

Q&A on the New Border Measures (29) (As of May 26) and Other Measures

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(Overview of the New Measures)

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| <p>1 Please clarify an overview of the New Border Measures (28) (hereinafter referred to as “the New Measures”).</p> |
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(Answers)

- 1 The details of the “Review on the on-arrival COVID-19 test and the home quarantine period after entry into Japan” are included in these New Measures.

- 2 The following has been implemented for entries to Japan by the end of May 2022:
 - A pre-departure COVID-19 test and an on-arrival COVID-19 test will still be required for cross-border travelers and returnees to Japan.
 - While maintaining a 7-day quarantine in principle, the quarantine period for cross-border travelers and returnees to Japan is relaxed depending on the country/region that you have stayed in and whether you have had your third dose.
 - Under the supervision of a receiving organization, foreign nationals are allowed to enter Japan for purposes other than tourism.

- 3 From June 1, in the “Review on the on-arrival COVID-19 test and the home quarantine period after entry into Japan” for all cross-border travelers and returnees to Japan departing from a country or region in which the Omicron strain is dominant:
 - After a period of seven days of quarantine at home or accommodations after entering Japan, completing health follow up during the quarantine period, and avoiding the use of public transportation (hereinafter referred to as “home quarantine”) as a rule,
 - Depending on which country/region you stayed in before entering Japan (its designation) and whether you obtain a valid COVID-19 vaccination certificate (with a third dose),

The need for on-arrival COVID-19 test, quarantine period after entry, and accommodations for quarantine will be changed as follows:

Cross-border travelers and returnees to Japan from countries/regions in Group “Blue” and cross-border travelers and returnees to Japan from countries/regions in Group “Yellow” who obtain valid COVID-19 vaccination certificates (with a third dose) will not be subject to tests at airport quarantines and will have no quarantine periods after arrival (They can also use public transportation after arriving in Japan.).

Cross-border travelers and returnees to Japan from countries/regions in Group “Yellow” who do not obtain valid COVID-19 vaccination certificates (with third doses) and cross-border travelers and returnees to Japan from countries/regions in

Group “Red” who obtain valid COVID-19 vaccination certificates (with third doses) must take an on-arrival test and undergo home quarantine.

Cross-border travelers and returnees to Japan from countries/regions in Group “Red” who do not obtain valid COVID-19 vaccination certificates (with third doses) must take an on-arrival test and undergo quarantine at a specific facility designated by the Chief of the Quarantine Station.

- * If there are separate directions from a quarantine station or public health center about continuing a quarantine at home/accommodations, you must follow them.
- * As a rule, if you become COVID-19 positive, a close contact of someone on an airplane, or symptomatic, you will not be eligible for a shortened quarantine period.
- * Cross-border travelers and returnees to Japan are requested to monitor their health statuses by measuring their temperatures and the like for 10 days after entering Japan.

| | Have a valid vaccine certificate | On-arrival test | Quarantine period after entry |
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| Red | No | Required | “3-day quarantine at a specific facility designated by the Chief of the Quarantine Station (+ negative self-COVID-19 test result (PCR test) at the facility)” |
| | Yes | | “3-day quarantine at home/accommodations + a negative result of a voluntary test” (7-day quarantine without test) |
| Yellow | No | | |
| | Yes | No quarantine required | |
| Blue | No | - | No quarantine required |
| | Yes | | |

- 4 Voluntary testing on the third day or later during home quarantine will continue:
- The COVID-19 test method will be either a PCR or quantitative antigen test,
 - On the third day or later, travelers should get tested at a testing center registered on the “List of Private Testing Facilities for cross-border travelers and returnees Seeking to Shorten Quarantine” (hereinafter referred to as a “recognized testing center”). Then submit your negative test result through “MySOS (the Health and Location Monitoring App for Overseas Entrants)” to the Health Monitoring Center for Overseas Entrants.

- The quarantine may be unnecessary from the fourth day onward, at the earliest, if you receive a “notice of the completion of quarantine” from the Center (it is also possible for public transportation to be used once quarantine is no longer required).
- 5 Additionally, if you need to quarantine at a specific facility designated by the Chief of the Quarantine Station, quarantine after leaving the facility will be no longer required after a 3-day quarantine and a negative COVID-19 test result on the third day at the facility (it is also possible for public transportation to be used after exiting the facility).
 - 6 Furthermore, please be aware that the above New Measures may change suddenly depending on the state of infections inside and outside Japan in the future.

(Overview of the New Measures)

2 Does the calculation of the nth day before or after arrival include the arrival date?

(Answer)

It does not include the arrival date. The arrival date is day 0. For example, if you enter Japan on June 5, the third day prior to your arrival date would be June 2. Conversely, if you enter Japan on June 5, the third day after your arrival date would be June 8.

(Overview of the New Measures)

3 How do I handle a change in the category of the countries/regions in Item 3 of Question 1 if the category of a country I stayed in changes within 14 days before my arrival date?

(Answers)

- 1 This is determined depending on the status of the category of cross-border traveler and returnee to Japan’s country of departure at (said traveler or returnee’s) time of entry to Japan.
- 2 If a cross-border traveler or returnee to Japan has stayed in Country A within 14 days before the traveler or returnee’s arrival date,
For example,
 - If the designation of Country A changes from a Group “Yellow” country/region to a Group “Blue” country/region within nine days before the arrival date,

▪ Country A, the cross-border traveler or returnee to Japan’s country of departure (in which the traveler or returnee stayed within 14 days before the arrival date), is determined to be a Group “Blue” country/region.

In this case, there is no on-arrival test because the country of departure is a Group “Blue” country/region.

