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Portugal: COVID-19: Essential travel can resume subject to assessment, entry restrictions

OVERVIEW

Level: **Advisory**
 Location: **Portugal**
 Category: COVID-19, Travel restriction
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EXPOSURE IN IMPACTED AREA ONLY

Location	There Now	There in next 24 hours	There in next 1-7 days	There while the alert is active
Portugal (Low Risk)	0	0	2	0
TOTAL	0	0	2	0

Essential travel to Portugal can resume due to a decline in COVID-19's impact on the country's healthcare system. This remains subject to a strict assessment of the COVID-19 situation and entry restrictions, including the potential for sudden changes. President Marcelo Rebelo signed a new decree extending an ongoing State of Emergency **until at least 23.59 (local time) on 1 March**. A nationwide lockdown remains in place. Travel limitations and restrictive border crossing measures, including a ban on weekend movement between municipalities, are set to continue. Refer to the COVID-19 information within the [Pandemic Information Site](#) for full details of travel restrictions.

WHAT WE ADVISED YOUR PEOPLE

Inbound travellers

Essential travel to Portugal can proceed after undertaking a risk assessment of the current COVID-19 situation and entry restrictions, as well as the potential for sudden changes.
Understand your company's business-specific pandemic and business continuity plans and triggers for changes to in-country operations.
Reconfirm flights prior to departure. We do not hold information on specific flights or other modes of transport. Contact the relevant service provider or travel agent.
Discuss all travel with management in accordance with your organisation's travel approval process. Review with your management the necessity of travelling against the potential risks.
For further information, advice and current restrictions, see the International SOS Location Guides and medical alerts and the COVID-19 information within the [Pandemic Information Site](#), including [Travel Restrictions Flight Operations and Screening](#).

In-country employees

Closely follow all official directives and abide by them. Monitor reliable sources for information relating to changes to directives.
Ensure you remain able to revert to adopting stricter social distancing measures or movement restrictions at short notice should the need arise.

Health advice from International SOS

Obtain profile-specific advice prior to any travel, taking into account the extent to which your age and health may make you more vulnerable to the COVID-19 virus.
Do not travel if you are sick. Travellers who are sick risk being tested and quarantined. Monitor your health and seek medical attention if you develop flu-like symptoms, following the local procedure for your location. Pay strict attention to hygiene. Wash your hands frequently and carry hand sanitiser for use when soap and water are not readily available. Wear a mask whenever required to. Even if not required, consider wearing a mask if you have to go out in public.
Avoid crowded places. In public areas, as much as possible, keep three to six feet (1-2 metres) away from others.

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