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(Overview of the Border Measures)

1 Please clarify an overview of the Current Border Measures (Japanese quarantine Measures).

(Answer)

- 1 All returnees and entrants are in principle, no longer required to undertake on-arrival test, quarantine at home or accommodations after entering Japan, to follow up health condition during the quarantine period, and to avoid the use of public transportation.
- 2 However, all returnees and entrants are required to show either a valid vaccination certificate of three doses of vaccines prescribed on the Emergency Use Listing of the World Health Organization (WHO), or a certificate of negative test result of pre-departure COVID-19 test conducted within 72 hours prior to departure.

Have a valid vaccination certificate	Negative certificate (Pre-departure test)	Questionnaires	On-arrival test	Quarantine period after entry
Yes	Not required	Required	Not required	Not required
No	Required			

※The above measures are applied from 0:00 JST on October 11, 2022. (They are also applied to those who have already entered Japan from the same time.)

- 3 Regardless of the paragraph 1 above, returnees and entrants with symptoms of suspected COVID-19 infection will be tested upon arrival. If you are found to be positive by on-arrival test, you must recuperate at a specific facility designated by the Chief of the Quarantine Station.
- 4 Furthermore, please be aware that the above Measures may change suddenly depending on the state of infections inside and outside Japan in the future.

(Overview of the Border Measures)

2 Where can I find the latest information and related materials on the Border Measures?

(Answer)

Related information and documentation are posted on web pages, the Ministry of Justice (MOJ), the Ministry of Foreign Affairs (MOFA), and the Ministry of Health, Labor and Welfare (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

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3 What precautions should I take when entering and returning to Japan from overseas?

(Answer)

1 Please check your own temperature before departure, and refrain from traveling if you have a fever or feel unwell.

2 Please take the countermeasures to prevent the spread of the infection such as wearing a mask as necessary*, sanitizing your hands, and avoiding three Cs (closed spaces, crowded places, close-contact settings).

*Please refer to the following link.

Mask Use in Community Settings

https://www.mhlw.go.jp/content/mask_communitysetting.pdf

Mask Use for Children

https://www.mhlw.go.jp/content/mask_children.pdf

3 Please be sure to use the Fast Track (※1) and Visit Japan Web (※2) to ensure smooth quarantine procedures to Japan.

(※1) Fast Track : Pre-registration via MySOS app or MySOS Web to handle some quarantine procedures before entry into Japan from overseas.

(※2) Visit Japan Web : A web service provided by Digital Agency that visitors (including Japanese and the foreigners who have reentry permits) can use for quarantine, immigration and customs procedures in order to enter Japan.

- 4 Quarantine measures are taken upon arrival in Japan, such as collecting Questionnaires and monitoring temperature for all entrants, and conducting tests for COVID-19 for symptomatic entrants. Those who are not feeling well upon arrival are requested to report themselves to a quarantine officer.

- 5 Any costs and burdens incurred when you cannot use the public transportation arranged due to quarantine procedures after arrival will be the responsibility of the passenger. We kindly ask for your understanding of the quarantine procedures, and please plan well in advance when arranging connecting flights such as staying overnight near the airport, if you arrive later in the evening.

(COVID-19 vaccination certificate)

1 What are the conditions for a vaccination certificate to be accepted as valid?

(Answer)

1 Vaccination certificates accepted as valid need to meet the conditions of (1) through (3).

- (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 certificate must clearly show that you have received 3 doses of any of the following vaccines prescribed on the Emergency Use Listing of the World Health Organization (WHO).

Vaccine name	Major manufacturer
COMIRNATY intramuscular injection COMIRNATY RTU intramuscular injection	Pfizer BioNTech Fosun Pharma
Spikevax intramuscular injection	Moderna
Vaxzevria intramuscular injection	AstraZeneca
Covishield	Serum Institute of India
JCOVDEN intramuscular injection	Janssen
COVAXIN	Bharat Biotech
Nuvaxovid intramuscular injection	Novavax
COVOVAX	Serum Institute of India
Covilo BBIBP-CorV Inactivated COVID-19 Vaccine (Vero Cell)	Sinopharm/Beijing Institute of Biological Products
CoronaVac COVID-19 Vaccine (Vero Cell), Inactivated	Sinovac
CONVIDECIA	CanSino Biologics

* For the JCOVDEN intramuscular injection/Janssen and CONVIDECIA/CanSino Biologics, only in case of primary series, one dose is considered equivalent to two doses.

* Doses will also be considered valid even if each dose are not the same vaccine.

