

State and Airline Response to COVID-19.

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This is our understanding of the current response to the COVID-19 pandemic, by States and by larger airlines, around midday on 18 March. We will update as more news comes in. Corrections and suggestions are welcome, at statfor.info@eurocontrol.int.

Airline	Announcement	Flight share 2019
Aer Lingus	See IAG.	0.8%
Air France	Will cut 70% of capacity and ground its 9 A380 [March 16]. Nationalisation proposed [18 March].	3.2%
Air Nostrum		0.8%
Alitalia	Nationalised [17 March].	1.9%
Austrian Airlines	Suspends all flights from 18 to 28 March.	1.4%
British Airways (BAW/ SHT/ CFE)	See IAG.	3.0%
Brussels Airlines	Suspends all flights from 21 March to 18 April [17 March].	0.8%
easyJet (EZY/EJU/EZS)	"Significant cancellations". Grounding majority of fleet [16 March].	6.2%
Eurowings	See Lufthansa Group.	2.4%
Finnair	Will cut 90% of capacity from April [16 March].	1.3%
IAG	Cut capacity by min 75% in April/May.	7.3%
Iberia (IBE/IBS)	See IAG.	1.3%
KLM	Will cut 70-90% of capacity and ground B747s. [March 16].	2.4%
LOT	Suspended all international flights from PL & HU [14 March].	1.3%
Lufthansa	See Lufthansa Group.	5.1%
Lufthansa Group	50% cuts. "May have to shut down completely" [Economist 16 March].	11.1%
Norwegian Airlines (NAX/IBK)	Cut 85% of flights, layoff 90% of staff from March 21.	2.1%
Pegasus		1.6%
Ryanair Group (RYR, LDM, RUK, RYS)	Cut 80% of flights (possibly full grounding in April/May [March 16].	8.5%
SAS	Most operations on hold from 16 March [15 March].	3.0%
Swiss	See Lufthansa Group.	1.4%
TAP	11% cancellations [8 March].	1.3%
Turkish Airlines	Suspends flights to DE, FR, ES, NO, DK, BE, AU, SW, NL from March 14 until April 17 [16MAR].	4.3%
Vueling	See IAG.	2.2%
Widerøe	See Norway.	1.2%
Wizz (WZZ/WUK)	(Hit by PL closure - 20% of its flights). Suspends all flights to Poland, Latvia, Moldova [14 March].	2.2%
Air Baltic	Suspended from 17 March (See Latvia).	0.6%
Croatia Airlines	Suspends flights to Croatian coast [March 15].	0.3%
Jet2.com	Suspends all flights from 23 March [March 17].	0.9%
Montenegro Airlines	Flights suspended until 1 April.	0.1%
Ukraine Int'l	Suspends all international scheduled flights [17 March - see Ukraine].	0.5%
Virgin Atlantic	Cuts 85% of flights (16 March).	0.1%
Other airlines		19.5%

Country	Status
EU27	External borders and Schengen area closed for 1 month as of 17 March
Albania	Suspends flights to Italy, Greece, UK from 17 March. Lockdown from 15 March.
Armenia	Declares state of emergency until 14 April. Shutdown [17 March].
Austria	Lockdown (15 March). No flights to IT, CH, ES, FR, UK, NL, RU, GB. Ski resorts closed [15 March].
Azerbaijan	Flights to and from China, Iran, France, Germany, Kazakhstan and Ukraine are cancelled. Cultural shutdown from 15 March.
Belgium	Lockdown. Discourage international travel.
Bosnia-Herzegovina	State of Emergency (17 March). Self-isolation for all arrivals.
Bulgaria	State of emergency until 13 April. Shutdown. Travel ban.
Croatia	Self-isolation for most arrivals. School & university shutdown from 16 March.
Cyprus	Shutdown bars etc. New arrivals to quarantine. Borders closed.
Czech Republic	Borders closed. Lockdown March 16-24.
Denmark	Closed borders except to DK citizens, and connecting pax at CPH. Shutdown from 16 March.
Estonia	Self-isolation for many arrivals. Emergency declared 12 March - 1 May. Shutdown.
Finland	State of emergency [March 16] Shutdown and borders closed.
France	Shutdown bars etc. Now travel lockdown [16 March].
Georgia	Borders closed from 18-31 March [16 March].
Germany	Varying by Land (e.g. shutdown in Berlin, no tourism to Schleswig-Holstein). Some land borders closed.
Greece	Closed borders from 19 March to non-EU. 14-day quarantine on all entrants [March 17].
Hungary	Closed borders except to Hungarian citizens.
Ireland	Schools, pubs to shut until 29 March. US travel ban extended to Ireland from 17 March.
Israel	Closed borders.
Italy	Lockdown (essential trips only).
Latvia	Closed borders (from 17 March) Schools closed (from 12 March).
Lithuania	Closed borders. Schools closed.
Luxembourg	Shutdown from 15 March.
Malta	Self-isolation for all arrivals. [13 March]. Shutdown from 18 March.
Moldova	Closed borders.
Monaco	Shutdown.
Montenegro	Closed borders and stops flights. (16 March)? Last European state to record a case.
Morocco	Suspended International air traffic [15 March].
Netherlands	Cultural shutdown.
North Macedonia	Elections postponed [March 17]. Limited shutdown.
Norway	Closed borders. Airports remain open for NO citizens and visiting tourists to return [14 March]. Limited shutdown.
Poland	Borders closed. Quarantine on all arrivals. International flights suspended from 15 March.
Portugal	(Closing land border with Spain.) Limited shutdown.
Romania	Shutdown from 17 March. No flights to IT, ES for 2 weeks. (Land border closed with Hungary, Ukraine, Bulgaria, and Moldova).
Serbia	State of emergency [March 16]. Shutdown and borders closed.
Slovakia	Borders closed. Closed Bratislava & 2 other airports [13 March]. Shutdown 16-30 March.
Slovenia	All flights to the country will be cancelled from 17 Mar. Shutdown.
Spain	Lockdown (essential trips only).
Sweden	Halt international travel into SE, following EU policy. Shutdown. (17 March)
Switzerland	Shutdown (16 March).
Turkey	Cultural shutdown. Passengers from Germany, Austria, the Netherlands, Belgium, Norway, Sweden, Denmark, Spain, and France will not be allowed to enter Turkey until April 17.
UK	Partial shutdown. International travel discouraged.
Ukraine	Shutdown, stopping international flights from 17 March.
Russia	Banned foreign nationals from entry (March 18 – May 1).

We use these as a short-hand:

Shutdown	Closure of schools, shops, restaurants, cinemas etc. Typically food shops, pharmacies remain open.
Lockdown	As shutdown, plus restrictions on leaving home. Sometimes going to work OK, in other countries not allowed.
Borders closed	Except to nationals of the State, or those with a residence permit