

Update 2: Poland - Coronavirus Infection Cases Continue to Rise

- As of March 19, Poland reported five deaths and 305 confirmed cases of coronavirus (COVID-19) infection in the country
- New confirmed cases noticed in Slaskie, Lodz, Lublin, Opolskie, Greater Poland, and Swietokrzyskie
- The number of confirmed cases is expected to reach approximately 2,000 by end of this week
- Country closed borders for foreigners to prevent the inflow of new patients with coronavirus
- All passenger flights to and from Poland has been canceled to control the spread of the infection
- Citizens forbidden to leave the house without a mask or scarf covering the mouth and nose
- Forecasters lowered Poland's economic growth for 2020 to 3% due to coronavirus pandemic
- Supply Wisdom is continuously monitoring the situation and will alert you to any relevant developments
- Please consult National Institute of Public Health - National Institute of Hygiene (NIZP-PZH) (<https://www.pzh.gov.pl/>) for latest information on COVID-19 in Poland

Source(s)

- <https://kurierlubelski.pl/koronawirus-w-polsce-i-na-swiecie-raport-minuta-po-minucie-o-najnowszych-informacjach-dotyczacych-epidemii-wirusa-covid19/ar/c1-14823840>
- <https://zdrowie.wprost.pl/koronawirus/10307833/ministerstwo-zdrowia-poinformowalo-o-kolejnych-przypadkach-koronawirusa-w-polsce.html>
- <https://www.forbes.pl/gospodarka/agencja-ratingowa-moodys-obniza-prognozy-wzrostu-pkb-dla-polski-przez-koronawirusa/jxe95sl>

Targets Affected:

Poland

Guidance

Actions to consider:

- It is advised that Disaster Recovery Plans and Business Continuity Plans are immediately tested for mission critical processes, functions, and activities to ensure no or minimal disruptions as a result of quarantined or ill workers
- Ensure remote workers can be relied on to perform critical business functions by conducting drills and test regularly
- Establish site to site VPN tunnels and remote work guidelines; ensure every remote employee have secured VPN access/authorization, laptops, mobile phones, video conference tools, internet connectivity, permission to use personal devices, etc. and should have the experience/training necessary to use tools provided to them
- Collaborate and organize meetings with the remote employees using online tools such as Webex, Zoom, GoToMeeting, etc
- Review alternative backup sites and teams to ensure that they are not located in the same geographical outbreak risk area, and are prepared and operational
- It is recommended that SW Subscribers follow World Health Organization's (WHO) guidelines for getting the workplace ready for COVID-19 as found at https://www.who.int/docs/default-source/coronaviruse/getting-workplace-ready-for-covid-19.pdf?sfvrsn=359a81e7_6 and initiate these procedures even if COVID-19 has not yet arrived in the communities in which they operate
- It is important for SW Subscribers to ensure that movement of outside visitors and personnel to workplaces are regulated with strict screening process, and international travel, physical meetings, and conferences are reviewed and approved at the senior management level; senior leaders should be made aware

of the latest information on COVID-19 by consulting reports from **WHO** (<https://www.who.int/emergencies/diseases/novel-coronavirus-2019/situation-reports/>) and **CDC** (<https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/index.html>)

- Set up appropriate communication channels and information systems to avoid panic and rumors at the workplace and ensure staffs are given clear health and safety guidelines in line with WHO recommendations as found at <https://www.who.int/emergencies/diseases/novel-coronavirus-2019>

Related Alerts

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Immediate

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Low

[Poland - Confirms First COVID-19
Case](#)

Impact level Definitions

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Immediate	The intensity of the event is such that disruption to business/operations is certain. Supply Wisdom recommends taking prompt action. For example, bankruptcy filings, data breaches, unexpected curfews, strikes, power black-outs, major geo-political events etc.
High	The intensity of the event is such that disruption to business/operations is highly likely to occur in the near term (within 3 months). Supply Wisdom recommends being in a state of readiness to take quick action. For example, withdrawal of rating by ratings agencies, hostile takeover, multiple cyber-attacks, new business policies causing significant hardship etc.
Medium	The intensity of the event is such that disruption to business/operations is likely to occur in the mid-term (within 3 to 6 months). Supply Wisdom recommends reviewing current mitigation steps and being ready to take proactive actions if and when situation deteriorates further. For example, unplanned C- level exits, suppliers caught in bribery cases, economy slipping into recession etc.
Low	The intensity of the event is such that it has a possible impact on business/operations in the long-term (after 6 months). Supply Wisdom recommends taking proactive action if situation does not resolve. For example, lawsuits filed against suppliers, client losses, air pollution alerts issued by country's local authorities, unexpected holidays announced for the location etc.
Informational	The event is pertinent information but does not have a risk element associated with it. For example, launch of new solutions, partnerships signed, industry outlook, positive changes in government policies, announcements regarding launch of software parks/free trade zones/special economic zones etc.