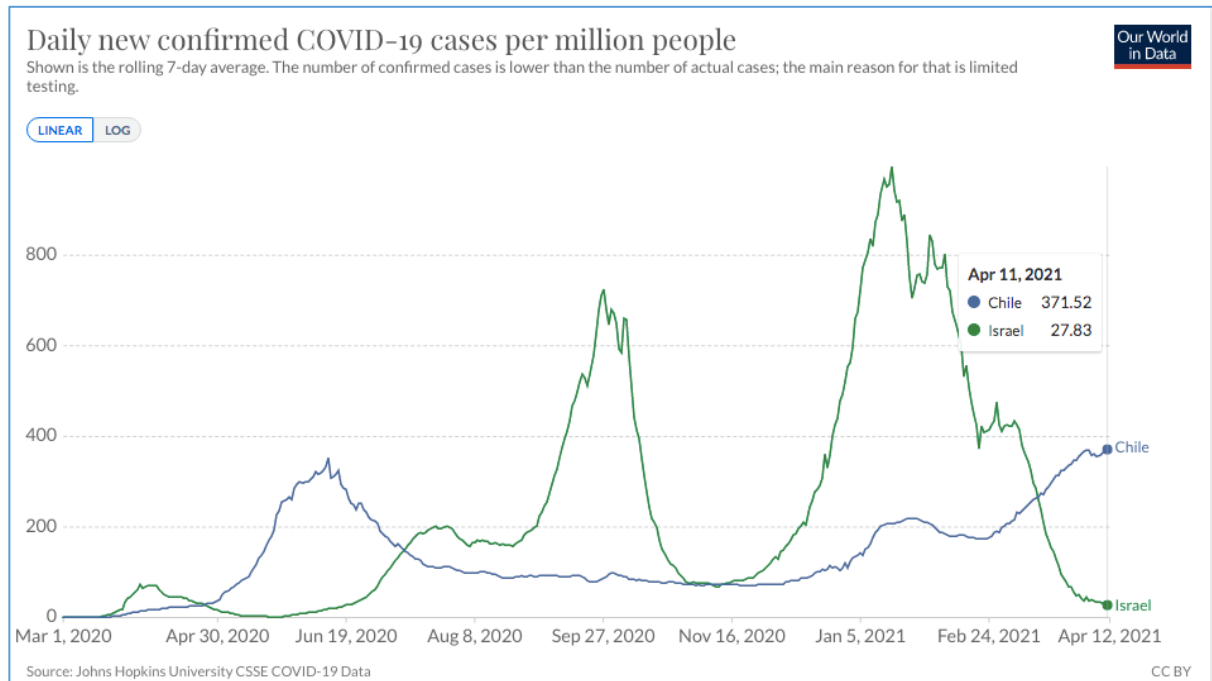
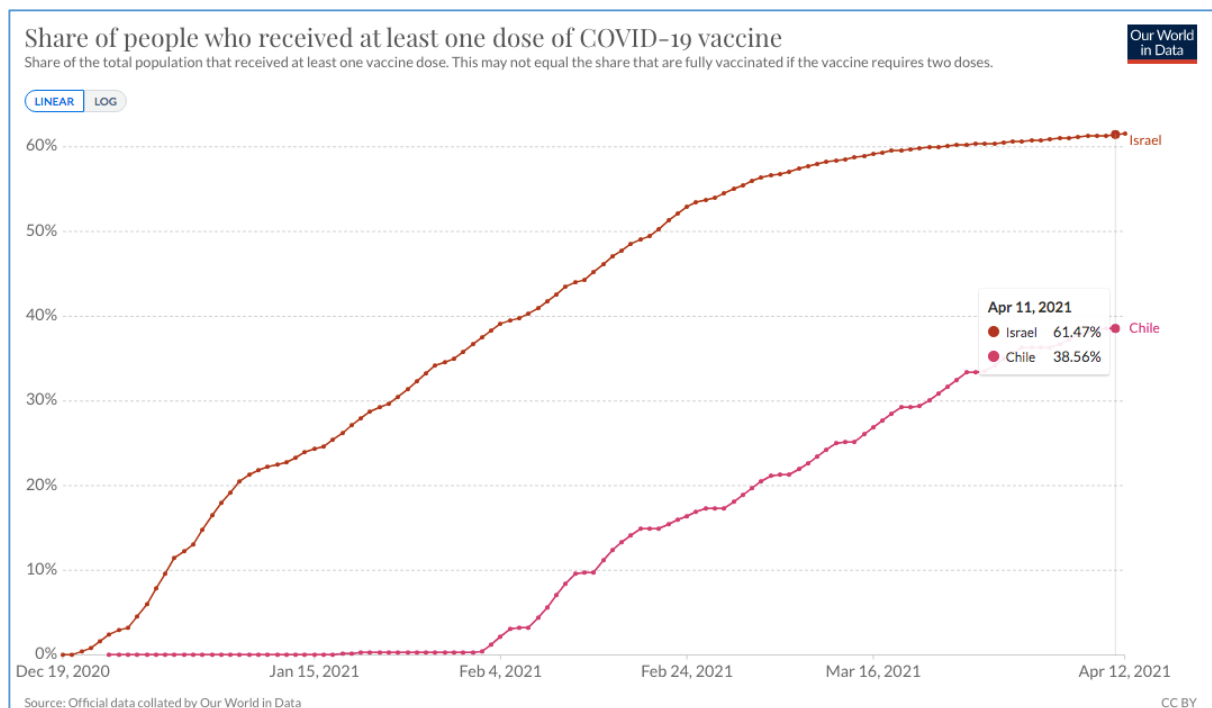


**BRIEF: COVID-19 BORDER POLICIES AND RESPONSE PLANS IN ISRAEL AND CHILE**



Source for figure 1: Our World in Data and Johns Hopkins University<sup>i</sup>



Source for figure 2: Our World in Data<sup>ii</sup>

### ISRAEL

#### Border policies<sup>iiiiiv</sup>

- Foreign nationals must be fully vaccinated against COVID-19 or have recovered from the disease and have first-degree relatives in Israel. These individuals must submit a request to Israel's Population and Immigration Authority and receive approval prior to their flight; they must also show proof of vaccination or recovery, as well as proof of relation to an Israeli citizen or resident. Foreigners who have not been vaccinated or recovered from COVID-19 will be allowed entry in exceptional circumstances, such as marriage to an Israeli citizen. All foreign nationals, even those that have been vaccinated, will be required to self-isolate for 14 days upon arrival; the quarantine period may be shortened to 10 days, contingent upon a negative COVID-19 test. Foreigners will be required to have valid health insurance that covers treatment for COVID-19 for the duration of their visit.
- All persons traveling to Israel via air, land, or sea are required to produce a negative result from a COVID-19 test taken no more than 72 hours prior to arrival. Moreover, all incoming international travelers are also required to undergo a second COVID-19 test upon arrival; this second test will be carried out either at the border crossing or at a government-designated quarantine facility. Violations may be punishable by fines.
- Israelis returning from abroad are required to quarantine at home in accordance with instructions from the Health Ministry; individuals who have been vaccinated against COVID-19 or who have recovered from the disease are exempt from the quarantine requirement, provided they test negative for COVID-19. The quarantine period is 14 days but may be reduced to 10 days contingent upon two negative COVID-19 tests. Israelis who are unable to quarantine at home are required to do so in government-designated facilities.
- Previously in February, Israel reached an agreement with Greece to allow vaccinated travellers of both countries to visit the territory of each other without being tested or required to stay self-isolated. However, since Greece is a member of the Schengen Zone, it grants all vaccinated Israeli citizens the right to travel throughout the borderless zone of Schengen after entering Greece.

#### Additional measures on top of vaccination for their future plans<sup>v</sup>:

- Gatherings are restricted to up to 20 people indoors and up to 100 people outdoors. If the gathering place includes both indoor and outdoor spaces – up to 100 people.
- In areas and local councils designated as green, yellow or orange according to the Traffic Light model, schools will reopen, subject to the guidance and restrictions. In other areas, distance learning will continue.
- For religious services, the decision to follow the Green Pass (certificate confirming receipt of two vaccine doses) requirement is to be made by the administration at the house of worship and subject to advanced registration with the local council.
  - Houses of worship – without a Green Pass: Occupancy: Up to 20 congregants indoors and up to 100 congregants outdoors
  - Houses of worship that opt to comply with Green Pass requirements; for green pass holders
    - Subject to advanced registration with the local council
    - Occupancy:
      - In an indoor venue with fewer than 5,000 seats – up to 50% the maximum permitted occupancy and no more than 1,000 people.
      - In an indoor venue with more than 5,000 seats – up to 40% the maximum permitted occupancy and no more than 4,000 people.
      - In an outdoor venue with fewer than 10,000 seats – up to 50% the maximum permitted occupancy and no more than 3,000 people.
      - In an outdoor venue with more than 10,000 seats – up to 30% the maximum permitted occupancy and no more than 5,000 people.

