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## Kuwait curfew: What you need to know

**KUWAIT:** Kuwait imposed a one-month partial curfew from 5:00 pm to 5:00 am starting from March 7, 2021 to help curb the sharp increase in COVID-19 cases registered in recent weeks. The curfew hours were later changed to be from 6:00 pm to 5:00 am starting March 23. During the curfew hours, pharmacies, medical stores, co-operative societies and supermarkets are allowed to continue operation only through delivery services. The government later allowed co-ops and supermarkets to serve shoppers from the start of the curfew to 10:00 pm every day, and then allowed restaurants and cafes to deliver food from 6:00 pm to 10:00 pm every day. Also during the curfew, people are allowed to go to Fajr, Maghreb and Isha prayers at mosques only by walking, and the government later allowed people to practice walking and jogging from 6:00 pm to 8:00 pm. The government meanwhile allowed salons and health clubs to reopen during the day after a one-month closure but kept restaurants and cafes closed except for drive-through and delivery services. Meanwhile, taxis are allowed to carry only two passengers.

The Ministry of Commerce and Industry launched a booking service, allowing people to shop from 6:00 pm to 10:00 pm during the curfew hours. The service is valid for all co-ops and supermarkets around Kuwait. To book an appointment, a shopper should visit [www.moci.shop](http://www.moci.shop), enter the required information (civil ID number and serial number, contact number and email address), the reason for appointment (food supply center) and the time and date of the appointment. The shopper would then receive a barcode to show once they reach the shopping center.

### Where to obtain a curfew pass?

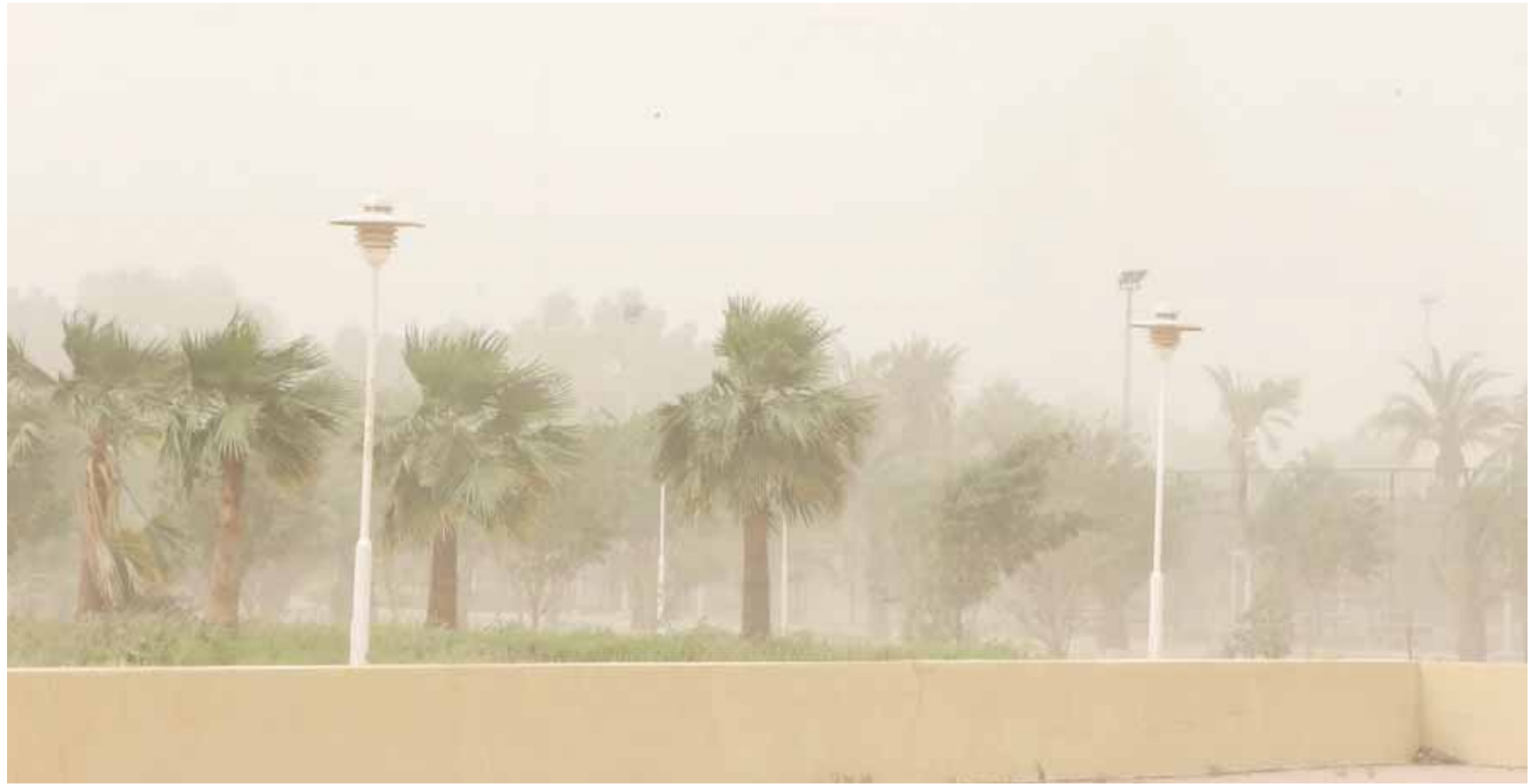
Citizens and residents that need a pass during the curfew hours to leave their homes can apply for a pass at <https://www.paci.gov.kw/>. The pass is available for those in need of emergency medical treatment, doctor's visits, blood donation, COVID-19 swabs and COVID-19 vaccinations.

