

What border controls have our international comparators taken?

Country	Border status	Internal travel	What measures have they taken and when	Scientific advice / basis	Comment
France	Passage if national criteria met.	Major restrictions nationwide. Residents must carry an Attestation Form for essential journeys.	<p>Borders: Border checks in place with Italy, Spain and Germany. Temporary reintroduction of land and air borders from 16 March until 5 May (as provided by the Schengen Borders Code).</p> <p>Air travel: France is only permitting entry for nationals, residents, frontier workers and travellers in transit. All arrivals must complete certificate in order to enter. Eurostar continues a reduced daily service to/from London.</p> <p>Ports: Operations at juxtaposed ports including Calais and the Tunnel remain fluid. Some ports have ordered a "sanitary watch", while others have asked Agents to notify Harbour Master's office of incoming vessels with Chinese crew.</p>	Decisions based on evidence from the government's Science Council.	N/A
Germany	Passage if national criteria met.	Minor restrictions nationwide. Stringency of restrictions varies in Laender.	<p>Borders: Border checks in place with all land neighbours. Temporary reintroduction of land and air borders from 14 March to 24 April (as provided by the Schengen Borders Code).</p> <p>Air travel: Germany is only permitting entry for nationals, residents, frontier workers and travellers in transit. As of 9 April, air carriers must keep data for up to 30 days for flights to Germany (including ID/contact details of travellers and seating plans). Mandatory quarantine for all arrivals.</p>	No single, authoritative input of scientific advice for the government. Government contacts privately advise BE Berlin that disagreement amongst scientists is forcing policy makers to make their own judgments and move cautiously.	N/A
Ireland	Passage if national criteria met.	Major restrictions nationwide. People must not go further than 2km from home (except for defined reasons).	Air travel: People entering Ireland (except if from NI or if involved in logistics / transport) must self-quarantine for 14 days on arrival.	The National Public Health Emergency (NPHE) team looking at what restrictive measures may be eased. Any resurgence in R0/deaths would lead to a renewed clampdown.	N/A

Italy	Passage if national criteria met.	Major restrictions nationwide. Residents must carry a self-declaration form to leave homes.	<p>Borders: Temporary reintroduction of land and air borders from 14 March to 24 April (as provided by the Schengen Borders Code).</p> <p>Air travel: Italy is only permitting entry for nationals, residents, frontier workers and travellers in transit. All arrivals must hand in a self-declaration form to the airline before entering, and go into 14 day quarantine. All flights to/from China, Hong Kong, Macao and Taipei are banned.</p> <p>Ports: All ports open for container ships and commercial vessels. Temporary ban on passenger ferries / cruise ships / rescue ships.</p>	“Phase 2 Taskforce” made up of economic and social policy experts, working with Technical and Scientific Committee, to produce recommendations on how to roll back controls.	N/A
Spain	Passage if national criteria met.	Major restrictions nationwide.	<p>Borders: Temporary reintroduction of land and air borders from 14 March to 24 April (as provided by the Schengen Borders Code).</p> <p>Air travel: Spain is only permitting entry for nationals, residents, frontier workers and travellers in transit. Flights reduced by at least 70%, with max possible separation between passengers. All air traffic to/from Canary Islands and Balearic Islands banned (cargo, humanitarian, medical exempt). All flights to/from Italy banned.</p> <p>Ports: State Bulletin Order (8 April) banning cruise and passenger ships and Ro-Ro ships to/from Italy.</p>	Decisions based on advice from the Health Ministry’s Emergency Coordination Center.	It is not possible to attribute this to border measures given other restrictions were announced at the same time, but daily growth of new cases and deaths have been slowing for several weeks .
Sweden	Passage if national criteria met.	No restrictions.	<p>Borders: Temporary reintroduction of land and air borders from 14 March to 24 April (as provided by the Schengen Borders Code).</p> <p>Air travel: Sweden is permitting entry for nationals, residents, frontier workers and travellers in transit.</p>	Swedish scientists are criticising the Public Health Agency for lack of transparency in data behind decision-making and recommendations to the government.	N/A.
Netherlands	Passage if national criteria met	No restrictions.	Borders: Temporary reintroduction of land and air borders from 14 March to 24 April (as provided by the Schengen Borders Code).	Government basing decisions on advice from Netherlands Institute of Public health (RIVM).	N/A.

