

January 21, 2021

To all faculty, staff and students,

New Japanese Government Border Enforcement Measures

Taking into account the current coronavirus infection developments, the Japanese Government has established new measures concerning border enforcement as follows.

The measures for border enforcement are reviewed and reviewed daily, therefore, any persons who plan to accept visitors from abroad or travel abroad need to confirm the information on the Ministry of Foreign Affairs website and check the latest information from Japanese Embassy for your destination.

【Suspension of entry into Japan from all countries and regions】

1. The frameworks of the “Residence Track” (entry for mid-to long term residents: ex. international students) and the “Business Track” (for short-term stays for business) are suspended.
2. Countries/regions to be covered under the above suspended frameworks
Thailand, Vietnam, Malaysia, Cambodia, Laos, Myanmar, Taiwan, Singapore, Brunei, Republic of Korea, China
3. Period of Suspension
From 0:00 am (JST) January 14, 2021 until the state of emergency declarations is lifted (February 8, 2021)

【Border Enforcement】

1. When entering Japan, regardless of nationality, all those who enter, re-enter or return to Japan will be required to submit certificate of negative result of COVID-19 test (hereinafter referred to as “certificate of negative test result”) conducted within 72 hours before departure.
2. Without certificate of negative test result, they will be requested to stay at quarantine station-approved accommodations. Under the quarantine act, they may be detained if you do not follow instructions of quarantine officers.
3. All those who enter, re-enter or return to Japan are also subject to taking a COVID-19 test upon arrival.
4. Those who enter, re-enter or return to Japan from the United Kingdom or South Africa will be requested to stay at quarantine station-approved accommodations, even if the result of the airport quarantine test in 3 above is negative.
5. If those who enter, re-enter or return to Japan from overseas (except the United Kingdom and South Africa) cannot submit a certificate of negative test result, they will be required to stay at quarantine station-approved accommodations. ※Please refer to the attached quarantine flowchart for details.

6. All those who enter, re-enter or return to Japan are now required to submit a pledge to refrain from using public transportation for 14 days, to self-quarantine at home or outside accommodations for 14 days and to provide their location data to health offices, etc. if requested, when entering Japan.
7. Persons who violate this pledge may be subject to detention under Quarantine Act and their names may be made public. For foreign nationals with status of residence, they may be subject to revocation of that status and deportation procedures under the Immigration Control and Refugee Recognition Law.
8. As of today, the above measures, from 1 to 7, will be executed for the time being, regardless of whether the state of emergency declarations is lifted.

《Reference URLs》

Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Japan

「Phased Measures for Resuming Cross-Border Travel」

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

https://www.mofa.go.jp/ca/cp/page22e_000925.html (English)

「Border enforcement measures to prevent the spread of novel coronavirus (COVID-19)」

https://www.mofa.go.jp/mofaj/ca/fna/page4_005130.html#no2 (Japanese)

https://www.mofa.go.jp/ca/fna/page4e_001053.html#no2 (English)

Ministry of Health, Labour and Welfare

「New Measures for Border Enforcement」

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

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Quarantine procedures after January 9, 2021

【 Measures 】
 Regardless of nationality, all those who enter, re-enter or return to Japan are required to submit a certificate of negative result of COVID-19 test conducted within 72 hours before departure.
 Without this certificate, they will be asked to stay at quarantine station-approved accommodations (hereinafter "Approved Accommodations"). Under the quarantine act, they may be detained if not following quarantine officers' instructions.
 All those who enter, re-enter or return to Japan must submit a pledge. If this is violated, they may be subject to detention under the Quarantine Act and their names may be made public. For foreign nationals with status of residence, they may be subject to revocation of that status and deportation procedures under the Immigration Control and Refugee Recognition Law.

