

Customs Service of the Republic of Tajikistan
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Preventive measures to avoid outbreaks of COVID-19 in the territory of Tajikistan

➤ **Coordination**

The President of the Republic of Tajikistan, Emomali Rahmon, ordered to establish a Republican Coordination Working Group under the supervision of the Prime Minister of the Republic of Tajikistan, to prevent the spread of coronavirus infection in the Republic of Tajikistan and implement anti-epidemic measures. The Coordination Working Group (CWG) includes all governmental bodies. There is also an Interagency Coordination Working Group (ICWG) monitoring the situation.

No cases of infection have been officially registered in Tajikistan. Nevertheless, threats are huge and each citizen in Tajikistan needs to demonstrate high degree of civil responsibility both towards oneself, as well as towards the general public and avoid group gatherings, greetings etc.

The Ministry of Health and Social Welfare of the Republic of Tajikistan reports that from February 1 to March 30 2020, 6159 citizens who arrived in Tajikistan from foreign countries were quarantined in the country's infectious diseases hospitals and sanatoriums.

The Customs Service under the Government of the Republic of Tajikistan, ordered regional customs divisions to apply measures for restricting export of medical essentials.

The measures being taken in Tajikistan are as follows:

1. a working group was established comprising representatives of various departments at the border to thoroughly check people crossing the border;
2. in order to avoid negative consequences in the country's economy and support the supply chain, during approaching to our borders foreign and national vehicle drivers have two options:
 - 2.1. if the drivers of heavy trucks want to cross the border, they must be quarantined for 14 days under the supervision of doctors;
 - 2.2. if the drivers of freight vehicles do not agree to be quarantined for 14 days, then at the border the goods will either be reloaded onto another freight vehicle or the drivers (change in truck cabin) will be changed in order to further deliver the goods and vehicles to their destination within the country.
3. screening in accordance with the International Health Regulations;
4. proper disinfection of the freight vehicle is carried out under the supervision of ICWG members.