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Further to our messages yesterday regarding the latest COVID-19 developments over the weekend. Below you will find further information regarding border controls which have been announced overnight in Europe.

We are monitoring the situation closely; and we are in close contact with our Partner Agencies as the situation continues to develop. We recommend you keep a watch on the information coming through and you talk to your New Zealand family and keep in regular contact with your families at home.

### **Germany**

Germany has moved to close some of its borders as of 8am Monday 16 March 2020 (GMT). Controls have come into effect at the borders with France, Austria, Luxembourg, Denmark and Switzerland. Checks will be conducted on travellers unless they are a German citizen or resident. Germany has also urged Germans to cancel any domestic and international travel. We understand this is temporary, and we are unaware how long this restriction will be in place for at this stage.

### **European Union**

The European Union are currently considering banning all non-essential travel into the bloc for at least 30 days. We will keep a watch on any further announcements.

### **Non-Essential Travel Advice from the New Zealand Government**

We would like to remind all Au Pairs to consider any non-essential travel very carefully and ensure that you are communicating with your Au Pair Families. The New Zealand Government have strongly advised against all non-essential travel. At this stage the Pacific Islands are not included in the required 14-day self-isolation period when entering New Zealand, however if you do decide to travel, given the current climate your Au Pair family may require you to self-isolate upon your return to New Zealand. The cost of self-isolation will be at your cost, if they choose to undertake any non-essential travel.

### **Link to Websites**

- <https://www.spiegel.de/international/germany/the-shutdown-begins-across-germany-a-3c541d1d-1d42-4672-9fdc-af6c3247df76>
- <https://www.schengenvisainfo.com/news/eu-to-ban-entry-to-26-schengen-area-countries/>