

COUNTRY: North Macedonia

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To limit the spread of the Coronavirus (COVID-19), the Government of the Republic of North Macedonia has taken the decision to close all border crossings in the Republic of Northern Macedonia to foreign nationals, passengers and vehicles (with the exception of entry and transit of freight vehicles), representatives of the diplomatic corps in the country, and any other persons for whom the Ministry of the Interior grants permission to, with prior agreement of the Main Coordination Crisis Staff confirming that there is a particular state or economic interest. Goods vehicles and persons exempt from the restriction will be allowed to enter the Republic of North Macedonia under special terms and conditions in accordance with the protocol of the Ministry of Health.

Border crossing points open for freight are the following: Bogorodica (border with Greece), Kafasan (border with Albania), Tabanovce (border with Serbia), Deve Bair (border with Bulgaria) and Blace (border with Kosovo).

On 17 June, the Government of North Macedonia issued a protocol on the transit of foreign citizens through the territory of the country. The protocol allows third country nationals to use all border crossing points in order to transit through the country, provided that drivers do not leave the highway or local road and that they leave the country no later than 5 hours after the entry. For enforcement purposes, drivers entering North Macedonia have to fill in a statement that must be handed to border force at the border crossing point of exit.

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