

# Mobility: Immigration alert

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## Colombia

Reopening of borders with several neighboring countries, end of ban on flights from the UK, and new restrictions on flights from India

### Executive summary

The Colombian Interior Ministry recently announced important measures that will lead to the reopening of air, land and maritime borders with several of Colombia's neighbors in South America, as well as air travel from the United Kingdom. The new measures also include a temporary ban on flights from India.

### Background

The new measures are in keeping with Colombia's response to the COVID-19 pandemic, and they reflect current COVID-19 case volumes in the impacted countries discussed in this alert. Additional changes are expected in the near and mid term as COVID-19 cases evolve worldwide.

### Reopening of borders with several South American countries

Colombia's land and maritime borders with Brazil, Ecuador, Panama and Peru reopened on 19 May 2021. The temporary ban on air travel from Brazil was lifted earlier in May. No restrictions on air travel from Ecuador, Panama and Peru were imposed as a result of COVID-19. It should be noted that land and maritime borders with Venezuela remain closed. However, it remains possible to travel from Venezuela to Colombia by air, subject to heightened admission requirements resulting from COVID-19, including the requirement to obtain a negative COVID-19 test certificate, confirming that the traveler tested negative for COVID-19 no more than 96 hours prior to travel.

### Travel from the United Kingdom and India

The Colombian authorities announced that air travel from the United Kingdom, including flights transiting in the United Kingdom en route to Colombia, are permitted as of 19 May 2021. This is in response to decreasing COVID-19 case volumes, and increasing vaccination rates, in the United Kingdom.

Conversely, in response to the recent rise in COVID-19 infection and death rates in India, the Colombian authorities have imposed a temporary travel ban on travel from India. Individuals who were present in India in the 14 days preceding their desired entry to Colombia, are also temporarily prohibited from entering Colombia, even when traveling from a location other than India. The temporary ban on travel from India, and on individuals who were physically present in India in the 14 days leading up to their desired travel to Colombia, will remain in effect until 30 June 2021. The temporary ban may be extended further prior to the end of June 2021.

### Entry requirements

By way of reminder, all travelers seeking to enter Colombia by air must undergo a polymerase chain reaction (PCR) COVID-19 test no more than 96 hours prior to travel, and test negative. All travelers entering Colombia by any port of entry (land, maritime, air) must complete a registration called "CHECKMIG" within the 24 hours preceding their desired entry. The CHECKMIG registration can be accessed by clicking [here](#).

## Next steps

EY will continue to monitor these developments. Should you have any questions, we encourage you to contact one of our immigration professionals.

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