3 Conversely,

For example,

▪ If the category of Country A changes from a Group “Blue” country/region to a Group “Yellow” country/region within nine days before the arrival date,

▪ Country A, the cross-border traveler or returnee to Japan’s country of departure (in which the traveler or returnee stayed within 14 days before the arrival date), is determined to be a Group “Yellow” country/region.

4 As above, the need for an on-arrival test, quarantine periods and accommodations for quarantine of cross-border travelers and returnees to Japan may be affected by a country/region’s grouping (“Red,” “Yellow,” and “Blue” categories). Please collect the most recent information on the “countries/regions categories based on the New Border Measures (28) 1” and respond accordingly.

(3. [Quarantine measures] on the Ministry of Foreign Affairs’ “Border measures to prevent the spread of novel coronavirus (COVID-19)” web page.)

https://www.mofa.go.jp/mofaj/ca/fna/page4_005130.html

(MHLW’s web page)

https://www.mhlw.go.jp/stf/seisakunitsuite/bunya/0000121431_00209.html

(Overview of the New Measures)

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| 4 Where can I find information and related materials on the New Measures? |
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(Answer)

Related information and documentation are posted on web pages related to the New Measures of the Cabinet Secretariat, the Ministry of Justice (MOJ), the MOFA, and the MHLW.

*MHLW: Border Measures

https://www.mhlw.go.jp/stf/seisakunitsuite/bunya/0000121431_00209.html

* MOFA: Measures for Resuming Cross-Border Travel

https://www.mofa.go.jp/mofaj/ca/cp/page22_003380.html

(Quarantine period for cross-border travelers and returnees to Japan)

1 How will the on-arrival test and the quarantine period for cross-border travelers and returnees to Japan change following the implementation of these New

(Answer)

Through these New Measures, from June 1, concerning all cross-border travelers or returnees traversing through a country or region in which the Omicron strain is dominant after entering Japan:

- After a period of seven days of quarantine at home or accommodations after entering Japan, completing health follow up during the quarantine period, and avoiding the use of public transportation (hereinafter referred to as “home quarantine”) as a rule,
- Depending on where you have stayed before your arrival and whether or not you have a valid COVID-19 vaccination certificate that meets the requirements,

The need for on-arrival COVID-19 test, quarantine period after entry, and accommodations for quarantine will be changed as follows:

- * If there is an additional direction from a quarantine station or public health center about continuing at home/accommodations, kindly follow the direction.
- * If you become COVID-19 positive or are a close contact of someone on an airplane, or are symptomatic, you will not be eligible for a shortened quarantine period.
- * We request cross-border travelers and returnees to Japan to monitor their health statuses by measuring their temperatures for 10 days after entry into Japan.

| | Have a valid vaccine certificate | On-arrival test | Quarantine period after entry |
|--------|----------------------------------|-----------------|---|
| Red | No | Required | “3-day quarantine at a specific facility designated by the Chief of the Quarantine Station (+ negative self-COVID-19 test result (PCR test) at the facility)” |
| | Yes | | “3-day quarantine at home/accommodations + a negative result of a voluntary test” (7-day quarantine without test) |
| Yellow | No | - | No quarantine required |
| | Yes | | |
| Blue | No | - | No quarantine required |
| | Yes | | |

(Quarantine period for cross-border travelers and returnees to Japan)

2 Are quarantine periods for cross-border travelers and returnees to Japan different for Japanese and foreign nationals?

(Answer)

Quarantine periods do not differ for Japanese and foreign nationals who enter Japan.

(Quarantine period for cross-border travelers and returnees to Japan)

3 How should I administer the voluntary-test on the third day or later while home quarantine?

(Answers)

- 1 As for the voluntary-test on the third day or later during home quarantine,
 - The test method should be either a PCR test or a quantitative antigen test.
 - On the third day or later, travelers should get tested at a recognized testing center (See question 5) and submit your negative test result through MySOS to the Health Monitoring Center for Overseas Entrants.
 - Then at the earliest, quarantine will no longer be required from the fourth day onward if you receive the “notice of the completion of quarantine” from the Center (the use of public transportation will be allowed once quarantine is no longer required).
- 2 Please refer to the link for details.
<https://www.hco.mhlw.go.jp/manual/jp.php>

(Quarantine period for cross-border travelers and returnees to Japan)

4 Is a qualitative antigen test (an antigen test kit) a valid voluntary-test for the third day or later while home quarantine?

(Answers)

- 1 Only PCR or quantitative antigen tests are the valid COVID-19 tests.
- 2 Please refer to the link below for testing organizations (recognized testing centers) offering PCR or quantitative antigen tests (at the recipient’s expense) to shorten your quarantine period.
<https://www.c19.mhlw.go.jp/search/>

(Quarantine period for cross-border travelers and returnees to Japan)

5 Are COVID-19 tests taken with testing organizations not listed on the MHLW's website valid?

(Answer)

COVID-19 tests taken at testing organizations other than those in question 4 that are posted on the MHLW's web page are not allowed as it cannot be confirmed whether they were taken at an actual medical institution or clinical laboratory.

(Quarantine period for cross-border travelers and returnees to Japan)

6 Can I go out to receive a COVID-19 test during my period of home quarantine?

(Answers)

- 1 During the home quarantine period, you must refrain from going on trips that are non-essential. Nonetheless, going to a testing organization to receive a COVID-19 test to end your period of home quarantine does not fall under the category of not essential. However, please do not use public transportation used by the general population. Instead, use your own vehicle to get tested.
- 2 Furthermore, some testing organizations can hold COVID-19 tests by mailing test specimens. Therefore, please be sure to inquire with the relevant testing organization in advance by selecting "by mail" from the search form on the link below (please be aware that sample vials need to be sent in advance).

<https://www.c19.mhlw.go.jp/search/>

(Quarantine period for cross-border travelers and returnees to Japan)

7 Am I allowed to end my quarantine before I am contacted by the Health Monitoring Center for Overseas Entrants regarding my voluntary-test taken on the third day or later while home quarantine?

