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Argentina - Mandatory Quarantine Imposed Due to COVID-19 Extended

On 25 April, the Argentine authorities announced the extension of the mandatory “lock down” for the entire country as of 26 April, until 10 May.¹

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

WHY THIS MATTERS

The restrictions will have considerable impact on Argentina’s economy and society, but it is very necessary to help curb the spread of the coronavirus – the growth rate of new cases, at the present time, is flat in Argentina.

Extension of the quarantine could cause considerable anxiety, stress, and inconvenience, however, it is important to remember that the extension is aimed at protecting public health and safety.

Until the government decides it is safe to rescind or roll-back current restrictions, extensive remote working is a “best practice” for globally-mobile employees (unless they are deemed essential workers), to the extent possible, and is a way for employers to foster the safety of their employees and help ensure business continuity.

KPMG NOTE

Clients should be aware of this extension as Argentina is isolating itself from the world in order to prioritize the health and safety of its population.

Any individuals impacted by the new rules may wish to consult with their global mobility advisers and immigration legal counsel as soon as possible for advice on next steps.

FOOTNOTE:

1 For the Decree of Necessity and Urgency (*Aislamiento Social, Preventivo y Obligatorio, Decreto 408/2020*), see the website (in Spanish) of the *Boletín Oficial* at: <https://www.boletinoficial.gob.ar/detalleAviso/primera/228261/20200426>.

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

For related coverage, see the following issues of *GMS Flash Alert*: [2020-171](#) (15 April 2020) and [2020-168](#) (13 April 2020).

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New Article in [Mobility Matters](#)

[“COVID-19 – Potential Impact on Expatriate Travel and Tax Costs”](#)

By Melissa Duffy and Carolyn Chambers, KPMG International member firm in South Africa

So much is changing every day as the impact of COVID-19 transforms the way we live and work. With travel restrictions, travel bans, border closures, “stay at home” and “shelter in place” policies, implemented to stem the spread of COVID-19, business patterns and employee work routines, and places of work, have been turned on their heads. As Carolyn Chambers and Melissa Duffy, KPMG professionals in South Africa, explain, this could lead to immigration status disruptions and increased tax costs. Read the [article](#).

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