

# South Korea Quarantine/ Immigration regulation for crew change under Covid-19

## 1. Quarantine regulation for crew changes

### 1) For on-signers

#### Isolation regulation

- All entrant crews must have 7 days self-quarantine in Government designated facility at their cost. (Cost: KRW 120,000 / day)
- The entrant crews are transferred to isolation facility from ICN airport on their arrival for the PCR test and isolation. The PCR certificate will be given, within 48 hours within embarkation.
- The registered agent will pick the on-signers up to the port immigration office.
- **(PCR test)** The on-signers must have valid PCR test report, certifying that the person is **tested within 48 hours from their departure flight**. The joiners must carry the report along the journey until embarkation. Crews from **(Ref.2)** countries required to visit designated office for the test.
- **(VISA)** The on-signer are requested to acquire Korean Visa (C-3-11) prior to depart to Korea. It takes about 14 days regardless of nationality. However, crew from one of 49 countries **(Ref.1)** are exempted.

#### ◀ Early release (7 days -> 3-4 days) ▶

- To apply for early release, the crew must have 'negative' PCR test result during isolation period.
- Shortened isolation is at least 3-4 days for PCR test and early release application.
- **Early released joiners must depart Korea with vessel within 12 hours from release isolation facility.**
  - \* Joiners release time will follow vessel schedule. The crews cannot be released with unfixed schedule.
  - \* If the vessel call more than one ports of Korea and early released crews will join, the crews will embark the vessel on 'last port' of departing Korea.
- **(Risk) 7 days of isolation is obligatory to crews who shared flight or transportation with COVID-19 confirmed personnel during the journey.**

### 2) For off-signers

- All off-signers must have a working phone number and mobile to run "Self-diagnosis" Apps.  
<http://ncov.mohw.go.kr/selfcheck/>
- \* If the off-signer doesn't have working phone no, prepaid sim card will be charged to run app.

#### Disembarkation of Crews

- All off-signers are requested to stay on-boarded for the result after PCR test at quarantine office on shore.  
\* Depending a port situation, the test result comes out in 10 - 24(max) hours.
- **(China)** If the off-signer's transit / destination is China mainland, the crews are requested to be isolated 14 days. After isolation, Visitation to China designated hospitals **(Ref.4)** for PCR & IgM test will be prepared.
- **(Singapore)** The off-signers who transit at Singapore airport shall have Vaccination certificate and PCR test certificate in prior to departure. All SG crews must install 'SG arrival card' app on their cell phone.
- **(Some Europe)** The crews from certain nationalities required to have PCR report that 'tested' within 24 hours within their departure. (countries not specified yet)
- **(All nationalities)** All crews must have PCR certificate in prior to their flight. No free pass is accepted from any airlines.

#### Embarkation & Disembarkation of Passengers

- The personnel who will be on-boarded or off-boarded as passenger, service engineer, superintendent, or others are required to be isolated for 7 days in the isolation facility. The passengers cannot be early released.

### 3) General Crew Change

#### ◀ Restrictions ▶

- The crew change cannot be performed during cargo operations, but at anchorage.
- The vessel with embarked crews from ports of **Russia** or **Philippines** cannot perform crew change in Korea ports in 14 days of embarkation date.

#### ◀ Validity of PCR reports ▶

- The on-signers must have valid PCR test report, certifying that the person is **tested within 48 hours from their departure flight**.
- All PCR negative test reports must show the test method as 'NATTs(Nucleic acid amplification tests, RT-PCR, LAMP, TMA, SDA, NEAR) which can be confirmed by Korean quarantine office.
- Each report must contain each crew's information. The report with crew's list is not being accepted.
- The information in below must be shown in the PCR test report;
  1. Name
  2. Date of birth or Passport number.
  3. Test Name & method
  4. Test result
  5. Test date
  6. Test result issue date
  7. Official stamp or signature from the test report issuing organization

#### ◀ Exemptions ▶

- The joiner who called two countries prior to call Korea, and sailed for over 28 days.  
ex) US(Joined country) -> Panama (1<sup>st</sup>) → Japan (2<sup>nd</sup>) → **Korea (3<sup>rd</sup>)**

#### ◀ Penalty ▶

- On board quarantined (1-2 days, according to schedule of gov. officer)
- Penalty charges per violated crews, USD 870 per crews, USD 870 per vessel  
ex) Three(3) violated crews penalty charges : USD 870 x 3 crews + USD 870 = USD3,480

