

COVID19 Quarantine Instructions

COVID19 test is mandatory for all inbound passengers and the test fee is free. Different further actions required depend on their residential status in South Korea and where they have boarded from.

Long-term visitors who received quarantine exemption certificate before arriving in South Korea	Will get COVID19 test at airport . Those who confirmed to be COVID19 negative can leave airport and not required to do 2 weeks of self-isolation. However, it is mandatory to answer all phone call checks by KCDC (which will be once or twice a day) and also need to upload their physical conditions on the app on a daily basis.
South Korean citizens who visited China under the special-approval track (effective from May 2020) and stayed in China for 1~7 days	
ALL Short-term visitors	Will get COVID19 test at airport . For the first 2 weeks in South Korea, they are not allowed to stay at any other accommodations except the quarantine facility designated by the government.
South Korean citizens and Long-term visitors boarded from US/Europe without having quarantine exemption certificate	Need to get COVID19 test within 3 days upon arrival. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Those who stay at one of the government quarantine facilities will get tested while staying at the facility. - Those who stay at their direct family member's own residence in South Korea will be advised to visit the nearest public health center to get tested.
South Korean citizens and Long-term visitors boarded from other countries without having quarantine exemption certificate	Need to get COVID19 test within 14 days upon arrival. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Those who stay at one of the government quarantine facilities will get tested while staying at the facility. - Those who stay at their direct family member's own residence in South Korea will be advised to visit the nearest public health center to get tested.
South Korean citizens who visited China under the special-approval track (effective from May 2020) and stayed in China for 8 days or longer	

Except for the cases marked in blue color, all inbound passengers are required to follow the government's home quarantine rules on page 2 for their first 2 weeks in South Korea.

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To protect other people in the community from possible infections,

- ✓ all inbound passengers are required to install the "home quarantine safety protection" app on their mobile phones. **Those who refuse to install this app will be immediately deported.** This app will be used to conduct self-diagnosis during their 2 weeks of self-isolation. More information will be provided by government officers at airport.



- ✓ **all inbound passengers are NOT allowed to take public transportation when leaving the airport.**
 - For those moving to the government's quarantine facilities, the government will provide a designated transit vehicle. Transportation will be provided for free, however, please note that those who stay at one of the government's quarantine facilities need to pay 100,000 Korean Won per day per person.
 - For those going to their own residence, they must use their personal car and should not make any stops in other locations while on the way home. As soon as they arrive home, they need to make a phone call to their local public health center to inform that they are under quarantine and arrive at their residence.
- ✓ **all inbound passengers are NOT allowed to leave their quarantine location for 2 weeks upon arrival.** For example, if you arrived in South Korea on May 1, you are required to stay under mandatory quarantine until 24:00 of May 15.

If they need to leave their home for essential needs (e.g. getting medical care), they must need to notify their local public health center first by a phone call. **Those who leave their quarantine location without notifying their public health center will be considered as quarantine rule violators and will be subject to penalties.** As for the penalties, ALL the below-listed measures will be considered by the government:

- Mandatory to wear an electronic wristband for the rest of their quarantine period
 - A maximum of 3-years imprisonment
 - A fine of up to 20 million Won / Compensation claim lodged by the district city government
 - Visa & ARC cancellation / Deportation / Entry ban
- ✓ all inbound passengers are required to immediately report to their local public health center by a phone call if they begin to show any suspected COVID19 symptoms – such as fever, cough, shortness of breath, or other respiratory symptoms – during 2 weeks of self-isolation.

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COVID19 Entry Restrictions

Suspension of Re-entry Permit Exemption for ARC Holders / From 1 June 2020

1. When ARC holders temporarily leave South Korea

Need to obtain a re-entry permit before departure from South Korea. **If an ARC holder leaves South Korea without getting a re-entry permit before departure, his/her ARC will be de-registered.**

(Exemption: A1, A2, A3, F4 visa holders)

✓ How to apply

There are 2 options available. 1 more option will be newly launched in the mid of June.

- Apply at the district immigration office. Before visiting the immigration office, ARC holders need to make an online reservation at www.hikorea.go.kr
- Apply at the immigration office at the airport. ARC holders can apply for a re-entry permit at the airport immigration office on the day of their departure.
- Apply via online website www.hikorea.go.kr. Application system for re-entry permit is not launched yet as of May 27. The government is in the progress of developing the online application system and target to launch it in the mid of June.