(Answer)

No. If you end your home quarantine before confirmation from the Center arrives, you will violate your Written Pledge.

(Quarantine period for cross-border travelers and returnees to Japan)

8 What should I do if my COVID-19 test results come back COVID-19 positive?

(Answers)

- 1 If a COVID-19 test not administered by a physician is taken at a private testing organization and its results come back positive, please be sure to have a medical examination at a medical facility affiliated with the testing organization.

- 2 If the affiliated medical organization is in a remote area and it is challenging to utilize, the test recipient is requested to either contact a nearby medical facility or their primary physician in advance to confirm the possibility of consulting with them or consult with the local health consultation center.

(Quarantine period for cross-border travelers and returnees to Japan)

9 When sending specimens to a testing organization by mail, is it allowed to use specimens taken before the third day of my quarantine?

(Answer)

The COVID-19 test must be done with specimens from the third day of your quarantine or later. Your test results will not be valid even if your COVID-19 test date is on the third day of your quarantine or later if your specimens are from the second day of the quarantine or earlier.

(Quarantine period for cross-border travelers and returnees to Japan)

10 I am entering Japan before these New Measures are implemented on June 1. What will happen to my quarantine period?

(Answers)

The terms of these New Measures that pertain to changes to quarantine periods and the use of public transportation after entry into Japan will apply retroactively from midnight on June 1 (Japan Standard Time), even if you arrive in Japan before June 1.

For example, a quarantine at specific facilities designated by the Chief of the Quarantine Station is required for a cross-border traveler or returnee to Japan from a designated country/region who has not had a vaccine booster (third dose) and entered Japan on Tuesday, May 31. However, a home quarantine or no quarantine will be required from June 1 if that country/region is not categorized in Group “Red.”

(Quarantine period for cross-border travelers and returnees to Japan)

11 If I administer a voluntary-test on the third day or later of my home quarantine. How should I notify the Health Monitoring Center for Overseas Entrants of my COVID-19 test results?

(Answer)

Take a COVID-19 test on the third day or later. Then submit your negative results through MySOS to the Health Monitoring Center for Overseas Entrants. At the earliest, quarantine will be unnecessary from the fourth day onward once you receive a “notice of the completion of quarantine” from the Center. Please refer to the link below for more details on how to apply.

<https://www.hco.mhlw.go.jp/manual/jp.php>

(COVID-19 vaccination certificate)

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| 1 What are the conditions for a COVID-19 vaccination certificate to be accepted as valid? |
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(Answers)

1 COVID-19 vaccination certificates accepted as valid need to meet the conditions of (1) through (4).

(1) They must be a vaccination certificate issued by a public institution, such as a national government of a country/region.

(2) They must indicate a name, a date of birth, the name of the vaccine or manufacturer, the dates of inoculation, and the number of vaccinations (in Japanese or English).

(3) The vaccine names or manufacturers of the first and second doses must be one of the following: (For the Janssen COVID-19 Vaccine/Janssen, one dose is considered equivalent to two doses. Hereafter the same.)

- Corminaty intramuscular injection/Pfizer
- Vaxzevria intramuscular injection/AstraZeneca
- COVID-19 Vaccine Moderna intramuscular injection/Moderna
- Janssen COVID-19 Vaccine/Janssen
- COVAXIN/Bharat Biotech
- Nuvaxovid/Novavax
- * Including Corminaty manufactured by Fosun Pharma/BioNTech, as well as Covishield and COVOVAX (effective from April 25th, 2022) manufactured by the Serum Institute of India.

(4) The vaccine names or manufacturers of the third dose must be one of the following:

- Corminaty intramuscular injection/Pfizer
- COVID-19 Vaccine Moderna intramuscular injection/Moderna
- Nuvaxovid/Novavax (effective from April 25th, 2022)
- * Including Corminaty manufactured by Fosun Pharma/BioNTech and COVOVAX (effective from April 25th, 2022) manufactured by the Serum Institute of India.

2 Please check the website below for details.

(MHLW: Concerning vaccination certificates)

https://www.mhlw.go.jp/stf/seisakunitsuite/bunya/0000121431_00342.html

(COVID-19 vaccination certificate)

2 My date of birth is not included on my country's vaccination certificate. However, is it still a valid vaccination certificate if it has my passport or ID number?

(Answer)

It will be recognized as a valid vaccination certificate if a passport or ID number is detailed instead of a date of birth and if a date of birth can be verified through the passport or ID card in your possession.

(COVID-19 vaccination certificate)

3 In my country, a vaccine other than Pfizer, AstraZeneca, Moderna, Janssen, Bharat Biotech or Novavax is approved for the first and second doses. In this situation, will my vaccination certificate be accepted as valid even if I took such a vaccine?

(Answers)

1 It will not be accepted. At present, the only vaccines accepted as valid for the first and second vaccine doses are Pfizer, AstraZeneca, Moderna, Janssen, Bharat Biotech and Novavax (effective from April 25th, 2022).

* Corminaty manufactured by Fosun Pharma/BioNTech, as well as Covishield and COVOVAX (effective from April 25th, 2022) manufactured by the Serum Institute of India, are also valid.

2 Therefore, if you have been inoculated with vaccines other than the above, vaccination certificates will not be accepted as valid, even if the vaccine inoculations are valid as first and second doses in another country.

(COVID-19 vaccination certificate)

4 In my country, a vaccine other than Pfizer, Moderna and Novavax is approved for booster shots (third dose). In this situation, will my vaccination certificate be accepted as valid even if I took a vaccine other than the three above?

