

## COMMUNITY ALERT

### COVID-19 AND TRAVEL RESTRICTIONS TO MACAU

March 24, 2020



On 11 March 2020, the World Health Organization declared the novel coronavirus (COVID-19) outbreak a pandemic. In recent days, the Macau Government announced a series of travel restrictions and quarantine measures to prevent infect being imported to Macau from overseas.

This alert considers (i) the travel restrictions, (ii) the quarantine measures currently in place, and (iii) measures currently applied in Hong Kong with implications to Macau residents. The last page of this alert includes a diagram summarizing all the current measures.

## I. Travel restrictions

	Travel restriction	Exemption
<b>Executive Order no. 72/2020</b>	All <b>travelers from overseas countries</b> will be prohibited from entering Macau <u>as of midnight of March 18</u> .	The ban will not cover Macau residents and residents of Mainland China, Hong Kong and Taiwan.
<b>Executive Order no. 73/2020</b>	Macau registered <b>non-resident workers</b> (also known as blue card holders) from overseas countries, if currently outside Macau, will be prohibited from re-entering Macau <u>as of midnight of March 19</u> .	The ban will not cover non-resident workers who at the same time are residents of Mainland China, Hong Kong or Taiwan.
<b>Executive Order no. 80/2020</b>	<u>As of midnight of March 25:</u> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li><b>All residents of Mainland China, Hong Kong and Taiwan</b> who have visited countries or regions outside of China are prohibited from entering Macau;</li> <li>All transfer services from Macau International Airport are suspended.</li> </ol>	The ban will not cover Macau residents.

According to all referred Executive Orders, the Health Bureau has the authority to exempt residents of countries outside China from compliance with the new measure for reasons of public interests, namely (i) those relating to disease prevention, control, and treatment of disease, relief and emergency, and (ii) ensuring proper operation of Macau and meeting the basic day-to-day needs of residents.

## II. Quarantine measures

While travel restrictions are announced in the Executive Orders, quarantine measures are applied directly by the Health Bureau based on Article 14 of Law no. 2/2004 (Law on Prevention, Control and Treatment of Infectious Diseases). All quarantine measures currently applied by the Health Bureau can be found in this [link](#).

Announcement date	Effective date	Quarantine measure
March 16, 2020	Midnight of March 17, 2020	All individuals who have been to <b>countries/ areas outside China</b> within the past 14 days prior to their entry into Macau must undergo medical observation for 14 days at designated venue.
March 24, 2020	Midnight of March 25, 2020	All individuals who have been to <b>Hong Kong or Taiwan</b> within the past 14 days prior to their entry into Macau must undergo medical observation for 14 days at designated venue.

The location of the medical observation and quarantine is one of the designated hotels, and quarantine at home is no longer an option.

### **III. Measures applied in Hong Kong with implications to Macau residents**

The Hong Kong government announced that starting from March 24 midnight:

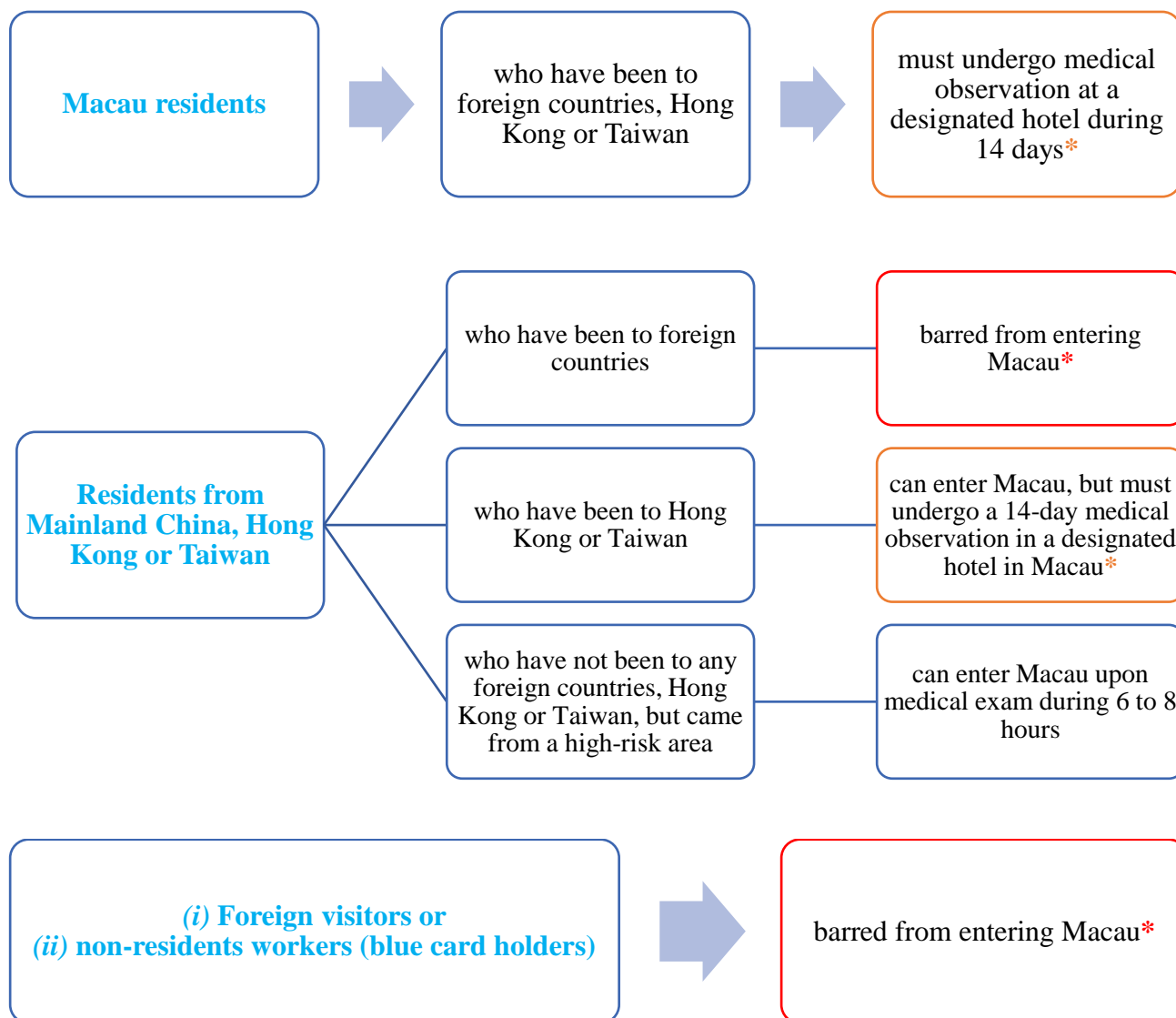
- Non-residents will not be allowed into Hong Kong, transit passengers included, for a two-week period;
- Anyone arriving from Mainland China, Macau or Taiwan will be allowed in, provided that they have not travelled anywhere else in the past 14 days and subject to quarantine orders;
- Exemption will be given to Macau residents previously registered with the Macau government.

In case a Macau resident meets the conditions set out below and would like to comply with the medical observation and quarantine measures in Macau (and not Hong Kong), he or she must return to Macau in vehicles arranged by the Macau Government:

- ✓ The Macau resident has been in foreign countries in the 14 days prior to his or her entry.
- ✓ The Macau resident has valid return flight tickets via Hong Kong International Airport.
- ✓ He or she is scheduled to arrive at Hong Kong until March 31.

In order to return to Macau in vehicles arranged by the Macau government, the resident must register through the website <https://aeees.dses.gov.mo/HKMAC> **16 hours** before arrival in Hong Kong.

**IV. Summary of the current travel restrictions and quarantine measures**



\*quarantine measures announced by the Health Bureau

\*travel restrictions under Executive Orders

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