			<p>Air travel: NL is only permitting entry for nationals, residents, frontier workers and travellers in transit. Schiphol Airport requires a declaration of health certificate (completed before boarding) for all travellers from high-risk areas (defined by European Aviation Agency).</p> <p>Ports: The government has designated the handling of shipping a critical industry - Rotterdam and Amsterdam ports operating normally. Daily govt consultations with port terminals. Amsterdam port closed to all cruise ships until 1 July, and requests all ships submit Declaration of Health, sent 6 hours before entering.</p>		
Czech Republic	Closed to non-residents.	No restrictions. Reduced public transport.	Air travel: all non-Czech residents banned from entering (exclusions apply). Continued ban on non-essential overseas travel.	Not known.	The country has maintained a low number of cases (126 new cases on 20 April).
Canada	Passage if national criteria met.	Minor travel restrictions. Border controls in some provinces and major cities, limits on entry for non-residents into territories with low R0.	<p>Border: Border officers collect contact information from returning travellers and conduct random checks to ensure they are complying. Returning passengers with symptoms not allowed to use public transport (including taxis) to get home from airports.</p> <p>Air travel: Quarantine Act introduced on 25 March, requiring physical inspection on arrival and mandatory 14-day self-isolation for all international arrivals. Fines and prison sentences for non-compliance.</p> <p>Ports: Port State Control (PSC) inspections continue on risk-based approach. On-site inspections of foreign vessels from High Priority regions.</p>	Not known.	Cases continue to rise. PM Trudeau has urged "patience", saying it will be "weeks still" before restrictions can be significantly relaxed.
Republic of	Closed to	No restrictions.	Air travel: As of 13 April, suspension of visa waiver	Decisions based on advice	Local transmission

Korea	non-residents.		<p>programme for countries that have tightened entry requirements for those travelling from RoK. Ban on arrivals from Hubei / Wuhan / 'Diamond Princess'. Mandatory quarantine for arrivals. Any travellers with body temp above 37.5C will be banned from boarding RoK-bound flights.</p> <p>Ports: National Quarantine Station carrying out enhanced screening at ports on all vessels from/via China, with questionnaires to be filled out personally by all crew members.</p>	from Korean National Medical Committee.	has been declining rapidly (e.g. 16 April: 11/22 new cases due to overseas arrivals). Strong public support - record voter turnout and landslide victory for President Moon at 15 April parliamentary elections.
Hong Kong	Closed to non-residents.	No restrictions	<p>Border: border with mainland China closed to non-HK residents.</p> <p>Air travel: No entry for non-HK residents from overseas. Mandatory testing and quarantine for arrivals from mainland China, Macao and Taiwan. HK authorities suspended all transit/transfer services on 25 March.</p> <p>Ports: HK port authorities following Chinese government's 'Guidance on the Prevention and Control of COVID-19 on board (V2.0)'.</p>	The government has appointed a four-person Advisory Group to ensure C19 policy response draws on the latest scientific evidence. The four experts, from Hong Kong University and Chinese University Hong Kong, most of whom had experience of the SARS outbreak, continue to meet on a roughly weekly basis with the HKSARG, including the Chief Executive.	Hong Kong has adopted a strategy of restricting people entering Hong Kong, combined with aggressive contact tracing and testing. Recorded daily case numbers have been in the low single digits for over a week now (as of 20 April), with only 1 case of local transmission in that time.
Taiwan	Closed to non-residents.	No restrictions.	<p>Border: closed to foreign nationals with the exception of legal residents and those requiring entry to fulfil a contractual commitment.</p> <p>Air travel: Foreign nationals already in Taiwan, who entered under a visa waiver, visitor visa or landing visa scheme, will be granted an automatic 30-day extension of stay. British nationals who entered visa free for 90 days, can apply for an extension instead of the automatic 30-day extension.</p>	Current Taiwanese healthcare systems and approach set up to prevent nosocomial transmission leading to significant numbers of deaths amongst healthcare workers seen in SARS in 2003.	Post assess that travel restrictions have been an important part of Taiwan's low incidence (18 cases/million of population, 0.3 deaths/million of population) given the depths of business and education links and number of flights

					(normally around a million Taiwanese live in China with over 1000 cross-Strait flights per week).
Japan	Passage if criteria met.	Minor restrictions. State of Emergency (7 April) declared in some prefectures (including Tokyo and Osaka). Citizens asked to refrain from crossing some prefectural borders.	Air travel: Entry banned for non-resident travellers who have visited high risk areas in the last 14 days (including UK, China, RoK, Taiwan, HK, Macau). Japan also suspended its visa waiver programme for all British nationals on 20 March, meaning that tourists and short-term business visitors were prevented from entering. Operations in harbours, ports and terminals remain as normal.	Limited scientific underpinning for the policy measures taken so far e.g. decision on which businesses should remain open (restaurants but not night clubs) reflect a debate between economic and health ministers.	Border measures were applied progressively over time – arrivals from Hubei Province, China were denied entry initially from 1 February, followed by parts of South Korea, then certain regions in Italy and Spain, and then expanded over time.
Singapore	Closed. Passage only with prior permission.	Minor restrictions.	Borders: closed when Singapore had larger numbers of imported cases than domestically generated cases. There was also some public pressure to close borders. Air travel: only Singaporeans and Permanent Residents (and a select group of work pass holders) allowed to return, but must submit a health declaration at least 3 days before. Mandatory 14-day quarantine for all returns.	Science is guiding C-19 policy formulation and implementation as part of Singapore's whole of system response (drawing on lessons learned from SARS).	Upward trend in daily reported cases, driven by growth in clusters with migrant worker dormitories. At least 50,000 migrant workers in dormitories now under special quarantine orders.