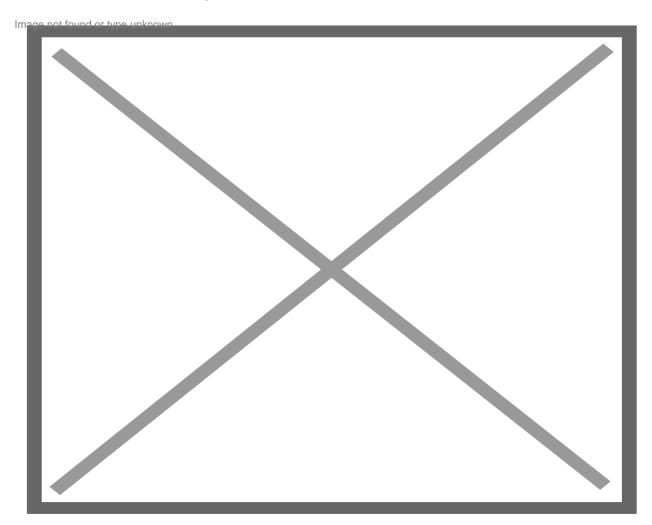
St. Lucia Closes Airports Effective Midnight Tonight

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The Government of St. Lucia on Monday announced the closure of the country's airports to all incoming commercial and private flights effective 11:59 p.m. on Monday.

All airports will be closed to all incoming passengers until Sunday, April 5, the government said.

Aircrafts facilitating departing passengers repatriating from St. Lucia will be permitted. Air Cargo operations are permitted, the government said.

The actions come as part of the government of St. Lucia's efforts to contain the spread or the importation of new cases of COVID-19 (coronavirus). Actions already taken include the closure of schools, travel restrictions and the scaling back of non-essential services in an effort to contain the deadly pathogen.

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