(Answers)

1 It will not be accepted. For booster shots (third doses [for the Janssen COVID-19 Vaccine/Janssen, one dose is considered equivalent to two doses. Hereafter the same.]), at present, the only vaccines accepted as valid on a vaccination certificate are Pfizer,

Moderna and Novavax (effective from April 25th, 2022). However, Corminaty manufactured by Fosun Pharma/BioNTech, as well as COVOVAX (effective from April 25th, 2022) manufactured by the Serum Institute of India, will also be accepted.

- 2 Therefore, if inoculated with vaccines other than the above, vaccination certificates will not be accepted as valid, even if the vaccine inoculations are recognized as booster shots in another country.

(COVID-19 vaccination certificate)

4-1 How is the number of doses, etc. treated for the Janssen vaccine?

(Answers)

- 1 Based on the application of “the New Border Measures (28),” the Janssen COVID-19 Vaccine/Janssen vaccine
- is accepted as a vaccine for first and second doses,
 - and in this case, one dose is considered equivalent to two.
- 2 However (under the application of the measures), the Janssen vaccine is not recognized for a booster shot (third dose) (it must be Pfizer, Moderna or Novavax).

(COVID-19 vaccination certificate)

5 The manufacturer of Comirnaty is written as “BioNTech” on my country’s vaccination certificate. Is my vaccination certificate valid?

(Answer)

If other conditions are met, the vaccination certificate will be recognized as valid.

(COVID-19 vaccination certificate)

6 Moderna’s vaccine is written “Spikevax” on my country’s vaccination certificate. Is my vaccination certificate valid?

(Answer)

If other conditions are met, the vaccination certificate will be recognized as valid.

(COVID-19 vaccination certificate)

6-1 Will COVAXIN manufactured by Bharat Biotech be accepted as valid vaccination certificate?

(Answer)

Effective from April 10th, 2022, COVAXIN manufactured by Bharat Biotech can be accepted as valid vaccination certificate when the vaccine was used as the first and the second dose, however COVAXIN will not be accepted as a booster (the third vaccine dose).

(COVID-19 vaccination certificate)

6-2 Will Nuvaxovid manufactured by Novavax and COVOVAX manufactured by the Serum Institute of India be accepted as valid vaccination certificate?

(Answer)

Effective from April 25nd, 2022, Nuvaxovid manufactured by Novavax, as well as COVOVAX manufactured by the Serum Institute of India, can be accepted as valid vaccination certificate when the vaccine was used as the first and the second dose or a booster (the third vaccine dose).

(COVID-19 vaccination certificate)

7 Do all my doses have to be of the same vaccine type?

(Answer)

It is not required.

- For the first and second doses, only Pfizer, AstraZeneca, Moderna, Janssen, Bharat Biotech or Novavax are approved.
- If the third dose (for the Janssen vaccine only, one dose is considered equivalent to two. Hereafter the same.) is with Pfizer, Moderna or Novavax, even if the dose is with a different type of vaccine, if the number of doses is three or greater, it will be recognized as valid.

(COVID-19 vaccination certificate)

7-1 Will I be accepted as the holder of valid vaccination certificates if I took my three doses in different countries and have the vaccination certificates from these countries?

(Answer)

If each vaccination certificate meets the required conditions and all certificates are presented at quarantine, they will be accepted as valid vaccination certificates.

(COVID-19 vaccination certificate)

8 What should I do if there are no details for my first and second doses on my vaccination certificate?

(Answers)

1 Vaccination certificate

- must contain inoculation information indicating the vaccine type, the date of inoculation, and that it is the third dose (for the Janssen vaccine only, one dose is considered equivalent to two. Hereafter the same.) (For example, 3/3(if Janssen’s vaccine has been inoculated, 2/2)),
- and separately, in “Questions based on Article 12 of the Quarantine Act,” for which answers are requested at quarantine, if it can be confirmed that the vaccine that you received for your first or second dose was Pfizer, AstraZeneca, Moderna, Janssen, Bharat Biotech or Novavax, it will be recognized as valid.

2 Furthermore, any combinations, including a documentation of recovery will not be accepted.

(COVID-19 vaccination certificate)

9 What should I do if there is only recent inoculation information on my vaccination certificate and the applicable inoculation does not indicate that it is my third dose?

(Answer)

For example, a combination of your vaccination certificate with other certificate, such as a record of vaccine inoculation or certificate issued when you received your second dose, etc. can verify that you received your third dose (for Janssen’s vaccine, one dose is

considered equivalent to two doses). In that case, you will be recognized as the holder of valid vaccination certificate.

(COVID-19 vaccination certificate)

10 Is there a period of validity for the third dose (for my vaccination certificate to be accepted)?

(Answer)

At present, there is no period of validity for third doses (for the Janssen COVID-19 Vaccine/Janssen, one dose is considered equivalent to two doses.)

(COVID-19 vaccination certificate)

11 What should I do if my country's vaccination certificate is not written in English?

(Answer)

Translate your vaccination certificate in advance (into Japanese or English) and present the translation along with your vaccination certificate at quarantine (You may create the translation yourself.).

(COVID-19 vaccination certificate)

12 Are electronically issued vaccination certificates accepted? Is it acceptable if I present a two-dimensional code?

(Answer)

For electronically issued vaccination certificates, the format does not matter, such as an App, PDF, image and picture. If the details of your vaccination certificate can be confirmed and it meets the conditions, it will be treated as a valid vaccination certificate. Also, if there are two-dimensional codes of EUDCCs, ICAO-VDS, or SMART Health Cards, they can be read at quarantine.

(COVID-19 vaccination certificate)

12-1 Are copies of vaccination certificates also accepted in behalf of originals?

(Answer)

As long as the details can be confirmed from the copy of a vaccination certificate at the Quarantine Station, it does not matter if it is a copy of the original.

