

Initial analysis of lockdown measures across the world

- This document does not seek to provide advice, but instead describes some of the measures currently being undertaken by other nations in response to the Covid-19 virus outbreak, and is for information.
- Please note that, due to current pressures elsewhere, this document has not been cleared by a Senior Civil Servant in Welsh Government.
- This document includes an overview of the lockdown-related measures in place in Italy, Spain, France, China, and South Korea.
- Sources include:
 - French Government website
 - Spanish Government website
 - Italian Government website
 - BBC News website

Italy (national lockdown)

Date of initial lockdown: 9 March 2020

Affecting: 61 million people

Number of cases at time of implementation: 9,172

Number of deaths at time of implementation: 463

Legal basis:

- President said that the Constitution provides the Italian Government 'with the authority and the power to take decisions' in these exceptional circumstances.
- President implemented Decree Law 6/2020, which imposed restrictive measures on those living in the most affected Italian areas. This was later extended to the rest of the country.

Lockdown measures:

- Lockdown in place until 3 April 2020.
- Citizens prevented from leaving the country and their home municipality.
- Non-nationals not allowed to enter the country.
- Exceptions are admitted for 'well-grounded work-related reasons or situations of need or movements for health reasons'. These are self-certified.
- People who have tested positive for Covid-19 must not leave their homes for any reason, while anyone with a fever or respiratory symptoms is strongly encouraged to stay at home and limit social contact, including with their doctor.
- Public transport will remain operational, but movement is severely restricted with the Italian Government saying only those with a valid work or family reason that cannot be postponed will be allowed to travel.
- People who do want to travel will need to fill in a document explaining their reasons for doing so and carry it with them. Those who lie face a jail term of up to three months or a fine of 206EUR.
- School and university activities suspended nationwide.
- Public events and sport competitions are suspended across the nation.
- Swimming pools, spas, sports halls and ski resorts are closed.

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- Nightclubs, cinemas, theatres and casinos are closed.
- Masses and other religious ceremonies are prohibited.
- Worship places are allowed to be open 'only under the condition that people avoid crowds'.
- Closure of most commercial activities, including bars, pubs, restaurants, ice cream parlours, and patisseries.
- Exceptions are admitted for canteens and contracted catering providing a distance of 1 metre between individuals is recognised.
- Exceptions are admitted for food markets, supermarkets, pharmacies and newsagents (cigarette shops) providing a distance of 1 metre between individuals is recognised.
- 1-metre minimum distance between individuals.

Spain (national lockdown)

Date of initial lockdown: 14 March 2020

Affecting: 47 million people

Number of cases at time of implementation: 7,753

Number of deaths at time of implementation: 288

Legal basis:

- Royal Decree 463/2020, powers under article 4, section b of the Ley Orgánica 4/1981.
- The Spanish Government say that this provision does not imply the suspension of any fundamental right, as provided for in article 55 of the Spanish Constitution.

Lockdown measures:

- Lockdown for 15 days, although some Ministers have indicated that this could be extended.
- Spanish Government has taken control of private healthcare providers and have requisitioned face masks and Covid-19 tests.
- Manufacturers and suppliers must notify the government of their production of Covid-19-related healthcare equipment.
- Mobilisation of the military.
- Fourth-year medical students may be asked to help the country's health service.
- Authorities are using drones to monitor the movements of its citizens.
- School and university activities suspended nationwide, including libraries.
- Public events and sport competitions are suspended across the nation.
- Swimming pools, spas, sports halls and ski resorts are closed.
- Nightclubs, cinemas, theatres and casinos are closed.
- Masses, funerals, and other religious ceremonies are allowed providing attendees respect a distance of at least 1 metre.
- Hairdressers to remain open.

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- Telecommunications companies and internet companies to continue to operate.
- Pet food companies to continue to operate
- Dry cleaners and laundrettes to remain open.
- Rail and bus/coach transport to operate at 50% normal service.
- Air travel and maritime travel to operate at 50% normal service.

France (national lockdown)

Date of initial lockdown: 16 March 2020

Affecting: 67 million people

Number of cases at time of implementation: 6,653

Number of deaths at time of implementation: 148

Legal basis:

- The President has the power to bring forward legislation to temporarily limit the freedoms of French citizens under 'the law of 3rd April 1995'.

Lockdown measures:

- Lockdown for 15 days.
- To be able to travel around, all citizens, irrespective of symptoms, must print off and complete two specific forms. Failure to do so resulted in an on-the-spot fine of 38EUR, which has now been increased to 135EUR and individuals will be told to return home.
- The first form is for personal, non-work related travel, and must be downloaded, printed, and completed each time leaving the house.
- The second form, which is to be completed by the manager of individuals in roles where working from home is not an option, must be completed each day as well.
- Police officers have the ability to check these, and have been stationed outside of food stores, pharmacies, newsagents, and on the streets.
- Exceptions to these restrictions include:
 - travelling from home to work where working from home is not possible,
 - buying essentials (including food, medication, and cigarettes) in authorised local shops,
 - going to healthcare appointments or to the vet
 - travelling for childcare reasons or for helping vulnerable people (under strict condition that queuing is respected)
 - undertaking physical exercise outdoors providing this is on an purely individual basis, and that it takes place close to home.

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- Borders closed for 30 days to international visitors and European neighbours.
- About 100,000 police officers have been deployed to enforce the lockdown, with checkpoints to be set up nationwide.
- All bars, restaurants and non-essential shops closed from midnight on Saturday 14 March and crèches, schools and universities from Monday 16 March.
- Public and private transport continues to run but only for people with a valid form.
- No social gatherings allowed.
- No 'non-essential' operations to take place in French hospitals.
- Boats carrying more than 100 people are not allowed to dock or enter French ports.
- Banks will remain open.
- Service stations will remain open.
- Agricultural supplies companies will remain operational.
- Hotels (as private establishments) to remain open but their bars and restaurants cannot serve people.
- Food delivery services to remain available.
- Car garages remain open.
- A distance of 1 metre must be respected.
- After crowds continued to gather outside, Paris closed all its parks and gardens.

China (partial national lockdown)

Date of initial lockdown: 23 – 27 January 2020

Affecting: 57 million people

Number of cases at time of implementation: 830 – 4515

Number of deaths at time of implementation: 16 – 106

Lockdown measures:

- Ongoing since 23 January 2020 (some cities are now lifting lockdown measures)
- Lockdown started in Wuhan and was eventually imposed on all 15 other cities in Hubei province.
- Villages and communities in most areas only keep one entrance and exit point open.
- Each household allows limited numbers of entrances and exits.
- In some places, night-time access is prohibited, effectively a curfew, and in extreme cases, access is prohibited throughout the day.
- People entering and leaving are required to wear masks and receive temperature tests.
- It is reported that, in some areas, 'vouchers' are issued to the public.
- Courier and food delivery personnel are usually prohibited from entering the lockdown zone.
- Detention commonplace for Chinese citizens not following these rules.

South Korea (no lockdown)

- The government contacted the citizens proactively to test for the coronavirus, including home visits and '10-minute drop off drive-through COVID-19 testing centres'. Both of these measures were free of charge.
- Widespread testing alongside tracking of individuals with confirmed cases has been the main course of action.
- Measures have also included a large-scale public information campaign.
- This model has not involved restrictions on foreigners entering the country.