

# Russia Announces First Steps to Ease Border Restrictions Over Virus

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Russia's borders were closed to all foreign nationals since mid-March due to the coronavirus. **Sergei Vedyashkin / Moskva News Agency**

Prime Minister Mikhail Mishustin on Monday announced the first steps to allow Russia's citizens to travel beyond its borders after they closed to prevent the spread of the coronavirus.

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Mishustin said in a televised meeting that a government order had been signed allowing Russian citizens to leave the country to work, study or take care of sick relatives. Foreigners could also visit Russia to care for relatives.

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