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## Argentina - COVID-19: Buenos Aires to Remain under Lockdown

Argentina's government announced, on 2 August, an extension of the mandatory lockdown for the Buenos Aires metropolitan region, starting 3 August and lasting until 16 August. The extension was embodied in The Necessity and Urgent Decree Number 641/2020, which was published in the *Boletín Oficial* on 2 August.<sup>1</sup> (For prior coverage, see GMS [Flash Alert 2020-322](#), 21 July 2020.)

As for the rest of the country, the relaxing of each province's lockdown remains an internal decision to be taken by each province's governor in conjunction with the national government.

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### WHY THIS MATTERS

The continued lockdown will likely have an inhibiting effect on economic growth and mean further stress and frustration for residents of Buenos Aires and those wishing to travel into and out of the capital.

Measures prohibiting group gatherings, closing borders, advising people to keep 1.5 meters apart, and confining people to their homes, are still in place to prevent the spread of the coronavirus.

In light of the lockdown, remote working remains a best practice for globally mobile employees (and all other workers in the capital) – apart from essential workers – to the extent possible, and employers should facilitate this as a way of fostering their employees' safety and business continuity.

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## KPMG NOTE

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.

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## FOOTNOTE:

1 For information on the New Decree of Necessity and Urgency (*Aislamiento Social, Preventivo y Obligatorio. Decreto 641/2020*), see the website (In Spanish) of the *Boletín Oficial* at: <https://www.boletinoficial.gob.ar/detalleAviso/primera/232919/20200802> .

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