#### <Korean port restriction>

Port **Bukpyeong** strictly prohibits the crew change, until further notice. (From 11 DEC, 2021)

#### Remarks

##### Covid-19 treatment coverage

- Countries are divided into three(3) categories as below and list of countries can be found **(Ref.3)**
    - Category 1 : All medical treatment costs are fully supported by the Gov't
    - Category 2 : Some medical treatment costs are partially supported by the Gov't
    - Category 3 : All medical treatment costs shall be paid by him/herself (No support from the Gov't)
- \* Foreigners arriving Korea and violating any kind of quarantine regulation will be subject to pay the entire medical treatment costs by themselves.*

##### Off-signers' quarantine facility allocation

Location	No. of facilities	Max. capacity	Off-signing location coverage
Busan	2	Approx. 400	All ports under Busan, Masan, Ulsan, Pohang, Yosu, Donghae region
Seoul	1	Approx. 370	All ports under Mokpo, Incheon, Pyeongtaek, Daesan, Gunsan, Dangjin region

*\* In case the nearest location is full, the crews will be transferred to other facility.*

## [Reference 1]

### The country list exempt from C-3-11 Visa (Total 49 countries)

Asia-Pacific (2)	New Caledonia, Palau
Americas (10)	United States of America, Guyana, Nicaragua, Commonwealth of Dominica, Mexico, Barbados, Venezuela, Saint Vincent and the Grenadines, Saint Kitts and Nevis, Guam
Europe (37)	Malta, Ireland, England, Monaco, Vatican City, San Marino, Andorra, Albania, Slovenia, Greece, Netherlands, Denmark, Germany, Latvia, Romania, Luxembourg, Lithuania, Belgium, Bulgaria, Cyprus, Sweden, Spain, Slovakia, Estonia, Austria, Italy, Czech Republic, Croatia, Portugal, Poland, France, Finland, Hungary, Norway, Switzerland, Liechtenstein, Iceland

\* Crews from the above 49 countries are allowed to enter Korea without C-3-11 visa but must apply K-ETA at least 24 hours prior to flight departure.

## [Reference 2]

### Designated PCR Test Centers in Foreign Office

Philippines (20)	St. Luke's Medical Center (BGC Taguig)	Lung Center of the Philippines (Quezon City)
	St. Luke's Medical Center (Quezon City)	The Medical City Clark (Mabalacat Pampanga)
	Mataki Medical Center (Mataki City)	ARC Hospital (Lapu-Lapu city, Cebu)
	Manilla Doctor's Hospital (Ermita, Manila)	QualiMed Hospital (Iloilo City)
	The Medical City (Pasig City)	Divine Word Hospital (Tacloban City, Leyte)
	University of Cebu Medical Center(UCMED)(Mandaue City)	Prime Care Alpha COVID-19 Testing Laboratory (Lapu-Lapu city, Cebu)
	Chong Hua Hospital	Philippines Red Cross - National Blood Center / Port Area / Logistics and Training Center (Subic) / Clar Molecular Laboratory / Batangas Chapter Molecular Laboratory / Negros Occidental Molecular Laboratory / Molecular Biology Laboratory (Zamboanga city) / Cagayan De Oro / Cebu Chapter
	Department of Health Central Visaya center(region 7)	Dr. Rafael S. Tumbokon Memorial Hospital
	Negros Oriental Provincial Hospital	Queen of Mercy Hospital
	Davao One world Diagnostic Center	Baguio General Hospital and Medical Center
Uzbekistan (4)	Korea No 1 Laboratory (Mirabad District, Tashkent)	De Factum Laboratories (Mirabad District Tashkent)
	SWISS LAB (Shykhontohur District, Tashkent)	INTERMED INNOVATION (Yunusabad region, Tashkent)

