

Hungary (March 18, 2020)

Hungary has closed its internal and external borders with effect from 00:00 17 March. Hungarian citizens and close relatives travelling with them (including those not resident in Hungary) will still be allowed to enter the country.

The current situation at the border crossing points:

The **practice** at Hungarian BCPs seemingly don't follow the rules published and the related statement of the Operational Group (dedicated government COVID-19 body).

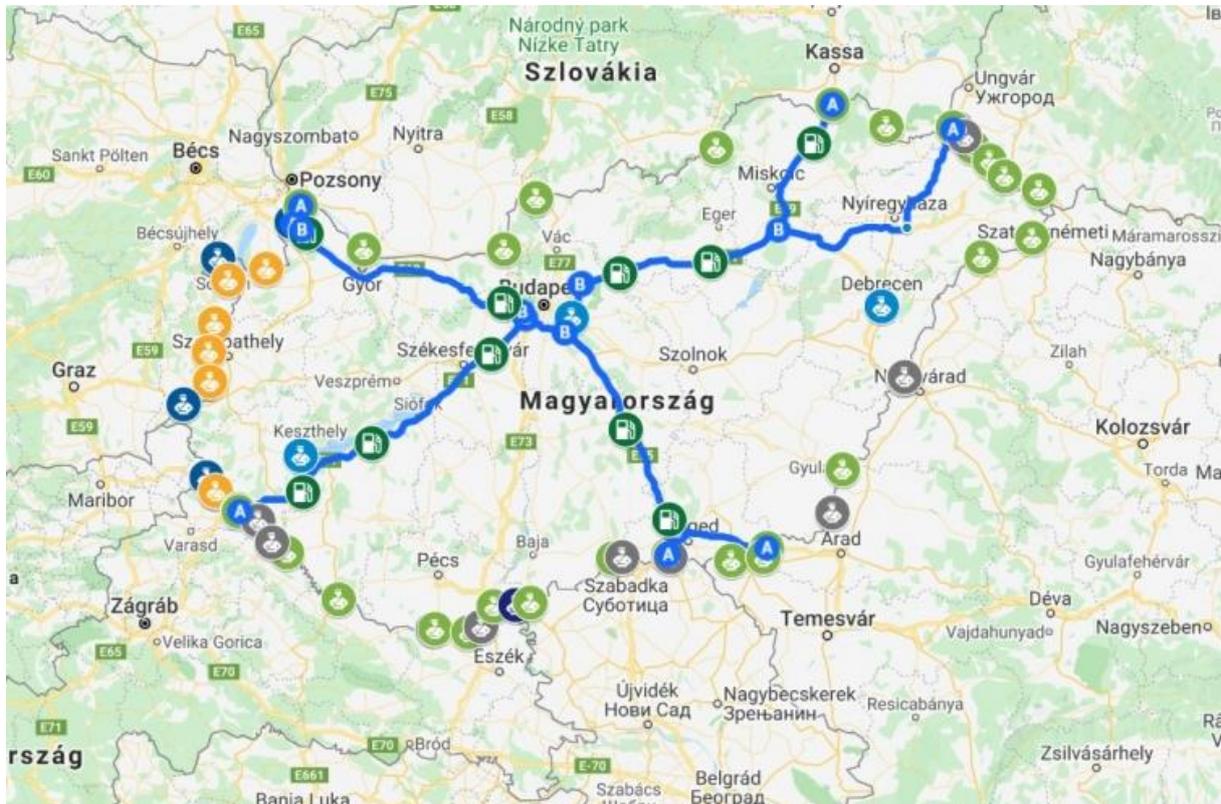
This information is strictly limited to the actual practice of the authorities at the border crossing points:

Goods transport

According to the government decree the crossing of Hungarian state borders by international road transport operators is planned to be organised as follows:

- Goods transports arriving and departing from Hungarian destinations, as well as those currently in transit, are allowed to cross the state border and continue the journey without restrictions, **but only through the designated border points:**

(The transit routes marked in blue)



Stops are permitted only at designated rest areas/fuel stations. Transport operators must have police stamps. Only the driver is permitted in the cabin; no passengers. Drivers should cross the territory as quickly and efficiently as possible, without the violation of any traffic rules. Police procedures are in place at the points of exit.

In reality the traffic at the designated border crossing points is slow, with long queues. The authorities at different border crossing points apply different procedures, and the practice is changing rapidly: sometimes foreign drivers are allowed to enter.

According to the government decree any vehicle with a non-Hungarian driver, arriving from the territory of Italy and travelling to a destination in Hungary, will only be able to access the borders of Hungary, Croatia, Slovakia and Austria via one of the designated humanitarian corridors. The vehicle must be equipped with sufficient protective equipment (gloves and masks) and disinfectant. Personal contact with the driver is only permitted with the appropriate protective equipment. Disposable gloves should be changed after each use. Upon delivery of the transport documents there should be no contact between the driver and the recipient. The driver should not participate in the loading; it is recommended that he remains in the cabin. After loading, the driver must ensure the cargo is securely placed. Agents must deal with one vehicle at a time and the driver must regularly disinfect the dashboard and any equipment that has been touched.

In reality vehicles with foreign drivers arriving from the territories of Italy (even if only transited through Italy), China, South Korea, Iran and Israel will NOT be permitted to enter (according to the actual practice!); Hungarian nationals can enter, but they are obliged to spend 14 days in official home quarantine.

Slovenia has no operational border crossing point with Hungary for international freight traffic in transit through Slovenia. Destination traffic is allowed at Tornyiszentmiklós - Pince (M70) for Hungarian nationals, there is no information on foreign nationals.

This is a map operated by the police, but unfortunately it is not updated and gives false information about the border crossing points: [Map of transit routes throughout Hungary](#) (however it can be used to demonstrate the **blue transit routes** – designated for international freight traffic)

Official webpage of the Government: <http://abouthungary.hu/news-in-brief/coronavirus-heres-the-latest/>

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