

**DECREE OF THE GOVERNMENT OF THE RUSSIAN FEDERATION  
IN LIGHT OF COVID-19**

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On March 16, 2020 the Government of the Russian Federation has implemented the temporary restrictions for foreign citizens in order to ensure state security, protect public health and not spread a new coronavirus infection on the territory of the Russian Federation:

From 00 hours 00 minutes local time on March 18, 2020 to 00 hours 00 minutes local time on May 1, 2020 the entry into the Russian Federation will be temporarily closed for foreign citizens and stateless persons, except accredited or appointed employees of diplomatic missions and consular establishments of foreign states of the Russian Federation, international organizations and their representatives, other official representatives of foreign states located on the territory of the Russian Federation, as well as family members of these persons, drivers of cars of international automobile traffic, crew of air, sea and river vessels, train and locomotive crew of international railway traffic, members of official delegations and persons holding diplomatic, official, ordinary private visas issued in connection with the death of a close relative, persons permanently residing on the territory of the Russian Federation, as well as persons transiting through air border crossing points.

Also, from 00:00 local time on March 18, 2020, the Ministry of Internal Affairs of Russia will temporarily suspend the receipt of documents, processing and issuing invitations to enter the Russian Federation for the purpose of studying and labor activities for foreign citizens and stateless persons, and also permits to invite foreign workers and work permits to these citizens.

From 00 hours 00 minutes local time on March 18, 2020, the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Russia will temporarily suspend the acceptance of documents, registration and issuance to foreign citizens and stateless persons in diplomatic missions and consular offices of the Russian Federation of all categories of visas, with the exception of diplomatic, official, ordinary business visas to persons, mentioned above, as well as ordinary private visas to foreign citizens and stateless persons traveling to the Russian Federation in connection with the death of a close relative.

From 00 hours 00 minutes local time on March 18, 2020, the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Russia will also temporarily suspend processing electronic visas to foreign citizens.