(COVID-19 vaccination certificate)

13 For vaccination certificates issued in Japan, do you consider certificates other than the Vaccination Certificate of COVID-19, Certificate of vaccination for COVID-19, or Record of vaccination for COVID-19 valid?

(Answers)

- 1 The following vaccination certificates are accepted as valid.
 - National or local government-issued Vaccination Certificate of COVID-19 (COVID-19 vaccination certificate for overseas travel)
 - Local government-issued Certificate of vaccination for COVID-19
 - Record of vaccination for COVID-19 issued by a medical facility during a workplace inoculation.

- 2 In addition to the above, vaccination certificates issued (by the MOFA) to Japanese nationals living abroad who are returning home temporarily, vaccination certificates issued (by the MHLW) to participants of domestic clinical trials are also accepted.

(COVID-19 vaccination certificate)

14 Are vaccination certificates issued by private organizations acceptable?

(Answer)

They are not acceptable. It must be a vaccination certificate issued by a public institution, such as a national government.

(COVID-19 vaccination certificate)

15 Is it allowed to shorten the quarantine period for children for whom it is not acceptable to receive a booster shot (third dose) due to age restrictions, as with the booster shot?

(Answer)

For children under the age of 18 who have not received booster shots (third doses) or do not obtain vaccination certificates,

- in principle, they are not allowed to benefit from the shortened quarantine periods for having received booster shots.
- However, if they are accompanied by a guardian with a valid vaccination certificate and who will supervise the children, they will be regarded as holders of valid vaccination certificates, as an exception, and it will be acceptable to shorten

the quarantine periods of both the children and the guardian.

*If children under the age of 18 without holding vaccination certificates enter Japan by themselves (without being accompanied by a guardian with a valid vaccination certificate), they are not eligible for the above exception.

(Use of public transportation)

1 After entry into Japan, is it acceptable to use public transportation to travel to my accommodations for quarantine, such as my home?

(Answers)

1 Cross-border travelers and returnees to Japan from countries/regions in Group “Red” who obtain valid COVID-19 vaccination certificates (with third doses) and cross-border travelers and returnees to Japan from countries/regions in Group “Yellow” who do not obtain valid COVID-19 vaccination certificates (with third doses) must take an on-arrival test and undergo home quarantine.

- However, when they travel from an airport to home/accommodation for home quarantine, on the shortest route necessary,
- within 24 hours after their COVID-19 test (specifically, specimen collection) at an airport quarantine station, the use of public transportation is allowed

(Only applicable to the above, even during the period of home quarantine).

2 When using public transportation, please make every effort to prevent infection, including wearing a mask, sanitizing your hands, and avoiding the three C’s (closed spaces, crowded places, and close-contact settings).

(Use of public transportation)

2 As for the use of public transportation during my quarantine period, is it acceptable to use public transportation for travel other than from the airport to my accommodations for quarantine, such as my home?

(Answer)

It is not acceptable. The use of public transportation during your quarantine period is only acceptable from your airport to your accommodation for home quarantine within 24 hours of your COVID-19 test at the airport. Otherwise, the use of public transportation during this quarantine period will violate the Written Pledge.

(Use of public transportation)

3 Is it acceptable to use public transportation to take a voluntary-test on the third day or later while home quarantine?

(Answer)

It is not acceptable. When traveling to receive a COVID-19 test, please use your own vehicle.

(New entry of foreign nationals into Japan)

1 In what cases is the new entry of a foreign national into Japan allowed?

(Answer)

It is allowed for (1) foreign nationals newly entering Japan for a short-term stay (three months or less) for purposes including business and employment or (2) foreign nationals newly entering Japan for a long-term stay. In either case, there must be a receiving organization in Japan.

In addition, (3) foreign nationals from countries/regions, (*) which are classified as having the lowest coronavirus positive rates, are newly entering Japan for short-term stays for tourism will be allowed to enter from June 10 only when they are on escorted packaged tours with a travel agency and the like as their receiving organization.

(*) Countries/regions categorized as Group “Blue” based on the “New Border Measures (28) (May 20, 2022).

(New entry of foreign nationals to Japan)

1-1 What does it mean that foreign nationals newly entering Japan for tourism purposes “will be accepted from June 10”?

(Answers)

From June 10, applications through the Ministry of Health m Labour and Welfare’s Entrants, Returnees Follow-up System (ERFS) online for foreign nationals newly entering Japan for a short-term stay for tourism will be possible by travel agencies and the like as receiving organization, and then visas applications will also be possible.

(New entry of foreign nationals into Japan)

2 Is the new entry of foreign nationals into Japan allowed to visit relatives or friends? If not, what procedures should be taken?

(Answers)

1 Entry on a short-term stay to visit relatives or friends is outside the scope of this measure because there is no receiving organization. However, new entries into Japan may be allowed if their circumstances fall into the following types of exceptional circumstances.

- A new cross-border traveler to Japan who is a relative of a Japanese or permanent resident within the second degree of consanguinity or a relative of a fixed resident within the first degree of consanguinity, for the purpose of

visiting relatives

- Relatives to care for or support ill individuals or pregnant individuals who live in this country
- A relative visiting Japan because someone who live in this country has died or is in critical condition
- A relative accompanying someone for whom traveling alone is difficult

2 Apart from these New Measures, we will continue to determine whether to allow the entry of those with exceptional circumstances by examining the need for consideration case by case when there are humanitarian issues to be considered.

3 Please refer to the following material posted on the website of the Immigration Services Agency of Japan for details.

<https://www.moj.go.jp/isa/content/001347330.pdf>

(New entry of foreign nationals into Japan)

3 Are there any restrictions on the countries/regions that foreign nationals stay in before newly entering Japan?

(Answer)

There is no restriction.

(New entry of foreign nationals into Japan)

4 What is the method of application for a foreign national to enter Japan? Is prior application from a receiving organization required?

