



U.S. Embassy in North Macedonia

COVID-19 Information

Global Level 4 Health Advisory – Do Not Travel

March 17, 2020

- **Country-Specific Information:**

- The Republic of North Macedonia has reported several confirmed cases of COVID-19 within its borders.

- **Entry and Exit Requirements:**

- The government of North Macedonia announced that it will close Skopje International Airport effective 00:00 a.m. on Thursday March 19, 2020 due to the global spread of COVID-19. Flight options are expected to be significantly limited prior to the official closure of the airport.
- Foreign citizens are permitted to depart North Macedonia through Skopje International Airport prior to its closure at 00:00 a.m. on Thursday March 19, 2020. Travelers should work directly with air carriers or travel agents to confirm, arrange, or reschedule travel. After midnight on Wednesday March 18, 2020 options for U.S. citizens to depart North Macedonia will be extremely limited, or nonexistent. The government of North Macedonia has not announced an anticipated date for re-opening the airport.
- Land borders with all neighboring countries, including Albania, Bulgaria, Greece, Kosovo, and Serbia, are currently closed.
- Only citizens and legal residents of North Macedonia are allowed entry into North Macedonia.
- The government of North Macedonia has advised its citizens to avoid traveling.

- **Quarantine Information:**

- Only travelers who are citizens or legal residents of North Macedonia will be permitted entry to North Macedonia and are subject quarantine after entry.
- The government of North Macedonia has implemented mandatory quarantine for Debar and Centar Zhupa Municipalities in western North Macedonia. Additional quarantines or travel restrictions on other regions and municipalities may be implemented with no or very little notice. Monitor local media and visit the Ministry of Health website <http://zdravstvo.gov.mk/korona-virus/> for updated information.
- The Ministry of Health has developed procedures to evaluate any travelers who exhibit symptoms. Any travelers who test positive for coronavirus will be quarantined. Travelers who have been in contact with a person who tested positive, but do not personally show symptoms of coronavirus, are required to self-quarantine at home.
- The Institute of Public Health recommends that travelers who feel ill following travel to countries with confirmed COVID-19 outbreaks should contact their local centers for public health by telephone prior to visiting a hospital or clinic. Anyone who feels ill after having contact with a person who has tested positive for COVID-19 should follow the same procedures. The Institute of Public Health has provided contact numbers along with other advice for travelers on their website.

Local Resources:

- Institute of Public Health of the Republic of North Macedonia
- Institute of Public Health Webpage with Informational Pamphlets on COVID-19 for travelers. (Macedonian, Albanian, and English)

- **Other links:**

- COVID-19 crisis page on travel.state.gov
- CDC page on COVID-19 in Europe
- state.gov Republic of North Macedonia Information and Travel Advisory page
- Global Health Alert
- Department of Homeland Security's website on the latest travel restrictions to the U.S.

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