

## COVID19 Quarantine Instructions for ARC holders & New visitors

✓ **COVID19 test is mandatory for all inbound passengers and the test fee is free.** Different further actions required depend on their residential status in South Korea and where they have boarded from.

**1) Those falling under below conditions will get COVID19 test at the airport upon arrival & No further isolation period required after leaving the airport:**

- Inbound passengers with a valid Isolation Exemption Certificate.
- South Korean citizens who visited China under the special-approval fast track (effective from May 2020) and stayed in China for 1~7 days.

**2) Others are subject to 2 weeks of self-isolation upon arrival and will get COVID19 test during their self-isolation period:**

- Travelers under short-term visa or Visa waiver program without a valid Isolation Exemption Certificate
- South Korean citizens, ARC holders, long-term visa holders who boarded from US/Europe. They need to get tested within 3 days upon arrival.
- South Korean citizens, ARC holders, long-term visa holders who boarded from other countries. They need to get tested within 14 days upon arrival.

COVID19 test will be conducted at the nearest public health center from their residence or quarantine facility. Further guide will be given by the South Korean government's mobile app.

✓ All inbound passengers are required to install the "home quarantine safety protection" app on their mobile phones. **Those who refuse to install this app will be immediately deported.** This app will be used to conduct self-diagnosis during their 2 weeks of self-isolation. More information will be provided by government officers at airport.



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- ✓ **all inbound passengers are NOT allowed to take public transportation when leaving the airport.**
  - For those moving to the government's quarantine facilities, the government will provide a designated transit vehicle. Transportation will be provided for free, however, please note that those who stay at one of the government's quarantine facilities need to pay 100,000 Korean Won per day per person.
  - For those going to their own residence, the government strongly recommends using their personal car and should not make any stops in other locations while on the way home. As soon as they arrive home, they need to make a phone call to their local public health center to inform that they are under quarantine and arrive at their residence.

- ✓ **all inbound passengers are NOT allowed to leave their quarantine location for 2 weeks upon arrival.** For example, if you arrived in South Korea on May 1, you are required to stay under mandatory quarantine until 24:00 of May 15.

If they need to leave their home for essential needs (e.g. getting medical care), they must need to notify their local public health center first by a phone call. **Those who leave their quarantine location without notifying their public health center will be considered as quarantine rule violators and will be subject to penalties.** As for the penalties, ALL the below-listed measures will be considered by the government:

- Mandatory to wear an electronic wristband for the rest of their quarantine period
  - A maximum of 3-years imprisonment
  - A fine of up to 20 million Won / Compensation claim lodged by the district city government
  - Visa & ARC cancellation / Deportation / Entry ban
- ✓ All inbound passengers are required to immediately report to their local public health center by a phone call if they begin to show any suspected COVID19 symptoms – such as fever, cough, shortness of breath, or other respiratory symptoms – during 2 weeks of self-isolation.

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## COVID19 Entry Restrictions for ARC holders

### Suspension of Re-entry Permit Exemption / From 1 June 2020

In response to the global spread of COVID19, the South Korean government implements a Re-entry Permit system & Medical Certificate submission system effective from 1 Jun 2020.

#### ✓ Before leaving South Korea

ARC holders who are seeking re-entry into South Korea after leaving the country from June 1, 2020 must obtain a Re-entry permit before departure. **If an ARC holder leaves South Korea without obtaining a Re-entry permit before departure, his/her ARC will be de-registered.** Yet, those falling under below conditions are exemptions and not required to apply for a Re-entry permit:

- A1, A2, A3, F4 visa holders

For the month of June 2020, ARC holders can apply for their Re-entry permit at a local immigration office and/or at an airport immigration office without reservation. The online application system in development and will be launched in the mid of June.

#### Required Documents to apply for Re-entry Permit

- 1) Original & Copy of Passport
- 2) Original & Copy of ARC
- 3) Government fee in cash (KRW 30,000 per person)
- 4) Report Form
- 5) Application Form for Re-entry Permit
- 6) Consent for Medical Examination and Submission of Diagnosis before re-entry

**ARC holders who will travel out of South Korea for a maximum of 3 weeks for the purpose of business activities, journalism, or academic activities can apply for a Medical Examination Exemption Certificate when they apply for their Re-entry Permit.** In this case, required document list will be changed as follows:

#### Required Documents to apply for Re-entry Permit & Medical Examination Exemption Certificate

- 1) Original & Copy of Passport
- 2) Original & Copy of ARC
- 3) Government fee in cash (KRW 30,000 per person)
- 4) Report Form
- 5) Application Form for Re-entry Permit
- 6) Copy of Dispatch Order
- 7) Copy of Employment Certificate OR a copy of company staff ID card
- 8) Copy of the host company's latest Business License Certificate

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## ✓ Before onboarding flight return to South Korea

ARC holders who are seeking re-entry into South Korea after leaving the country from June 1, 2020 must obtain a diagnosis report from any of the local medical institutes within 48 hours before onboarding their flights back to South Korea. **If an ARC holder coming back to South Korea without a medical certificate issued within given time, his/her flight boarding will be restricted.**

Yet, those falling under below conditions are exemptions and not required to get a diagnosis report:

- A1, A2, A3, F4 visa holders
- ARC holders who obtained a valid Medical Examination Exemption Certificate issued by local immigration offices before departure from South Korea

There are no designated hospitals/forms for this diagnosis report. ARC holders need to visit any of the local hospitals/clinics within 48 hours before onboarding their flights to South Korea. Required documents and test fee will be varied depends on each hospital's policy.