(Answer)

The prior application of a receiving organization is required for foreign nationals who newly enter Japan. First, a receiving organization must apply in advance through the MHLW's Entrants, Returnees Follow-up System (ERFS), enter the required details, acquire a Certificate for Completion of Registration, and send the certificate to the foreign national scheduled to newly enter Japan. After doing so, the foreign national scheduled to newly enter Japan must apply with an overseas diplomatic mission of Japan with a Certificate for Completion of Registration and a visa application.

(New entry of foreign nationals into Japan)

4-1 Is prior application from a receiving organization required for re-entry into Japan of foreign nationals who have residence status?

(Answer)

It is not required. Prior application from a receiving organization is required for the new entry of a foreign national only.

(New entry of foreign nationals to Japan)

4-2 Is it possible for family members to accompany foreign nationals and to enter Japan with the New Measures under the supervision of a receiving organization?

(Answer)

- 1 It is possible for family members accompanying foreign nationals to enter Japan, if the receiving organization responsible for the family members together with the foreign nationals applies in advance for them or provides required supervision and support after their entry.
- 2 If foreign nationals are already residing in Japan and their family members wish to enter Japan at a later date, those family members are outside the scope of this measure because there is no receiving organization. For those who, however, apply to certain categories, they may be allowed to enter Japan as their situations are regarded as “special exceptional circumstances.” Please refer to Question 2 above for more details.

(New entry of foreign nationals into Japan)

5 What is a receiving organization?

(Answers)

- 1 A receiving organization means an enterprise or organization which employs or invites an cross-border traveler for business or entertainment purposes.
- 2 New entry of foreign nationals into Japan will be allowed under the supervision of receiving organizations which manage and support in providing information on necessary quarantine measures when entering Japan and securing accommodations for quarantine, confirming quarantines and health statuses.

(New entry of foreign nationals into Japan)

6 Are individual enterprises accepted as receiving organizations?

(Answers)

1 An individual enterprise that meets certain requirements is also accepted. However, they will not be accepted if the receiving organization and the cross-border traveler are the same entity because they cannot enact the required supervision.

2 Please refer to the link below for requirements.

<https://entry.hco.mhlw.go.jp/>

(New entry of foreign nationals into Japan)

7 What is required for receiving organizations?

(Answers)

1 Responsibilities of receiving organizations are as follows:

- A receiving organization should log in to the ERFS (MHLW's Entrants, Returnees Follow-up System) and apply in advance online, enter information related to a foreign national's new entry into Japan (including accommodations for quarantine), and agree to terms of the Written Pledge before entry into Japan.
- It should input necessary information on the ERFS and download the Certificate for Completion of Registration (in PDF format) and send it to the cross-border traveler(s) to Japan.
- Regarding the visa application of an cross-border traveler, the overseas diplomatic missions of Japan confirm and screen the prior application for the Certificate for Completion of Registration and necessary documents of visa application, then issue a visa. If there is any discrepancy in the content of the Certificate for Completion of Registration (name, date of birth, passport number, nationality/region) and the visa application, there will be a need to register on the ERFS once again.
- Before their arrival in Japan, cross-border travelers and returnees should be notified of how to complete entry procedures as well as the Fast Track and the Visit Japan Web service
- Home quarantine is required after entry into Japan, the cross-border traveler gets check-up of necessary information such as health status and location data via MySOS. The receiving organization is supposed to take necessary

management and support including confirming health status of the cross-border traveler at a place of self-quarantine.

- Regardless of whether there is a quarantine after entry to Japan, contact a medical facility if the cross-border traveler to Japan becomes symptomatic or becomes COVID-19 positive, and provide other required supervision and support, and please make every effort to prevent infection, including wearing a mask.

In addition, foreign nationals who are not covered by the Japanese public medical insurance may bear expensive medical costs depending on medical treatment. A receiving organization is required to make sure that their cross-border travellers to Japan prepare for unexpected burden of medical costs by taking out private medical insurances (including travel insurances which cover medical costs during their stay in Japan) in advance, so that they will not be in trouble with medial costs when they go to medical institutions in Japan, and to support them if necessary.

- 2 Please refer to the link below for the terms of your Written Pledge when you applied.
https://entry.hco.mhlw.go.jp/doc/commitment_form.pdf

(New entry of foreign nationals into Japan)

7-1 If I am traveling or returning from a country or region classified as Group “Blue.” do I still need to agree to the terms of the Written Pledge?

(Answers)

Terms of the Written Pledge which the receiving organization is supposed to agree to include those regarding actions after entry into Japan such as making every effort to prevent infection, along with on-arrival COVID-19 testing and home quarantine. Thus, it is required to agree to the terms of the Written Pledge even if the cross-border traveler or returnee comes from countries/regions classified as “Blue”.

(New entry of foreign nationals into Japan)

8 Is it possible for foreign nationals newly entering Japan to apply individually?

(Answer)

It is not possible. It is not allowed either the receiving organization and the cross-border traveler are the same entity because they cannot enact the required supervision.

(New entry of foreign nationals into Japan)

8-1 If the new entry to Japan is for a technical intern trainee, which can be the receiving organization, the supervising organization or the enterprise that actually receives the technical intern trainee?

(Answer)

In principle, as with cases of other new entries of foreign nationals to Japan, the receiving organization becomes the enterprise that actually receives the technical intern trainee (implementing organization). However, under the technical intern training system, with a view to ensuring that technical intern trainees use Fast Track and the Visit Japan Web service, the supervising organization becomes the receiving organization (except for individual-enterprise-type technical intern training). Thus, the violation of the Written Pledge will also be responsible for the supervising organization in principle.

* For further details, please confirm the details of the notifications on the homepage of the Organization for Technical Intern Trainees.

