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Chile - COVID-19: Revised Entry Measures

The Chilean government decreed that, starting from March 31, 2021, every individual entering Chile, regardless the country they are coming from or their final destination in Chile, will have to quarantine for 10 days or until they leave the country, if their stay in the country is less than 10 days.¹

Additionally, everyone arriving in Chile (including Chilean nationals and residents) must complete the first five days of quarantine in a government-designated or authorized “in-transit” hotel.

These measures are a continuation of the *Paso a Paso* Plan² implemented by Chile’s government that aims to protect the Chilean population by controlling and preventing the further spread of COVID-19. (For prior coverage, see [GMS Flash Alert 2020-468](#), 24 November 2020.)

WHY THIS MATTERS

Employers and assignees need to be aware of the updated quarantine process and adjust their travel plans and expenses accordingly.

Please note that mandatory post-arrival quarantine measures may affect original estimated assignment start dates. It is recommended that companies and individuals re-evaluate and plan ahead their in-country work commencement dates.

Details

Foreign nationals who are not regular residents in Chile must stay at an in-transit hotel designated by the Health Authority (*autoridad sanitaria*) for the first five days after arriving in Chile. Chilean nationals or foreign nationals who are regular residents in Chile may choose to stay during the same five-day period either at the Health Authority-designated in-transit hotel or a hotel authorized by the Health Authority.

Individuals may only leave the in-transit or authorized hotel after five days from arriving in Chile if they have a negative result from a RT-PCR test for SARCS-CoV2 test taken in Chile. Once the stay at the in-transit or authorized hotel has been completed, travelers may continue with their trip using public or private transportation to the place where they will continue with the rest of the quarantine, complying with all pertinent health measures of the *Paso a Paso* Plan.

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If within 14 days of arriving in Chile, an individual is designated as a confirmed case, either through symptoms or a positive test, he or she must comply with an 11-day quarantine at a Health Residence (*residencia sanitaria*), counted from either the onset of symptoms or from the test date that identified the infection.³

Finally, costs associated with the stay at an in-transit hotel or a hotel authorized by the Health Authority will be at the expense of the traveler. In the case of foreign nationals who are not regular residents of Chile, costs will be paid at the time of completing the Health Sworn Statement prior to taking transport to Chile.

KPMG NOTE

Notwithstanding the above, Chilean nationals and regular residents of Chile that started their trip before March 28, 2021, will not be obliged to comply with a stay at an in-transit or authorized hotel and will be able to go to their final destination within 24 hours of arriving in Chile. They must comply with all other quarantine measures.

FOOTNOTES:

1 See the official government [decree](#) of 30 March 2021 (in Spanish) published in Chile's *Diario Oficial*. For additional information in Spanish from the *Ministerio de Salud*, click [here](#).

2 See the government's *Paso a Paso* Plan's [website](#) (in Spanish).

3 See the official government [decree](#) of 15 January 2021 (in Spanish) published in Chile's *Diario Oficial*.

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