Oxford COVID-19 Government Response Tracker
Regional report - Middle East and 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:
Following the continuous and steady rise in the number of cases, some of the countries in the MENA region have put in place some restrictions, especially related to gatherings and internal movements. Countries like Israel and Libya have chosen to slightly ease the workplace restrictions in the hope of reigniting their economies. Overall, a cautious stand has been maintained in the MENA region in the face of the risk of a second wave.

C1: School Closing	No changes recorded
C2: Workplace Closing	● **IRN**: From 11 July, all indoor sports activities suspended for one week. ● **ISR**: On 13 July, the Ministry of Health announced some of the following restrictions- 30% of public sector employees to work from home. Places of work and businesses that satisfy the "purple badge" rules can have a bigger workforce compared to others workforce which are restricted to 30% max or up to 10 employees simultaneously in the place of work, whichever is higher. The "purple badge" rules are a set of rules which serve as a gold standard. ● **LBY**: Libyan authorities allowed certain businesses, including restaurants and cafes, to reopen under strict conditions.
C3: Cancel Public Events	No changes recorded
C4: Restrictions on Gatherings	● **IRN**: The closure of all wedding and mourning venues in the capital until further notice. ● **ISR**: On 6 July, the Prime Minister's Office announced restrictions on gatherings to upto 20 people following a sharp rise in COVID-19 cases.
C5: Close Public Transport	No changes recorded
C6: Stay at Home requirements	No changes recorded
C7: Restrictions on Internal movement	● **DZA**: From 10 July, the Algerian government reimposed interprovincial travel restrictions for one week in an effort to prevent a rise in cases of the coronavirus disease (COVID-19). The measure affects 29 provinces, including Algiers. During this period,

	private travel to and from these provinces will be banned. The measure comes amid an increase in cases following the easing of lockdown measures, with Blida and Algiers being among the worst affected provinces.
C8: International Travel Controls	No changes recorded
H2: Testing Policy	No changes recorded
H3: Contact Tracing	No changes recorded

Cases vs Government Response Index: