

The following key measures were taken in Russia as of **Wednesday 25th of March 2020:**

- On 25 March, Russian President Vladimir Putin addressed the nation on the coronavirus pandemic for the first time announcing a range of measures including tax deferrals for SMEs, a weeklong nationwide paid holiday March 30 – April 6, and payments for families with children. He also informed the audience that Russia's April 22 public vote on a package of constitutional amendments will be postponed. More info can be found here:

<https://www.themoscowtimes.com/2020/03/25/in-first-address-to-nation-on-the-coronavirus-putin-holds-back-from-stringent-measures-a69748>

- Russia has closed all sporting and cultural events, businesses like nightclubs and cinemas and most large gatherings in an effort to halt the spread of coronavirus.
- Starting Thursday, Moscow residents aged 65 and older will be ordered to self-isolate at home.

<https://www.themoscowtimes.com/2020/03/25/coronavirus-in-russia-the-latest-news-march-25-a69117>

- Moscow has begun a process to prepare for mass-testing:

<https://www.bbc.com/russian/news-52006028>

- The RF CCI will issue Force Majeure Certificates as part of the ongoing pandemic. For more information please check the RF CCI website: <https://tpprf.ru/ru/news/sostoyalos-soveshchanie-v-rezhime-vks-s-razyasneniem-poryadka-vydachi-zaklyucheniy-ob-obstoyatelstva-i351847/>

- The republic of Chechnya became the first Russian region to close all restaurants, cafes and "crowded places" as the region's leader Ramzan Kadyrov [announced](#).

- Aeroflot will reduce its flights to Vietnam, Thailand, Turkey, the United Arab Emirates and Cuba starting March 28 due to the coronavirus. Taking into account previously suspended flights, the company's route map to Europe currently consists of flights to Brussels (Belgium), London (UK), Berlin (Germany), Dublin (Ireland), Madrid (Spain), Rome (Italy), Amsterdam (Netherlands), Geneva (Switzerland), Paris (France).

<https://www.interfax.ru/russia/700616>