

Administrative Circular
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To: Foreign International Airline
Foreign Aircraft Operator

Director
International Air Transport Division
Civil Aviation Bureau

Treatment at the time of entry of crew on board aircraft from a foreign country to/from Japan

Cabin crews and flight crews (hereinafter referred to as “Crew”) who are on board aircraft to/from Japan and need to enter Japan for business and depart from Japan at a later date, will be treated as follows on and after 11 October 2022 based on “New Border Measures (34)” as of 26 September 2022.

- (1) Crew who have been tested*¹ within 72 hours prior to departure or who are 3 doses of vaccine recipients*² will be exempted from the behavioral restrictions during their stay in Japan.

*¹ Provided that the following test requirements specified by the Ministry of Health, Labor and Welfare are met, and the airline manages to meet the test requirements for the Crew.
<https://www.mhlw.go.jp/content/000825143.pdf>

*² “Vaccines specified by the Government of Japan” Ministry of Health, Labour and Welfare website
https://www.mhlw.go.jp/stf/seisakunitsuite/bunya/border_vaccine.html

<Points to note>

- When departing abroad: The airline must check for symptoms of Crew and not allow the Crew with symptoms to board the flight. The airline shall also provide a list of Crew by the time specified by the quarantine station.
- In-flight: The airline must check to see if any Crew on board is exhibiting symptoms. If, as a result of the check, there is a Crew who is exhibiting symptoms, the airline shall notify the quarantine station of the fact that a person exhibiting symptoms is on board at the time of prior notification to the quarantine station as specified in Article 6 of the Quarantine Act.
- When entering Japan: The airline shall conduct health checks of Crew, and if symptoms are present, they shall be subject to test upon entry, and the airline shall be responsible for conducting test of symptomatic Crew and other Crew on the same flight. In such cases, the flight crew and cabin crew are not considered to be on the same flight since they work in a segregated area. Crew must also sign the attached declaration form and submit it to the quarantine officer regarding planned activities in Japan.
- After entering Japan: Crew must implement basic infection control measures based on the following guidelines*³ set forth by the Government of Japan. The airline should thoroughly conduct the necessary health observations of Crew.

^{*3} Ministry of Health, Labour and Welfare website
https://www.mhlw.go.jp/stf/covid-19/kenkou-iryousoudan.html#h2_1

(2) Crew other than those listed in (1) above do not need to possess either a vaccination certificate (3 doses) and a negative test certificate taken within 72 hours prior to departure, provided that it is the responsibility of the airline to implement the following behavioral restrictions.

Stay in a private room in one of the following hotels secured by the airline and refrain from going out.

- Hotels adjacent to the airport
- Hotels in the city (transportation between the airport and the hotel must be by private vehicle)

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- After entering Japan: Crew must implement basic infection control measures based on the following guidelines^{*3} set forth by the Government of Japan, and implement any necessary behavioral restrictions under the responsibility of the airline. The airline should thoroughly conduct the necessary health observations and keep track of movements of Crew.

^{*3} Ministry of Health, Labour and Welfare website
https://www.mhlw.go.jp/stf/covid-19/kenkou-iryousoudan.html#h2_1

Attachment: Declaration of plans for stay in Japan

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