# Oxford COVID-19 Government Response Tracker
# Regional report - Middle East & North Africa

This report summarises the major changes in the region for the Oxford COVID-19 Government Response Tracker's Containment and Health Index, providing a high level overview of shifts in government policies.

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| REGION | Middle East and North Africa |
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**Brief summary of major changes:**

Countries in the MENA region have been gradually easing restrictions. The current approach is to implement a more targeted policy. The targeted policy is currently based on either geographical or temporal targets. In addition, social distancing and safety measures seem to be the new normal. This is in line with the overall trends all over the world. It is noteworthy that some amount of caution can be observed in Oman due to the increase in the number of cases and the ongoing festival of Eid.

| C1: School Closing | • |
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| **C2: Workplace Closing** | • **LBN**: On 23 July, officials in Lebanon announced the decision to isolate the town of Chehour, located in the country's southern Tyre District, for three days following an increase in coronavirus disease (COVID-19) activity. Places of worship, sports clubs, barbershops, cafes, and parks will be closed.<br>• **OMN**: From 23 July, for governorates under lockdown, factories will be allowed to operate during the day and those wanting to operate 24 hours a day should obtain a special permit from the Ministry of Commerce and Industry. However, from 25 July until 8 August, shops and public spaces will be closed during curfew hours (19h00 - 06h00). |
| **C3: Cancel Public Events** | • **LBN**: On 23 July, following the decision to isolate the town of Chehour, all public events stand cancelled. |
| **C4: Restrictions on Gatherings** | |
| **C5: Close Public Transport** | • **LBN**: Authorities allow public transport to resume nationwide albeit with social distancing measures and passenger limits in place. |
| **C6: Stay at Home requirements** | • **LBN**: Authorities allow all the public places to open. There are no stay-at-home recommendations but wearing a mask |

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| | is required when in public. Individuals and businesses face a fine when found in violation of the social distancing and safety measures.<br><br>● **OMN**: From 25 July until 8 August, Oman has implemented a daily curfew during the hours: 19h00 – 06h00. |
| **C7: Restrictions on Internal movement** | ● **LBN**: All vehicular movement restrictions have been lifted by the Authorities.<br>● **OMN**: From 25 July until 8 August, movement between all governorates will be banned in order to prevent the spread of COVID-19 during Eid (which falls within this period). Any movement or use of transport between governorates will incur a RO100 fine (unless for a hospital appointment with an obligation of providing a proof of appointment). |
| **C8: International Travel Controls** | ● **LBY**: On 27 July, Libya partially opened its borders by resuming flights to its ally, Turkey.<br>● **OMN**: From 27 July, Oman has opened its borders but with quarantine measures in place. In particular, Omani residents will be allowed to go into a 14-day domestic quarantine whereas for Non-Omani residents, a 14-day institutional quarantine will be obligatory. Non-Omani's will only be allowed to enter Oman with a special permit issued by the Ministry of Foreign Affairs. |
| **H2: Testing Policy** | |
| **H3: Contact Tracing** | |

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Days after first recorded case

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