

# Mobility: Immigration alert

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## Costa Rica

New COVID-19-related restrictions for travelers arriving from China Mainland, Hong Kong, Macau and Taiwan

### Executive summary

Effective 9 January 2023, individuals traveling to Costa Rica from China Mainland, Hong Kong, Macau and Taiwan, or who were present in any of these jurisdictions in the 14 days prior to travel, must get tested for COVID-19 prior to arrival, and test negative, to be admitted.

### Key developments

Impacted individuals must take a laboratory-administered reverse transmission polymerase chain reaction (RT-PCR) or rapid antigen COVID-19 test no more than 72 hours prior to arrival, and test negative, to be admitted. The certificate proving that they tested negative for COVID-19 must be in Spanish or English. In addition, individuals over 12 years of age traveling from China Mainland, Hong Kong, Macau and Taiwan, or who were present in any of these jurisdictions in the 14 days prior to travel, must present proof that they are fully vaccinated against COVID-19.

In order to be considered fully vaccinated for purposes of travel to Costa Rica, individuals must have received their final (non-booster) dose of an approved COVID-19 vaccine at least 14 days prior to arrival. Approved COVID-19 vaccines include Moderna, Pfizer-BioNTech, AstraZeneca and Johnson & Johnson.

Costa Rican nationals and residents traveling from China Mainland, Hong Kong, Macau and Taiwan, or who were present in any of these jurisdictions in the 14 days prior to travel, are exempt from the testing and vaccination requirements. However, they are advised by the Costa Rican Health Ministry to isolate for at least seven days after arrival.

### Impact on employers

Employers may inform impacted employees traveling from China Mainland, Hong Kong, Macau or Taiwan of the new requirements to avoid delays or complications relating to travel to Costa Rica.

### Key steps

EY will continue to monitor these developments. Should you have any questions, we encourage you to contact one of our immigration professionals.

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