symptoms must present a medical discharge or a certificate stating the above in order to board another flight to the Republic.*

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#### **QUARANTINE INFORMATION:**

Anyone arriving in Argentina from abroad must self-isolate for 14 days and follow the required health measures. Anyone who does not follow the mandatory quarantine and the health measures may be subject to criminal penalties. The traveler may have to bear any costs associated with the 14-day quarantine period. For more information, visit <https://www.argentina.gob.ar/coronavirus/aislamiento/preventivo> (Spanish).

In addition, provincial authorities may introduce additional quarantine measures and travel restrictions with little / prior notice. Please check the website of your province's Ministry of Health for more details.

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#### **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.

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## **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 Migraciones with any questions.

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## **MOVEMENT / TRANSPORTATION RESTRICTIONS:**

While there is no curfew in place, national social distancing and quarantine orders are in effect. Limited exemptions include movement to obtain food and medical care and travel to the international airport for ticketed passengers only.

**FLIGHTS:** The borders of Argentina remain closed to foreign nationals and non-residents entering the country. While the borders remain open for departures, the Argentine Government is permitting limited special flight options.

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

**INTER-CITY TRANSPORTATION:** Travel between cities and provinces is 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.

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## **FLIGHTS DEPARTING ARGENTINA:**

Regular commercial flights is currently not operational however the Embassy is aware of the following airlines operating to and from Buenos Aires:

- American Airlines
- Aerolineas Argentinas
- Iberia
- Air France
- British Airways
- Air Europa
- KLM
- Level
- Turkish Airlines
- Jetsmart
- Ethiopian Airlines
- Areomexico
- Lufthansa

Purchase of flights is available either through the airline website or through a travel agent. Availability of flights is sporadic and is at the discretion of the airline and subject to change.

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## **TRAVEL TO EZIEZA AIRPORT**

The Government of Argentina has implemented additional travel restrictions to limit the spread of COVID-19. Only travelers with confirmed international flight reservations may travel from the provinces to the Buenos Aires metro area 24 hours in advance of the flight. If your travel to Buenos

Aires will take longer than 24 hours, please email the embassy at [consular.buenosaires@gmail.com](mailto:consular.buenosaires@gmail.com).

- Passports
- Confirmed international airline ticket
- Confirmed hotel reservation in Buenos Aires (for travelers not already in Buenos Aires)
- Embassy Letter
- Ministry Note
- Overland Travel Itinerary (time sensitive, see below)

If a friend or family member will be taking you to the airport, or you are working with a private driver, they may be required to apply online for the "[Solicitud de Certificado Único Habilitante de Circulación.](#)"

For more information or to apply, visit <https://www.argentina.gob.ar/jefatura/innovacion-publica/acciones-coronavirus/certificado-unico-circulacion>. Foreign nationals departing Argentina do not need this document and need only the documents referenced above.

Provinces may require additional documentation, including health certificates. Foreign Nationals should verify the latest requirements with local or provincial authorities before beginning their travels

Because of checkpoints, travelers should plan for additional travel time. South African citizens attempting to leave Argentina must arrange their own domestic travel and should plan it during daytime hours. You should NOT circulate on Argentine roads and attempt to reach Buenos Aires Ministro Pistarini International Airport (Ezeiza) at night. Nighttime clearance at checkpoints cannot be guaranteed.

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## **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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## **SOUTH AFRICAN CITIZENS DEPARTING ARGENTINA:**

For South African citizens traveling from the provinces to Buenos Aires or travelers in the Greater Buenos Aires Metropolitan Area departing for Ministro Pistarini (Ezeiza) International Airport, the Government of Argentina is requesting the following information, which the Embassy MUST receive 72 hours prior to your initiation of travel in order to allow the Argentine Government sufficient time to process your request.

*Place of origin (city and province or neighborhood in the City of Buenos Aires)  
Date and time of departure from place of origin*

*Route to Buenos Aires (if traveling from the provinces)*  
*Hotel Reservation in Buenos Aires (if traveling from the provinces)*  
*Destination (Ezeiza)*  
*Make and model of vehicle*  
*License plate number*  
*Name of driver and DNI (ID)*  
*Confirmed flight details (airline, flight number, date, and destination)*  
*Name and passport number of each passenger*

Information to be sent to [consular.buenosaires@gmail.com](mailto:consular.buenosaires@gmail.com). With that information, the Embassy will produce a letter for you to carry with you or display on your mobile device to present to authorities in addition to the other letters referenced above.

Use the above documents to explain your purpose of travel to the checkpoint authorities. If you are unsuccessful in transiting through the checkpoint, call the Embassy's emergency phone line listed on the Embassy Letter while you are still at the checkpoint.