

# Russia to seal off borders to foreigners over virus

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The Russian government said on Monday it would close all its borders to foreign citizens this week except permanent residents because of the coronavirus.

The measure was announced in a statement Monday from Prime

Minister Mikhail Mishustin.

He said the measure, due to come into effect at midnight (2100 GMT Tuesday) and run until May 1, was aimed at protecting [public health](#) in Russia, which has so far recorded 93 cases of the disease.

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