

New measures for border enforcement (5)

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As the Government of Japan (GOJ) declared the state of emergency under Act on Special Measures for Pandemic Influenza and New Infectious Diseases Preparedness and Response, all those who enter, re-enter, or return to Japan will be requested to submit a certificate of pre-entry COVID-19 testing result within 72 hours prior to departure and undergo a COVID-19 test upon arrival, until the lifting of the state of emergency. The details are as follows.

1. All Japanese nationals and foreign nationals with the status of residence (except for those who are entering Japan through “Business Track” or “Residence Track”), who are returning to or re-entering Japan from countries/regions not subject to denial of permission to entry (except for countries/regions whose authorities have announced the confirmation of domestic infection of new variant of coronavirus), are requested to submit a certificate of pre-entry COVID-19 testing result within 72 hours prior to departure and undergo a COVID-19 test upon arrival.
2. All Japanese nationals, who are returning to Japan from countries/regions subject to denial of permission to entry (except for countries/regions whose authorities have announced the confirmation of domestic infection of new variant of coronavirus), are also requested to submit a certificate of pre-entry COVID-19 testing result within 72 hours prior to departure.
3. Those who cannot submit the certificate of negative pre-entry COVID-19 testing result mentioned in 2. and 3. above will be requested to stay at specific accommodation facilities designated by the Chief of the Quarantine Station. On the third day of the arrival to Japan, they will take the COVID-19 test again. Those with negative result in this test will be requested to pledge to retain the location data (installing COVID-19 Contact-Confirming Application (COCOA) and recording the location data), to leave the accommodation facilities designated by the Quarantine Station, and to self-quarantine at home during the remaining period of 14 days after entering Japan.

(Provisional translation)

4. All foreign nationals, who are entering Japan through “Business Track” and “Residence Track” from countries/regions not subject to denial of permission to entry into Japan, also undergo a COVID-19 test upon arrival.

5. All foreign nationals, who are entering Japan through “Residence Track” from countries/regions not subject to denial of permission to entry into Japan, are also requested to submit a certificate of pre-entry COVID-19 testing result within 72 hours prior to departure and have their hosting company/entity so pledge in “Written Pledge” form.

6. Japanese nationals and foreign nationals with the status of residence, who are entering Japan through “Business Track,” also undergo the COVID-19 test upon arrival. Additionally, they are requested to submit a certificate of pre-entry COVID-19 testing result within 72 hours prior to departure regardless of duration of their visit prior to arrival to Japan and have their hosting company/entity so pledge in “Written Pledge” form.

Note: The quarantine measures mentioned above will be implemented at 0:00 am (JST) on January 9, 2021. However, submission of the certificate of pre-entry COVID-19 testing result mentioned above will be requested to those who enter, re-enter, or return to Japan after 0:00 am (JST) on January 13, 2021.

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