

Summary of Entry Restrictions in South Korea

The South Korean government has found various inbound passengers who violated the government's instructions by visiting many public places without wearing a mask during their home quarantine period. Hence, **effective from 1 April 2020, the South Korean government will come up with zero-tolerance COVID-19 policy which will be applied regardless of people's nationality, departure city, and/or their residential status in South Korea.**

- ✓ **Visitors who do NOT have suspected COVID-19 symptoms upon arrival can leave the airport once completing the following process:**
 - ① Get fever checks.
 - ② Submit a Health Condition Declaration form.
 - ③ Provide the full address and contact number of their accommodation in South Korea. Visitors will be allowed to enter only when the phone number they have submitted is verified at the scene.
 - ④ Download a smartphone app that will allow to put their symptoms for 14 days after arrival. More information about the smartphone app: <http://ncov.mohw.go.kr/selfcheck/>

After leaving the airport, all entrants are required to do 2 weeks of mandatory home quarantine. If this person does not have a residence in South Korea, the South Korean government will provide a residential facility for 2 weeks of quarantine and will charge KRW 100,000 per day.

- ✓ **Visitors who have suspected COVID-19 symptoms upon arrival are required to get tested for the COVID-19 before leaving the airport.**
 - If confirmed to be COVID-19 positive, this person will be quarantined at one of the hospitals designated by the South Korean government until fully recovered regardless of nationality, where they have come from, what residential status they have in South Korea.
 - If confirmed to be COVID-19 negative, this person needs to do 2 weeks of mandatory home quarantine after leaving the airport. If this person does not have a residence in South Korea, the South Korean government will provide a residential facility for 2 weeks of quarantine and will charge KRW 100,000 per day.

For anyone who do NOT follow the government's quarantine procedures and further quarantine guidelines, ALL the below-listed measures will be considered depending on the case:

- A maximum of 3-years imprisonment
- A fine of up to 20 million Won / A compensation claim lodged by the district city government
- Visa & ARC cancellation / Deportation / Entry ban

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Visa Restrictions

✓ 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 before 4 February 2020 have been invalidated.
- All foreigners applying for South Korean visas at the Korean Consulates in China must fill out a 'Health Report Form' by handwriting.

✓ Japanese Citizens / From 9 March 2020

- 90 days of visa-waiver agreement has been suspended for ALL Japanese passport holders including diplomatic and government official passport holders.
- All visas issued from the South Korean Consulate offices in Japan before 9 March 2020 have been invalidated.
- All foreigners applying for South Korean visas at the Korean Consulates in Japan must fill out a 'Health Report Form' by handwriting.

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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