



## Lockdown extended until 1 June 2020

In a televised statement held earlier today, the Prime Minister of Mauritius announced that the Lockdown Period will be extended until **1 June 2020** (previously planned for until 4 May 2020). However, a partial de-confinement will be implemented as from 15 May 2020 when some services - more details will be communicated when these become available - will be allowed to operate under a pre-defined modus operandi. Nevertheless, schools will remain closed until 1 August 2020.

Even if Mauritius has been faring quite well in comparison with the rest of the world and has witnessed a marked digression in the number of positive Covid-19 cases, it is not prepared to downplay the seriousness of the illness. The extension of the lockdown is in line with the government's ambition of minimizing the risk of any subsequent waves of infection.

The Prime Minister also mentioned that the Covid-19 bill, which will pave the way for easing the lockdown, will be tabled soon among parliamentary members for further discussion and same is expected to be promulgated imminently.

In the meantime, the government is encouraging the private sector to make use of their Work-from-Home facilities until the end of the Lockdown period. As previously communicated, our employees are fully equipped with Work-From-Home facilities and remain reachable primarily by e-mail. Please feel free to get in touch with your usual contact person for any immediate assistance that you may require. Any other queries may be addressed to [info@intercontinentaltrust.com](mailto:info@intercontinentaltrust.com).

### What is the current Covid-19 situation in Mauritius?

Covid-19, the word that is on everyone's lips and minds nowadays, is synonymous with radical change as it shakes the global economy and disrupts all our routines, even those which we once considered as mundane.

As of the date of this writing, the country counts 332 patients who have been tested positive for the COVID-19 while 312 patients have been reported to have recovered from the illness. The country has not detected any positive cases since the beginning of this week and there is currently only 7 active cases. Sadly, 10 deaths have been directly linked to the pandemic.

We will endeavor to keep our valued clients updated of the situation in Mauritius.

In these difficult times, we salute all those who are on the front lines of this battle against the invisible enemy and our thoughts and prayers go out to all those affected by the pandemic crisis.

Stay Home, Save Lives.

## ITL v/s Covid-19

Our Management Team is devoting a lot of its time and resources to minimize the impact of the pandemic crisis on our service level whilst ensuring the well-being of our employees. Our Pandemic Preparedness and Response plan has been activated since the beginning of the lockdown and the following operational changes have since then been implemented:

### Work-From-Home (WFH):

Effective as from Friday 20 March 2020, all our employees are working from home. We would like to highlight that our WFH facilities have been tried and tested for a number of years already and that these are fully compliant with our data privacy and data security protocols.

### Suppliers:

We have Service Level Agreements with our 3<sup>rd</sup> party suppliers to ensure that they are adhering to their forthcoming delivery and equipment servicing commitments, even during the lockdown period.

### Client Meetings:

Our employees remain primarily reachable by e-mail but client meetings are being conducted through ZOOM. Our Information Technology and Information Security teams are working behind the curtain on the ZOOM administrative portal to ensure best practices and configurations are followed and implemented in order reinforce the security perimeter around the app.

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