✓ Required documents

- 1) Report Form
- 2) Application Form for Re-entry Permit
- 3) Consent for Medical Examination and Submission of Diagnosis before re-entry
- 4) Original & Copy of Passport
- 5) Original & Copy of ARC
- 6) Government fee in Cash (KRW 30,000 per person)

2. When ARC holders come back to South Korea

Need to obtain a medical diagnosis in English issued from any of the local clinics/hospitals within 48 hours before onboarding their flights to South Korea. **If an ARC holder coming back to South Korea without a medical certificate, his/her entry will be restricted.**

(Exemption: A1, A2, A3, F4 visa holders & entrants who obtained a quarantine exemption certificate from the South Korean Embassy)

There are no designated hospitals/forms for this medical certificate. They need to visit any of the local hospitals/clinics in the onboarding country within 48 hours before onboarding their flights to South Korea. Required documents and test fee will be varied depends on each hospital's policy.

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A diagnosis must be issued in English or Korean by an authorized local medical institute and must include ALL the followings:

- the date of examination
- the presence/absence of 1) fever, 2) cough, 3) chills, 4) headache, 5) difficulty of breathing, 6) muscle pain, 7) pulmonary symptoms
- signature of a medical examiner

It does not have to include a COVID19 test result. However, a medical certificate listing a COVID19 negative result will be also considered as a valid diagnosis if the test was conducted within 48 hours before onboarding their flight to South Korea.

Suspension of Visa Waiver Program / From 13 April 2020

The South Korean government will temporarily suspend visa waiver programs for citizens from 90 countries which imposing entry bans/limits on South Korean citizens over the new coronavirus. **Effective from 13 April 2020, citizens from the below-listed countries must obtained a proper visa before coming to South Korea as visa-free entry will not be permitted until further notice.**

Antigua and Barbuda / Argentina / Austria / Australia / Bahamas / Bahrain / Belgium /
Bosnia and Herzegovina / Botswana / Brazil / Brunei / Bulgaria / Canada / Chile / Colombia /
Costa Rica / Croatia / Cyprus / Czech Republic / Denmark / Dominican Republic / Ecuador /
El Salvador / Estonia / Eswatini / Fiji / Finland / France / Germany / Greece / Grenada / Guatemala /
Haiti / Honduras / Hong Kong / Hungary / Iceland / Israel / Italy / Jamaica / Kazakhstan / Kiribati /
Kuwait / Latvia / Lesotho / Liechtenstein / Lithuania / Luxembourg / Macau / Malaysia /
Marshall Islands / Mauritius / Micronesia / Montenegro / Morocco / Nauru / Netherlands /
New Zealand / Norway / Oman / Panama / Paraguay / Peru / Poland / Portugal / Qatar / Romania /
Russia / Saint Lucia / Samoa / Saudi Arabia / Serbia / Seychelles / Singapore / Slovakia /
Solomon Islands / South Africa / Spain / Suriname / Sweden / Switzerland / Taiwan / Thailand /
Tonga / Trinidad and Tobago / Tunisia / Turkey / Tuvalu / UAE / Uruguay

Entry Ban / From 4 February 2020

- ✓ All passengers who visited the Hubei Province, China within the past 2 weeks.
- ✓ All passengers who take transit flights from the Hubei Province, China before coming to South Korea.
- ✓ All visitors using passports issued from the Hubei Province, China.

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Visa Restrictions

✓ All visa applicants

Regardless of visa type, all applicants need to have an interview and get a medical test at one of the hospitals designated by the South Korean Embassy in his/her residence country within 48 hours before/after application submission.

The central government announced that this new procedure will be applied from 13 April 2020 worldwide. However, exact details about enforcement date, procedures, medical test exemptions (e.g. minor children, pregnant women, etc.) will be varied depends on each Embassy's judgment and local circumstances. Hence, it is important to check in detail with the relevant South Korean Embassy before applicants visit there.

✓ C1 and C3 type visa holders

If a foreigner has a C1 (short-term news reporters) or C3 (short-term visit in general) type visa issued from any of the South Korean Consulate offices worldwide before 5 April 2020 and not arrived in South Korea yet as of 9 April 2020, then his/her C type visa has been invalidated as of 9 April 2020.

Those whose C type visa has been invalidated need to contact the South Korean Embassy in his/her current residence country by themselves to check the re-applying application process.

C4 visa holders (short-term employment) are not included in this visa invalidation measure.

✓ Chinese Citizens / From 4 February 2020

Visa-free program in Jeju island has been suspended.

All visas issued from the Korean Consulate office in Wuhan, China before 4 February 2020 have been invalidated as of 4 February 2020.

✓ Japanese Citizens / From 9 March 2020

90 days of visa-waiver agreement has been suspended for all Japanese citizens.

All visas issued from the South Korean Consulate offices in Japan before 9 March 2020 have been invalidated as of 9 March 2020.

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