## [Reference 3]

<b>Category 1</b> <b>(61 Countries)</b> Fully supported	Gabon, Gambia, Greece, Guinea, Guinea-Bissau, Nigeria, Norway, New Zealand, Nicaragua, Taiwan, East Timor, Liberia, Russia, Romania, Libya, Lithuania, Mali, Morocco, Mozambique, Montenegro, Mongol, Venezuela, Benin, Brunei, Saudi Arabia, Cyprus, Sao Tome and Principe, Senegal, Serbia, Sudan, Slovakia, Iceland, Ireland, Armenia, Albania, Algeria, Angola, Kingdom of Eswatini, Ethiopia, El Salvador, England, Yemen, Uzbekistan, Italia, India, Japan, Equatorial Guinea, Central African Republic, Chad, Cameroon, Cape Verde, Kazakhstan, Qatar, Canada, Kuwait, Trinidad and Tobago, Panama, Portugal, Poland, Australia
<b>Category 2</b> <b>(60 Countries)</b> Partially supported	Guyana, Guatemala, Niger, Demark, Germany, Latvia, Lebanon, Luxembourg, Macao, Malaysia, Mexico, Mauritius, Moldova, Maldives, Democratic Republic of the Congo, Vanuatu, Bahrain, Bangladesh, Belgium, Belarus, Burundi, Burkina Faso, North Macedonia, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Bulgaria, Brazil, Seychelles, Solomon, Sri Lanka, Sweden, Spain, Slovenia, Syria, Argentina, Azerbaijan, Afghanistan, Andorra, Ecuador, Oman, Austria, Ukraine, Iran, Indonesia, Jamaica, China, Czech republic, Chile, Cambodia, Costa Rica, Cote d'Ivoire, Croatia, Kyrgyz Republic, Tajikistan, Turkey, Paraguay, Papua New Guinea, Peru, France, Philippines, Hong Kong
<b>Category 3</b> <b>(52 Countries)</b> Not supported	Ghana, Namibia, South Sudan, South Africa, Netherlands, Nepal, Dominica, Laos, Rwanda, Liechtenstein, Madagascar, Malawi, Mauritania, Malta, U.S.A, Myanmar, Bahamas, Vietnam, Belize, Bolivia, Bhutan, Saint Kitts and Nevis, Swiss, Republic of Suriname, Sierra Leone, Singapore, U.A.E, Haiti, Antigua and Barbuda, Estonia, Honduras, Jordan, Uganda, Uruguay, Iraq, Israel, Egypt, Zambia, Georgia, Jibuti, Zimbabwe, Cambodia, Kenya, Comoros, Colombia, Tanzania, Thailand, Pakistan, Finland, Fiji, Hungary, Turkmenistan

**[Reference 4]****List of designated hospitals or institutions**

The Catholic University of Korea, Eunpyeong St. Mary's Hospital	The Catholic University of Korea, Incheon St. Mary's Hospital	MunGyeong Jeil General Hospital
National Medical Center	Daedong Hospital	Sangju Seongmo Hospital
Soonchunhyang University Hospital	Busan St. Mary's Hospital	Waegwan Hospital
Kyunghee University Medical Center	Sewoong Hospital	Chonnam National Univ. Hospital
H Plus Yangji Hospital	Good Samsun Hospital	Chosun University Hospital
Hallym Univ. Medical Center	Good Gang-An Hospital	Kwangju Christian Hospital
Chung-Ang University Hospital	Pusan National University Hospital	Suhgwang General Hospital
Korea University Anam Hospital	Ulsan University Hospital	Cheomdan Medical Center
Kangbuk Samsung Hospital	Dong-Gang Hospital	Mokpo Jung-Ang Hospital
Inje University Paik Hospital	Ulsan Medical Center	Mokpo Christian Hospital
Korea Cancer Center Hospital	Changwon Fatima Hospital	Mokpocity Medical Center
Asan Medical Center	Baik Medical Center	Suncheon St.Carollo Hospital
Myongji Hospital	Youngdong Hospital	Yeosu Chonnam Hospital
Daejeon Hankook Hospital	Sae Ha-Dong Hospital	Yeosu Hankook Hospital
Asan Chungmu Hospital	Geochang Red Cross Hospital	Goheung General Hospital
Cheonan Chungmu Hospital	Dream Hospital	Jeonju Hospital
Hyosung Hospital	Samil Hospital	Iksan Hospital
Jincheon Sungmo Hospital	Goo Hospital	Jesus Hospital
Hallym Hospital	Kyungpook National Univ. Hospital	Design Hospital
Inha University Hospital	Saemyung Hospital	Cheju Halla General Hospital
Gangneung Asan Hospital	Gyeongsan Joongang Hospital	Jeju National University Hospital