2 Please check the website below for details.

(MHLW: Vaccine Certificate for Quarantine)

https://www.mhlw.go.jp/stf/covid-19/border_vaccine.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 those prescribed on the Emergency Use Listing of the World Health Organization (those listed in Q1) is approved. In this situation, will my vaccination certificate be accepted as valid even if I took such a vaccine?

(Answer)

- 1 It will not be accepted. At present, only vaccines prescribed on the Emergency Use Listing of the World Health Organization (those listed in Q1) are accepted as valid.
- 2 The vaccines with the same product names manufactured under license of technologies from the makers of vaccines prescribed on the Emergency Use Listing of the World Health Organization are also valid.

(COVID-19 vaccination certificate)

4 How is the number of doses, etc. treated for the Janssen and CanSino Biologics vaccine?

(Answer)

For JCOVDEN intramuscular injection/Janssen and CONVIDECIA/CanSino Biologics, only in case of primary series, one dose is considered equivalent to two.

※For example, if inoculated with Pfizer for the first dose and with Janssen for the second dose, the primary series will be considered completed, but a booster shot (third dose) will not be considered completed.

(COVID-19 vaccination certificate)

5 I have received vaccines prescribed on the Emergency Use Listing of the World Health Organization (those listed in Q1). However, the names of vaccines and manufacturer written in my vaccination certificate are slightly different from those listed in Q1. Is it valid?

(Answer)

1 If you have received vaccines prescribed on the Emergency Use Listing of the World Health Organization, the vaccination certificate is accepted as valid, even if the names of vaccines and manufacturer are not entirely consistent with those listed in Q1.

2 The vaccines with the same product names manufactured under license of technologies from the makers of vaccines prescribed on the Emergency Use Listing of the World Health Organization are also valid.

(COVID-19 vaccination certificate)

5-1 I have received the vaccine manufactured by Sinopharm/Sinovac. However, the vaccine name written on my vaccination certificate is indicated “Vero Cell” only. Is it valid?

(Answer)

If the certificates can verify that you have received the third dose and meet other requirements, it will be accepted as valid.

(COVID-19 vaccination certificate)

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

(Answer)

If the total number of vaccinations is 3 or more with any of the vaccines prescribed on the Emergency Use Listing of the World Health Organization (those listed in Q1), it will also be considered valid even if each dose are not the same vaccine .

* For the JCOVDEN intramuscular Injection/Janssen and CONVIDECIA/CanSino Biologics, only in case of primary series, one dose is considered equivalent to two doses.

(COVID-19 vaccination certificate)

7 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?

(Answer)

1 Vaccination certificate

- must contain inoculation information indicating the vaccine type, the date of inoculation, and that it is the third dose (For example, 3/3 (if Janssen's vaccine has been inoculated, 2/2)),
- and separately, for Fast Track registration and quarantine checks, etc., if it can be confirmed that the vaccines that you received for your first or second dose were those prescribed on the Emergency Use Listing of the World Health Organization (those listed in Q1), it will be accepted 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. 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 the third dose.

(COVID-19 vaccination certificate)

10-1 In my country, the vaccination certificate has an expiration date. Will an expired vaccination certificate be accepted as a valid certificate?

(Answer)

If the certificates can verify that you have received third dose and meet other requirements, it will be accepted as valid.

(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. (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 you use Fast Track, two-dimensional codes of EUDCCs, ICAO-VDS, or SMART Health Cards are acceptable.

(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?

(Answer)

- 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)

13-1 Is it allowed to use the Japanese government's official application, "COVID-19 Vaccination Certificate Application" ?

(Answer)

- 1 Vaccination certificate issued by the "COVID-19 Vaccination Certificate Application" officially provided by the Japanese government (Digital Agency) will be treated as valid certificate as long as it proves three doses or more.
- 2 When you use Fast Track, please upload an image created using the function "Save this certificate as an image" or "Save 2D code as an image" in VDS-NC format (*) in the COVID-19 Vaccination Certificate Application or screenshot that includes your name, date of birth, and the number of doses (3 or more).

*Please use the “Save 2D code as image” function after confirming that “VDS-NC” is selected under the 2D code display in the app (“VDS-NC is selected by default). In the SHC format, the 2D code does not contain the count information.

※ Please check the following website of the Digital Agency for how to use the “COVID-19 Vaccination Certificate Application”.

<https://www.digital.go.jp/policies/vaccinecert/>

(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 Do children also need a COVID-19 vaccination certificate?

