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Italy - COVID-19: Reinforcement of Current Measures until 31 January 2022

Italy's government published a new Ordinance issued by the Minister of Health on 14 December 2021¹ extending and reinforcing the current coronavirus/public health measures until 31 January 2022, aiming to mitigate the effects of the coronavirus and help prevent its spread. (For prior coverage of Italy's coronavirus-related actions, see [GMS Flash Alert 2021-237](#), 16 September 2021.)

There are also travel restrictions in place, most notably for certain countries in southern Africa.

WHY THIS MATTERS

In order to battle the fourth wave of coronavirus, Italian authorities have reinforced the current measures in place aiming to tighten restrictions for arrivals from both EU and non-EU countries. To deal with the ongoing emergency, the new Ordinance extends and confirms the restrictions on movements for individuals coming to Italy.

Different measures are provided depending on the country of departure and countries visited immediately before coming to Italy.

The extension of the public health measures and the travel restrictions (discussed below) will affect employers and their globally-mobile employees – especially business travellers – doing business in Italy in terms of disruption, inconvenience, new procedures and requirements, and changes to travel plans.

Individuals travelling to Italy and employers sending employees into and out of Italy should stay abreast of the latest travel restrictions and should consider consulting with their travel agents and/or immigration counsel when planning their travel. In light of the current, fluid situation, it may be prudent to delay non-essential travel.

Travel Restrictions for EU and Non-EU Countries

Entering Italy from Countries within the European Union

Starting from 16 December 2021 until 31 January 2022, individuals who enter Italy **from countries within the European Union** (countries in the List C²) will be required to present a negative coronavirus swab test within 48 hours prior to entry into Italy (or antigen test, if taken within 24 hours prior to entry into Italy) in addition to the green COVID-19 certificate (for prior coverage, see [GMS Flash Alert 2021-247](#), 28 September 2021).

People who are unable to present a green COVID-19 certificate will be required to present a negative swab test and undergo self-isolation for five days at the end of which it is mandatory to take a swab test (molecular or antigenic).

The Passenger Locator Form (PLF) still applies.

Entering Italy from Non-European Countries

Travellers arriving **from some non-European countries** (included in List D³) will be required to present a negative coronavirus molecular swab test if taken within 72 hours prior to entry into Italy, or antigen test if taken within 24 hours. For persons travelling from the **United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland (including Gibraltar, Isle of Man, Channel Islands, and British Sovereign bases on the island of Cyprus**, but excluding British territories outside mainland Europe) the time limit is reduced to 48 hours.

People who are unable to present a green COVID-19 certificate will be required to present a negative swab test and undergo self-isolation for five days at the end of which it is mandatory to take a swab test (molecular or antigenic).

The Passenger Locator Form (PLF) still applies.

Entering Italy from All Other Non-European Countries

When entering Italy from **all the other Non-European countries** (countries in List E⁴) travellers are required to present a negative molecular swab test if taken within 72 hours prior to entry into Italy, or antigen test if taken within 24 hours prior to entry into Italy and undergo self-isolation for a period of 10 days at the end of which it is mandatory to take a swab test (molecular or antigenic), this includes people travelling to Italy as students.

The Passenger Locator Form (PLF) still applies.

For **South Africa, Lesotho, Botswana, Zimbabwe, Malawi, Mozambique, Namibia, and Eswatini**⁵ arrivals into Italy are **not** permitted.

For **San Marino and Vatican City** no restrictions apply. The COVID-19 certification issued by their authorities are equivalent to those issued by the Italian ones.

FOOTNOTES:

1 For the text (in Italian), see: <https://www.gazzettaufficiale.it/eli/id/2021/12/15/21A07442/SG> .

2 Countries in List C: Austria, Belgium, Bulgaria, Cyprus, Croatia, Denmark (including the Faroe Islands and Greenland), Estonia, Finland, France (including Guadeloupe, Martinique, Guyana, Reunion, Mayotte, and excluding other overseas territories outside the European mainland), Germany, Greece, Ireland, Latvia, Lithuania, Luxembourg, Malta, Netherlands (excluding other overseas territories outside the European mainland), Poland, Portugal (including the Azores and Madeira), Czech Republic, Romania, Slovakia, Slovenia, Spain (including the territories in Africa), Sweden, Hungary, Iceland, Liechtenstein, Norway, Switzerland, Andorra, and Monaco.

3 Countries in List D: Saudi Arabia, Argentina, Australia, Bahrain, Canada, Chile, Colombia, United Arab Emirates, Japan, Kuwait, Indonesia, Israel, New Zealand, Peru, Qatar, United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland (including Gibraltar, Isle of Man, Channel Islands, and British bases on the island of Cyprus and excluding territories outside mainland Europe), Republic of Korea, Rwanda, United States of America, Uruguay, Taiwan (Republic of China), Hong Kong and Macao Special Administrative Regions of the People's Republic of China.

4 Countries in List E: all the other countries not mentioned in the other lists.

5 *Ministero della Salute Ordinanza del 26 novembre 2021*. For the text (in Italian), see: <https://www.gazzettaufficiale.it/eli/id/2021/11/27/21A07065/sg>.

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