(Request) Ensuring the further use of “Fast Track” and “Visit Japan Web Service” for pre-procedures before entering Japan

<https://www.otit.go.jp/>

(New entry of foreign nationals into Japan)

9 To where must prior applications for the new entry of foreign nationals into Japan be submitted?

(Answer)

A prior application must be made online through the ERFS. Moreover, it takes about one to two days to issue the ID and password required to log in to the ERFS. Please refer to the link below for details.

<https://entry.hco.mhlw.go.jp/>

(New entry of foreign nationals into Japan)

10 Can the paperwork related to an application be entrusted to a third party?

(Answer)

The receiving organization can entrust a third party to complete the application for a log-in ID of the ERFS with the Health Monitoring Center for Overseas Entrants and the prior application procedures before entry into Japan on its behalf (Please note that, however, having an entity that is not a certified administrative procedures specialist (corporation) complete application procedures on one’s behalf for profit might violate the

Certified Administrative Procedures Legal Specialist Act.). If having the process carried out by a third party, please submit a proxy statement including the following items for an ID application.

[Required items for a letter of attorney]

1. The date of delegation/consignment
2. Delegator/cosigner: Address, name or designation, name of the representative, phone number, and email address
3. Appointee/consignee (proxy): Address, name or designation, name of the representative, phone number, and email address
4. Details of delegation/consignment: Application procedures on the ERFS and the handling of personal information therein
5. Obligation of confidentiality: the proxy are not allowed to disclose any information learned through conducting application procedures to any other person.

(New entry of foreign nationals into Japan)

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| 10-1 Is there an application period for a receiving organization to submit a prior application? |
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(Answer)

There is no application period. Meanwhile, please be aware of the time required for visa issuance and validity of the visa (See question 2 [Visa applications].)

(New entry of foreign nationals into Japan)

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| 11 How long does it take for a Certificate for Completion of Registration to be issued after an application? |
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(Answers)

- 1 The Certificate for Completion of Registration will be issued online immediately by inputting and submitting information such as the name and contact information of the receiving organization, the name, date of birth, passport number, and other required information of the cross-border traveler into the ERFS, as well as complying with the terms of the Written Pledge for the receiving organization related to the new entry of foreign nationals into Japan..
- 2 It will take one to two days that the ID and password for logging into the ERFS be issued.

(Visa applications)

1 What document is required for a visa application with an overseas diplomatic mission of Japan?

(Answers)

1 It is required to show/submit a “Certificate for Completion of Registration” that is acquired by following a predetermined application through the ERS and a set of documents from either the following web page of the MOFA or the website of an overseas diplomatic mission of Japan.

<MOFA website>

<https://www.mofa.go.jp/mofaj/toko/visa/index.html>

<List of embassies, consulates, or consular offices of Japan>

<https://www.mofa.go.jp/mofaj/annai/zaigai/list/index.html>

2 Regarding validity of a certificate of eligibility for residence status, having the submission of the following document stating that the accepting organization, etc. “is able to continue accepting the foreign national with the same activity contents as were given at the time of the application for the certificate of eligibility” is considered a valid measure.

<https://www.moj.go.jp/isa/content/930005022.pdf>

(Visa applications)

2 How long should I expect to wait until my visa is issued?

(Answer)

The processing period for visa issuance is approximately 5 working days from the day after the date of the acceptance of application as long as there are no particular problems with the content of the application.

If there is any concern with the content of the application, to require further examination, it may take longer time.

(Certificate of Testing for COVID-19)

1 Is a Certificate of Testing for COVID-19 proving negative required to enter Japan?

(Answer)

The submission of a Certificate of Testing for COVID-19 (proving negative) within 72 hours prior to departing is required regardless of whether the individual is a Japanese or foreign national. If a certificate cannot be submitted, disembarkation to Japan will not be allowed.

(Certificate of Testing for COVID-19)

2 Is there a predetermined format for a Certificate of Testing for COVID-19? What should I do if I cannot acquire certificate in the predetermined format?

(Answers)

1 Use the predetermined format for a Certificate of Testing for COVID-19. If it is difficult to acquire a Certificate of Testing for COVID-19 in the predetermined format, the submission of a form in another format may also be accepted. However, it is required to fulfill the content that must be described in a Certificate of Testing for COVID-19.

2 Please refer to the link below for details, including the predetermined format.

(MHLW: Submission of a Certificate of Testing for COVID-19)

https://www.mhlw.go.jp/stf/seisakunitsuite/bunya/0000121431_00248.html

(Fast Track)

1 What is Fast Track? Can it be used with these New Measures?

(Answer)

- 1 Some quarantine procedures for entering Japan can be done before arriving in Japan through a smartphone App called MySOS.
- 2 With Fast Track, procedures can be completed to confirm documents, including Certificates of Testing for COVID-19, Written Pledges, and COVID-19 vaccination certificates. Please refer to the link below for details.

<https://www.hco.mhlw.go.jp/fasttrack/>

(Fast Track)

2 Should a foreign national use Fast Track to newly enter Japan?

(Answers)

- 1 If an cross-border traveler prepares a smartphone before arriving in Japan and Fast Track is usable at the airport of arrival, before entering Japan, they must (1) install MySOS, (2) enter as much certificate data as possible into MySOS before entering Japan and have completed pre-screening.
- 2 Please refer to the link below for details.

<https://www.hco.mhlw.go.jp/fasttrack/>

(MySOS)

1 Why does the App designated by the MHLW need to be installed on the smartphone of cross-border traveler and returnee to Japan?

