

## Important Guidance on Japan's Border Control Measures Related to COVID-19 For Entrants from the United States

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The Government of Japan (GOJ) has implemented multi-layer border control measures in order to mitigate the spread of COVID-19. Due to the complexity of these measures, the Embassy has created this guide to explain important points for foreign nationals currently living/staying in the United States (US). For more information on how these measures apply to countries and regions outside of the US, please refer to the relevant websites by the related Ministries and Agencies of Japan.

### 1. Denial of Permission to Land (enter)

Until further notice, the GOJ will deny permission to land in Japan to foreign nationals in the categories listed below, as they fall under *Article 5, paragraph (1), item (xiv) of the Immigration Control and Refugee Recognition Act*, unless there are exceptional circumstances.

(1) Foreign nationals who have been physically present in the following countries or regions in the 14 days prior to their arrival to Japan.

Albania, Andorra, Australia, Austria, Armenia, Bahrain, Belgium, Bolivia, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Brazil, Brunei, Bulgaria, Canada, Chile, Congo, Cote d'Ivoire, Croatia, Cyprus, Czech, Denmark, Dominica, Ecuador, Egypt, Estonia, Finland, France, Germany, Greece, Hungary, Iceland, Indonesia, Iran, Ireland, Israel, Italy, Kosovo, Latvia, Liechtenstein, Lithuania, Luxembourg, Malaysia, Malta, Mauritius, Moldova, Monaco, Montenegro, Morocco, Netherlands, New Zealand, North Macedonia, Norway, Panama, People's Republic of China (including Hong Kong and Macau), Philippines, Poland, Portugal, Republic of Korea, Romania, San Marino, Serbia, Singapore, Slovakia, Slovenia, Spain, Sweden, Switzerland, Taiwan, Thailand, Turkey, United Kingdom, United States, Vatican, Vietnam

(2) Foreign nationals who hold a Chinese passport issued in the Hubei Province/the Zhejiang Province.

(3) Foreigners who were on the cruise ship Westerdam, which departed from Hong Kong.

#### Exceptional circumstances:

Foreign nationals with the status of residence of "Permanent Resident," "Spouse or Child of Japanese National," "Spouse or Child of Permanent Resident" or "Long Term Resident," who have departed Japan with Re-entry Permission by April 2, 2020, will be treated, in principle, as persons in the special circumstances category. This, however, is not applicable to foreign nationals who depart Japan on or after April 3. These measures do not apply to people with the "Special Permanent Resident" status.

#### Note:

Any foreign nationals who have physically been in any of the above countries or regions in the 14 days prior to their arrival to Japan will be denied permission to land in Japan even if they possess a valid entry visa of Japan (issued on or before April 2, 2020) or intend to enter Japan under a visa waiver agreement.

➤ Further information can be found here:

[http://www.moj.go.jp/EN/nyuukokukanri/kouhou/m\\_nyuukokukanri01\\_00003.html](http://www.moj.go.jp/EN/nyuukokukanri/kouhou/m_nyuukokukanri01_00003.html)

## 2. Visa Restrictions

Based on the "[Criteria of Visa Issuance](#)," visa applications of those who fall under any of the categories above 1. Denial of Permission to Land will not be accepted unless there are exceptional circumstances.

- Further information can be found here:  
[https://www.mofa.go.jp/pd/pds/page25e\\_000325.html](https://www.mofa.go.jp/pd/pds/page25e_000325.html)

## 3. Quarantine Measures after Entry into Japan

- (1) All people from the US (including Japanese nationals and those foreign nationals permitted to land in Japan as a result of their exceptional circumstances) will be required to take PCR tests in Japan. It may take up to 2 days to get your results and you must, in principle, stay at a designated location while you wait for the results.
  - (2) They will also be required to self-quarantine at their home/place of accommodation for 14 days after entering Japan. In addition, those people will be required to refrain from using public transportation (including trains, buses, taxis, or domestic flights) in Japan for 14 days after their arrival. You should secure accommodations where you can stay for 14 days and private transportation from the airport to your destination. These restrictions will be in effect until April 30, 2020.
- Further information, including applicable countries and regions other than the US, can be found here:  
[https://www.mhlw.go.jp/stf/seisakunitsuite/bunya/kenkou\\_iryuu/covid19\\_qa\\_kanrenkigyuu\\_00003.html](https://www.mhlw.go.jp/stf/seisakunitsuite/bunya/kenkou_iryuu/covid19_qa_kanrenkigyuu_00003.html)