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## Argentina - COVID-19: Buenos Aires Lockdown, Strict Prevention Measures

On 16 April, Argentina's government published in the *Boletín Oficial* Decree N° 241/2021 concerning the extension of obligatory social distancing until 30 April 2021, for the Buenos Aires metropolitan region.<sup>1</sup> (For prior coverage, see [GMS Flash Alert 2021-071](#), 1 March 2021.)

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### WHY THIS MATTERS

The rules individuals are required to follow may present some with a degree of inconvenience and disruption. The measures established in the Decree N° 241/2021, imply remote working will continue to be key for globally-mobile employees.

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### More Details

The Decree advises people to keep 1.5 meters apart, to use a face mask, and to use gel-alcohol – with the aim of helping prevent the spread of the virus. However, the government decided to impose tougher measures and suspend activities, which are forbidden (as of 16 April), such as:

1. Shopping malls.
2. All sports, recreational, social, cultural, and religious activities that take place in enclosed environments.
3. Commercial premises, between 7:00 pm and 6:00 am of the following day.
4. Gastronomic venues (restaurants, bars, etc.), between 7:00 pm and 6:00 am of the following day, except for take-away/food for delivery.
5. The public urban and inter-urban passenger transport service (may only be used by essential workers).
6. In the Metropolitan Region (AMBA), individuals must remain in their houses from 8:00 pm until 6:00 am of the following day.

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## KPMG NOTE

The current circumstances present new challenges as the length of the lockdown period is unknown at present and the situation could change in the future.

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 See the “Decreto 241/2021” published (in Spanish) in the *Boletín Oficial* at: <https://www.boletinoficial.gob.ar/detalleAviso/primera/243058/20210416> .

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