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- In an outdoor venue with more than 10,000 seats – up to 30% the maximum permitted occupancy and no more than 10,000 people. If there are more than 5,000 people in the venue (and up to 10,000) – they should be seated in all tribunals to prevent crowding.
  - A distance of one empty seat between people who do not live together
  - No eating or drinking
- Restaurants, cafes, and event halls have reopened nationwide. Restaurants and cafes are permitted to provide indoor services for individuals who have received both doses of a COVID-19 vaccine or who have recovered from the disease; individuals who have not been immunized are relegated to dining outdoors only. Event halls have reopened to individuals who have been immunized or recovered from COVID-19.
  - Standalone stores, malls, open-air markets, museums, and libraries have also reopened. Gyms, cultural and sporting venues, hotels, and swimming pools have resumed operations; however, access is restricted to people who have received both doses of the COVID-19 vaccine or who have recovered from the disease.
  - Movement restrictions have been lifted and residents are permitted to visit the homes of others. Facemasks are mandatory in public.
  - Authorities could reimpose, extend, further ease, or otherwise amend any restrictions with little-to-no notice depending on disease activity over the coming weeks.

## CHILE

### Border policies:

- In early April, government officials announced closing the country's border for a month beginning on 5 April to both Chileans and foreign residents, with exceptions only in emergencies. No foreign tourists will be allowed to enter.<sup>vi</sup>
- Beginning April 5, Chilean citizens and residents of Chile will be required to request a permit from the Comisaría Virtual in order to depart Chile. The government of Chile has informed that such permits will be granted only in exceptional circumstances. Non-resident foreigners will not be allowed to enter Chile, but will be allowed to depart.<sup>vii</sup>
- All passengers (including Chileans and residents) must complete an obligatory 10-day quarantine upon arrival in Chile. The first 5 days of quarantine will be conducted at a "transit hotel" designated by the Chilean Ministry of Health. During this 5-day period, all passengers will be required to take a second PCR test. If the test returns negative, passengers will be allowed to spend the second 5-day period of quarantine in their residence or a hotel of their choice. Passengers who test positive will be taken to a "sanitary residence" to complete their quarantine there. Passengers are responsible for the cost of the initial five-day stay in the "transit hotel".
- Travelers must complete an online form with the Ministry of Health and may receive additional emails from Chilean health authorities requesting daily reporting of location over a period of 14 days post-arrival in Chile.

### Additional measures on top of vaccination for their future plans:

- There is a daily curfew from 9:00 pm to 5:00 am, nationwide.
- In places where sanitary cordons are in place, travelers may be subject to temperature screenings. Travel to or from comunas (localities) in quarantine requires a permit obtained from the Chilean police.

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- Local travel and movement:
  - Travel between regions is allowed only to and from districts in Paso 3 or above ([out of 4 phases or steps](#)). Travelers are required to carry a [sanitary passport](#) (an online form to be filled out in advance of local travel).
  - Individuals in comunas that are in Paso 1 or 2 are allowed two permits (permiso de desplazamiento) a week, but only one permit may be used on the weekend or holidays.
  - Individuals in comunas in Paso 1 are allowed outside for exercise without a permit from 6:00 am to 9:00 am, seven days a week.
  - Some regions of Chile have additional travel restrictions. Individuals traveling to the Magallanes Region must also have a negative PCR test taken 72 hours prior to travel. Individuals traveling to the Aysén Region must have a negative PCR test taken 96 hours prior to travel.
  - Face masks are required on all public transportation.
- Majority of the communes<sup>viii</sup> are placed in Paso 1 (Quarantine) with the following activities being prohibited:<sup>ix</sup>
  - The face-to-face classes of schools and nursery schools.
  - The transfer to non-habitual residence and to other regions.
  - Carrying out and participating in social gatherings in private residences and in events and meetings of all kinds, with the exception of funerals.
  - The attention of the public in restaurants and cafes.
  - The face-to-face sale in supermarkets of non-essential items: home decoration, electrical appliances (including televisions and video games), white goods, toys, clothing, and sporting goods.
  - The operation of pubs, discos and similar places.
  - The operation of gyms and sports establishments open to the public.
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