(Answer)

- 1 Children who obtain valid vaccination certificates are not required to obtain a negative certificate of testing for COVID-19 conducted within 72 hours before departure.
- 2 For children under the age of 18 without a valid vaccination certificate, if they are accompanied by a guardian with a valid vaccination certificate and who will supervise the children, they will be treated as holders of valid vaccination certificates, and submission of the negative certificates is exempted the same as the guardian as an exception.

*If children under the age of 18 without 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.

(Certificate of Testing for COVID-19 (proving negative) within 72 hours prior to departure)

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

(Answer)

- 1 Both Japanese and foreigners who obtain valid vaccination certificates will not be required to obtain certificate of testing for COVID-19 (proving negative) within 72 hours prior to departure.
- 2 Both Japanese and foreigners who do not obtain valid vaccination certificates will be required to obtain certificate of testing for COVID-19 (proving negative) within 72 hours prior to departure.
- 3 If you cannot submit any of the certificates, you will not be permitted to land in Japan.

(Certificate of Testing for COVID-19 (proving negative) within 72 hours prior to departure)

1-1 If children do not hold a valid vaccination certificate, are children also required a COVID-19 negative certificate?

(Answer)

- 1 For children under the age of 18 without holding a valid vaccination certificate, if they are accompanied by a guardian with a valid vaccination certificate and who will supervise the children, they will be treated as holders of valid vaccination certificates. Therefore the submission of the negative certificates is exempted the same as the guardian as an exception.
*If children under the age of 18 without holding vaccination certificates enter Japan alone (without being accompanied by a guardian with a valid vaccination certificate), they are not eligible for the above exception.
- 2 In case the accompanying guardian does not hold a valid vaccination certificate and enters Japan with a negative certificate, preschool-aged children (generally under the age of 6) are not required a negative certificate.

(Certificate of Testing for COVID-19 (proving negative) within 72 hours prior to departure)

2 Is it allowed to use formats other than the template provided by the MHLW?

(Answer)

- 1 Any certificate made without using the template posted on the MHLW website is valid as long as it satisfies all of the items including a valid specimen and testing method. When using such optional format, it may take time to check the certificates during boarding procedure at a departure place and landing procedures in Japan, so we strongly encourage to use the “Fast Track” method of pre-screening when entering or returning to the country.

- 2 Please refer to the link below for details, including the reference format indicated by the MHLW.

(MHLW: **Border Measures**: Certificate of Testing for COVID-19 Prior to Departing)

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

(Fast Track)

1 What is Fast Track?

(Answer)

- 1 Some quarantine procedures for entering Japan can be done before arrival in Japan through an internet called MySOS Web and smartphone App called MySOS.
- 2 With Fast Track, procedures can be completed before entry including answering to questionnaires and confirming documents such as vaccination certificates, or Certificate of Testing for COVID-19 (proving negative) within 72 hours prior to departure. Please refer to the link below for details.

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

(Fast Track)

2 Do I need to use Fast Track?

(Answer)

- 1 It is highly recommended to use the Fast Track in order to prevent congestion and delays upon arrival. With Fast Track, please complete some procedures prior to arrival including answers to questionnaires, confirmation of vaccination certificates or Certificate of Testing for COVID-19 (proving negative) within 72 hours prior to departure.
- 2 Please refer to the link below for details.

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

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

1 What should be done if entrants are found to be COVID-19 positive by on-arrival 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.

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

2 What should be done if you become COVID-19 positive or symptomatic after entering Japan?

(Answer)

If you have COVID-19 symptoms, including fever, respiratory symptoms, and fatigue after entering Japan, please check the website of the local governments where you are staying, and follow their guidances. When you contact the consultation service, please follow the guidances and instructions provided from the local governments, etc.

➤ Contact information for prefectural COVID-19 consultation center

The following website provides information on consultation and medical care related to the COVID-19 as well as contact information for consultation centers published by each prefecture. (Japanese only)

https://www.mhlw.go.jp/stf/seisakunitsuite/bunya/kenkou_iryuu/covid19-kikokusyasessyokusya.html

➤ Prefectural consultation service for foreigners

The following website provides contact information, opening hours and available languages for consultation service for foreigners.

<https://www.c19.mhlw.go.jp/area-en.html>

➤ MHLW Call Center for COVID-19

【Phone number】 0120-565-653

【Opening Hours/Languages Supported】 Everyday including weekends and holidays.

English, Chinese, Korean, Portuguese and Spanish: 9:00-21:00, Thai: 9:00-18:00,

Vietnamese: 10:00-19:00