### Co-op delivery during curfew hours

During curfew hours, co-ops, grocery stores and other markets will be allowed to offer delivery services. Most co-ops will accept orders via delivery. Here is an incomplete list of co-op WhatsApp numbers. Each co-op will be responsible for deciding if and when they provide delivery services and not all may be providing.

- Omariya Co-op  
WhatsApp 6041-0067
- Farwaniya Co-op  
WhatsApp 6767-8211
- Qairawan Co-op  
WhatsApp 9000-3749
- Jahra Co-op  
WhatsApp 5160-2458
- Abdulla Al-Mubarak Co-op  
WhatsApp 6066-6338
- Nuzha Co-op  
WhatsApp 9784-5531
- Khaitan Co-op  
WhatsApp 6777-9745
- Ardhiya Co-op  
WhatsApp 6902-0779
- Rabiya Co-op  
WhatsApp 2438-8316
- Wafra Farm Co-op  
Tel: 9883-5245 / 5170-0085
- Salmiya Co-op  
Tel: 22253225
- Jabriya Co-op  
Tel: 1805-353  
WhatsApp 6566-6084
- Rawdha & Hawally  
WhatsApp 9662-2883
- Shaab Co-op  
WhatsApp 9090-4455
- Wafra Co-op  
WhatsApp 5055-0539
- Keifan Co-op  
WhatsApp 5178-1719
- Rehab Co-op  
WhatsApp 9222-2358
- Mishref Co-op  
WhatsApp 5055-9900
- Faiha Co-op  
Tel: 1861-000  
WhatsApp 9098-6000
- Rumaihiya Co-op  
WhatsApp 6066-0045
- Bayan Co-op  
WhatsApp 9004-2500
- Fahaheel Co-op  
WhatsApp 5178-9951
- Adan & Qusour Co-op  
Tel: 5034-3111 / 6593-3975
- Salam Co-op  
WhatsApp 9788-7832

# Strong winds blow dust, locusts into Kuwait



**KUWAIT:** People in Kuwait were caught off guard yesterday by a sudden dust storm that dropped visibility under 500 meters in some areas, powered by winds that exceeded 70 kilometers per hour in speed, and coupled with an unusual spike in temperature at this time of the year as the maximum reached 44 C at Kuwait International Airport. In addition, the strong winds, which resulted from a low pressure, brought with them swarms of locusts that were seen in several areas across the country. The weather is expected to improve in the early hours of today morning, with temperatures dropping back to the low 30s, according to Kuwait Meteorological Center. — Photos by Yasser Al-Zayyat



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