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Argentina - Government Extends Scope of Mandatory Quarantine

Argentine authorities announced the extension of the mandatory “lock down,” to the **entire** country as of 12 April lasting until 26 April.¹ (For prior coverage, see GMS [Flash Alert 2020-105](#), March 24, 2020.)

The new measure aims to protect the Argentine population and control and prevent the further spread of COVID-19.

WHY THIS MATTERS

This new restriction will have considerable impact on Argentina’s economy and society, but this measure, amongst others (closing non-essential business, physical distancing, etc.), is deemed necessary to curb the spread of the coronavirus. People affected could feel additional anxiety, stress, and inconvenience, as a result.

Cross-border workers whose ability to work may somehow be affected by the extended lock down, should consult with their immigration counsel, as well as their line managers, HR departments, and global mobility advisers as soon as possible for advice on next steps.

KPMG NOTE

It is important to note that the National Immigration Directorate ([Dirección Nacional de Migraciones](#) or “DNM”) will remain closed until April 26. This closure will impact most of the services provided by the DNM.²

FOOTNOTES:

1 For news of the speech, see the website for the Casa Rosada: <https://www.casarosada.gob.ar/slider-principal/46822-el-presidente-anuncio-la-extension-del-aislamiento-social-preventivo-y-obligatorio-hasta-el-26-de-abril> .

Alternatively, see press coverage, see “Alberto Fernández: hemos decidido seguir con la cuarentena hasta el 26 de abril,” on InfoBAE (online) 11 de abril de 2020 at: <https://www.infobae.com/politica/2020/04/11/alberto-fernandez-hemos-decidido-seguir-con-la-cuarentena-hasta-el-26-abril/> . (Note that this is a 3rd party (non-governmental, non-KPMG) website. Providing this link does not represent an endorsement of this website by KPMG.)

Also, see the announcement of the new self-isolation/quarantine policy, on the Ministry of Health (*Ministerio de Salud*) webpage (in Spanish): <https://www.argentina.gob.ar/coronavirus/aislamiento>.

2 See: <https://www.argentina.gob.ar/salud/coronavirus-COVID-19> .

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