(Answers)

- 1 During the quarantine period after entry into Japan, the MHLW (the Health Monitoring Center for Overseas Entrants) will follow up on cross-border travelers and returnees' health status, location data, address information through MySOS.
- 2 Therefore, a receiving organization should please notify cross-border travelers and returnees for whom a home quarantine is required to install MySOS if the cross-border travelers and returnees can prepare a smartphone before arriving in Japan.
- 3 Cross-border travelers and returnees to Japan from countries/regions in Group “Blue” and cross-border travelers and returnees to Japan from countries/regions in Group “Yellow” who obtain valid COVID-19 vaccination certificates (with a third dose) will not be subject to tests at airport quarantines or have a home quarantine required. Cross-border travelers and returnees to Japan from countries/regions in Group “Red” who do not obtain valid COVID-19 vaccination certificates (with third doses) must undergo quarantine at a specific facility designated by the Chief of the Quarantine Station. Therefore, travelers are not subject to follow-ups through MySOS in any of the above cases. However, they are requested to install the MySOS App before entering Japan to ensure smooth quarantine procedures with “Fast Track.”.

(MySOS)

2 How do I download and set up the App designated by the MHLW (MySOS)?

(Answers)

- 1 Please refer to the “User Guide” on the website of the Health Monitoring Center for Overseas Entrants.
(The Health Monitoring Center for Overseas Entrants)
<https://www.hco.mhlw.go.jp/>
- 2 If you have individual details you are unclear about, please contact:
 - followup@hco.mhlw.go.jp or
 - Phone: 03-6757-1038

Furthermore, please contact us by email when possible because the phone line is extremely busy.

(MySOS)

3 What should I do when I cannot install the App designated by the MHLW while overseas?

(Answer)

If you can bring a smartphone to Japan, please install the App immediately after your plane lands in Japan. Furthermore, after disembarking in Japan, if it is determined that the smartphone you brought cannot install the App, you will need to rent a smartphone (at your own expense) at the airport (quarantine).

(MySOS)

4 What should cross-border traveler and returnee to Japan do if they cannot bring a smartphone to Japan?

(Answer)

After disembarking in Japan, you will need to rent a smartphone at your own expense at the airport of arrival (quarantine).

(What do you do if you become COVID-19 positive?)

1 What should be done if it is found that cross-border traveler and returnee to Japan test COVID-19 positive during a COVID-19 test at quarantine when entering Japan?

(Answer)

You will need to follow directions of the Chief of the Quarantine Station and recuperate at a specific facility designated by the Chief of the Quarantine Station. In this situation, the quarantine period cannot be shortened.

(What do you do if you become COVID-19 positive?)

2 What should be done if cross-border traveler and returnee to Japan become COVID-19 positive, is a close contact of someone during a flight, or becomes symptomatic?

(Answers)

- 1 If cross-border travelers and returnees become COVID-19 positive during the period of home quarantine, the relaxation of their quarantine period will not be allowed. After immediately having an examination at a medical facility, please follow instructions from a public health center or another facility if you receive them.
- 2 If cross-border travelers and returnees are designated as a close contact, the Health Monitoring Center for Overseas Entrants will notify the cross-border travelers and returnees through MySOS. If they become a close contact, a 7-day quarantine will become necessary, and their quarantine period cannot be eased. However, if they test negative on the fourth or fifth day using a qualitative antigen kit and submit their negative test result through “MySOS (the Health and Location Monitoring App for Overseas Entrants),” it is possible to end the quarantine on the fifth day.
- 3 If it is reported that cross-border travelers and returnees are symptomatic, an automated call from the Health Monitoring Center for Overseas Entrants will link to a public health center as necessary. In this situation, the quarantine cannot be eased. Please follow instructions from a public health center or another facility if you receive them.
- 4 Additionally, if it is determined during a genome test of a COVID-19 positive individual at an airport quarantine that you are the close contact of someone who tested

COVID-19 positive for a COVID-19 strain other than Omicron (such as the Delta strain), please be aware that your quarantine period will be 14 days.

(Home quarantine at a place other than a specific facility designated by the Chief of the Quarantine Station)

1 Is a single room required when cross-border traveler and returnee to Japan secure a place for quarantine?

(Answer)

Supervision by single room is required in principle during the quarantine period to prevent the spread of infections.

2 Is a home recognized as a place for quarantine?

(Answer)

In principle, if supervision by single room can be guaranteed, a home is also recognized. Please refer to the link below for points of caution.

(MHLW: COVID-19 Q&A [for the general public])

https://www.mhlw.go.jp/stf/seisakunitsuite/bunya/kenkou_iryuu/dengue_fever_qa_00001.html#Q3-2

(Health monitoring)

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| 1 How should a newly entering foreign national's health be monitored specifically (as per the terms of a receiving organization's pledge)? |
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(Answers)

- 1 If a home quarantine is necessary, basically, please ask foreign nationals to take their temperature daily and check whether they have COVID-19 symptoms, including fever, respiratory symptoms, and fatigue.
- 2 If confirmed as symptomatic, please contact a medical facility immediately for consultation or examination as needed and follow instructions from a public health center or another facility if you receive them.

(Violation of a Written Pledge)

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| 1 What measure should be taken when cross-border traveler and returnee to Japan or receiving organization violates a Written Pledge or the terms of a pledge? |
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(Answers)

- 1 If cross-border travelers and returnees violate the Written Pledge they sign at quarantine when entering Japan (including if there has been a false statement. Hereafter the same.), in addition to the possibility that their names and other information that contribute to preventing the spread of infection may be made public by the relevant authority, such as the MHLW, They may be detained according to the provisions of the Quarantine Act. Moreover, foreign nationals may also be subject to the revocation of their residence status, procedures for deportation under Immigration Control and Refugee Recognition Law.
- 2 Additionally, if a receiving organization violates the terms of the pledge when it was signed, or if cross-border travelers and returnees violate their Written Pledge, the enterprise/organization name of the receiving organization may be made public. Additionally, the receiving organization's applications related to the new entry of foreign nationals may not be accepted in the future.