**A diagnosis must be issued in English by an authorized local medical institute and must include ALL the following. If any of the below-listed 9 items are missing on a diagnosis report, that ARC holder's flight boarding can be restricted:**

- 1) the date of examination
- 2) the presence/absence of fever
- 3) the presence/absence of cough
- 4) the presence/absence of chills
- 5) the presence/absence of headache
- 6) the presence/absence of difficulty of breathing
- 7) the presence/absence of muscle pain
- 8) the presence/absence of pulmonary symptoms
- 9) signature of a medical examiner

Chest X-ray is not mandatory, and it does not have to include a COVID19 test result. However, a medical certificate listing a COVID19 negative result will be also considered as a valid diagnosis if the test was conducted within 48 hours before onboarding their flight to South Korea.

## ✓ After return to South Korea

**ARC holders are who return to South Korea from overseas are subject to 2 weeks of self-isolation upon arrival. Obtaining Medical Examination Exemption Certificate does NOT mean exemption of self-isolation.**

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## COVID19 Entry Restrictions for New visitors

### 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.

### Suspension of Visa Waiver Program / From 13 April 2020

The South Korean government will temporarily suspend visa waiver programs for citizens from 90 countries which imposing entry bans/limits on South Korean citizens over the new coronavirus. **Effective from 13 April 2020, citizens from the below-listed countries must obtained a proper visa before coming to South Korea. Visa-free entry will not be permitted until further notice.**

Antigua and Barbuda / Argentina / Austria / Australia / Bahamas / Bahrain / Belgium /  
Bosnia and Herzegovina / Botswana / Brazil / Brunei / Bulgaria / Canada / Chile / Colombia /  
Costa Rica / Croatia / Cyprus / Czech Republic / Denmark / Dominican Republic / Ecuador /  
El Salvador / Estonia / Eswatini / Fiji / Finland / France / Germany / Greece / Grenada / Guatemala /  
Haiti / Honduras / Hong Kong / Hungary / Iceland / Israel / Italy / Jamaica / Kazakhstan / Kiribati /  
Kuwait / Latvia / Lesotho / Liechtenstein / Lithuania / Luxembourg / Macau / Malaysia /  
Marshall Islands / Mauritius / Micronesia / Montenegro / Morocco / Nauru / Netherlands /  
New Zealand / Norway / Oman / Panama / Paraguay / Peru / Poland / Portugal / Qatar / Romania /  
Russia / Saint Lucia / Samoa / Saudi Arabia / Serbia / Seychelles / Singapore / Slovakia /  
Solomon Islands / South Africa / Spain / Suriname / Sweden / Switzerland / Taiwan / Thailand /  
Tonga / Trinidad and Tobago / Tunisia / Turkey / Tuvalu / UAE / Uruguay

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## Visa Restrictions

### ✓ All visa applicants

Regardless of visa type, all applicants need to have an interview and get a medical test at one of the hospitals designated by the South Korean Embassy in his/her residence country within 48 hours before/after application submission.

The central government announced that this new procedure will be applied from 13 April 2020 worldwide. However, exact details about enforcement date, procedures, medical test exemptions (e.g. minor children, pregnant women, etc.) will be varied depends on each Embassy's judgment and local circumstances. Hence, it is important to check in detail with the relevant South Korean Embassy before applicants visit there.

### ✓ C1 and C3 type visa holders

If a foreigner has a C1 (short-term news reporters) or C3 (short-term visit in general) type visa issued from any of the South Korean Consulate offices worldwide before 5 April 2020 and not arrived in South Korea yet as of 9 April 2020, then his/her C type visa has been invalidated as of 9 April 2020.

Those whose C type visa has been invalidated need to contact the South Korean Embassy in his/her current residence country by themselves to check the re-applying application process.

C4 visa holders (short-term employment) are not included in this visa invalidation measure.

### ✓ 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, China before 4 February 2020 have been invalidated as of 4 February 2020.

### ✓ Japanese Citizens / From 9 March 2020

90 days of visa-waiver agreement has been suspended for all Japanese citizens.

All visas issued from the South Korean Consulate offices in Japan before 9 March 2020 have been invalidated as of 9 March 2020.

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