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## Argentina - Further Extension of Mandatory COVID-19 Quarantine for Buenos Aires

On 4 June, the Argentine authorities announced the extension of the mandatory "lockdown" for the Buenos Aires metropolitan region, as of 8 June, lasting until 28 June.

The Necessity and Urgent Decree Number 520/2020 was published today, 8 June. As for the rest of the country, the relaxing of lockdowns in place in each province is still an internal decision taken by each governor in consultation with Argentina's national government.

### WHY THIS MATTERS

This new measure extending the quarantine will bring continued stress and inconvenience for Argentina's society and economy, especially for those individuals and businesses in the Buenos Aires metro region. Measures prohibiting group gatherings, closing borders, advising people keep 1.5 meters apart, and confining people to their homes remain the same, all part of the effort to prevent the spread of the coronavirus.

For organizations with globally-mobile employees, their options remain limited for a return to normal cross-border working arrangements. Indeed, until such time as the government decides it is safe to rescind or in a bigger way roll-back current restrictions, extensive remote working is a "best practice" for globally-mobile employees – apart from "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**

Individuals and their employers should take note of the above-mentioned restrictions, and evaluate the impact on them. It is possible this situation will be temporary, but in the meantime, individuals and employers may need to adjust their expectations and plans and operate within the restrictions of this "new normal."

Any individuals impacted by the quarantine extension 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 <u>Decree of Necessity and Urgency (Aislamiento Social, Preventivo y Obligatorio, Decreto 520/2020)</u>, see the website (in Spanish) of the *Boletín Oficial*.

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We're witnessing an accelerated evolution...from global mobility — to global immobility — to the new reality of "Work Anywhere." Work Anywhere, Together is an employee-centered approach to supporting the transition from "working from home" to working anywhere in the world.

KPMG LLP ("KPMG") in the United States is pleased to invite you to an informative TaxWatch webcast that will share KPMG's perspective on how organizations are addressing the potential tax implications of global remote work arrangements. During the session we will cover:

- Market trends and considerations for employees working remotely;
- The potential benefits of developing a Work Anywhere operating model and managing tax risk;
- Tax considerations of bringing Work Anywhere to life for your organization.

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