

COVID-19 Update – Kingdom of Saudi Arabia

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Category	Recent Developments
Economic Measures	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Saudi Government to pay 60% of wages for citizens working in private sector for 3 months (Link)• GCC commerce ministers hold extraordinary virtual meeting to discuss the economic impact of coronavirus outbreak (Link)• King Salman orders Government to provide 9 billion riyals worth of aid to Saudis (Link)• Royal Order Approves Exceptions for Unemployment Insurance (SANED) to Mitigate COVID-19 Effects (Link)
Health & Safety	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Saudi Arabia records 165 new coronavirus cases, 328 recoveries (Link)• COVID-19 Follow-up Committee Affirms Importance of Adhering to Curfew Order (Link)• Residency violators in Saudi Arabia seek virus tests after free treatment offer (Link)
Travel	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Transporting passengers via apps restricted to Saudis (Link)• Saudi Arabia Extends Expatriates "Resident Identity" Cards Free of Charge (Link)
Daily Life	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Curfew in All Makkah and Madinah for 24 Hours Effective from 2 April until Further Notice (Link)• Curfew in Dammam, Governorates of Taif, Qatif to be Scaled forward Beginning on 3 April (Link)• High demand but no shortages in Saudi supermarkets (Link)
Energy	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Energy Minister Dismisses Remark of his Russian Counterpart Claiming Kingdom's Refusal of OPEC's Agreement Extension (Link)• The Kingdom calls for an urgent meeting for OPEC+ states and another group of countries (Link)• HRH Crown Prince, US President Discuss Situations of Global Energy Markets via Telephone Call (Link)• Aramco crowned Saudi's Most Valuable Brand (Link)