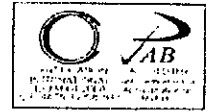




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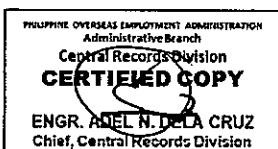
**Travel Advisory for OFWs bound for Japan
in light of the Coronavirus Disease (COVID-19)**

The Japanese government has included the Philippines in the list of countries subject to strengthened quarantine measures effective 12:00 AM, 28 March 2020.

Persons who have visited any of areas subject to strengthened quarantine or the epidemic areas designated by immigration restrictions under the Immigration Control Act within 14 days before arrival, are required to follow instructions below.

- Even without symptoms of illness, arriving travellers must stay at a place designated by the Chief of the Quarantine Station, such as your homes, for 14 days counting from the day after arrival, and DO NOT use public transportation for any purpose, including transport from airports, and the like.
- Arrangements should be made for accommodation and means of private transportation from the airport to the accommodation in Japan prior to travel. The use public transportation by arriving travelers is prohibited.
- Upon entry, a quarantine officer will register the traveler of the whereabouts for the 14-day period mentioned above and means of private transportation, at the quarantine station.

In addition, regardless of the date added as an area subject to strengthened quarantine, all persons who have visited any of the epidemic areas designated by immigration restrictions under the Immigration Control Act, are subjected to the PCR test and periodic health check by Public Health Centers.



Attached for reference is a FAQ provided by the Ministry of Health, Labor, and Welfare of Japan for additional information.

For the information and guidance of all concerned.


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" Q & A . " Ministry of Health, Labour and Welfare of Japan, 26 Mar. 2020, www.mhlw.go.jp/stf/seisakunitsuite/bunya/kenkou_iryuu/covid19_qa_kanrenkiyou_00003.htm l?fbclid=IwAR0P0BPvknhljdU4QBPYnt-NvTFgC5F5rux12bmGaHLCLCvjhJEY7y3doR0#Q2-1.

1. About Quarantine

Q1 What is required before and after entering Japan under the current epidemic prevention measures?

Persons who have visited any of areas subject to strengthened quarantine (※1) or the epidemic areas designated by immigration restrictions under the Immigration Control Act (※2) within 14 days before arrival, are required to follow instructions below.

- ☐ Even without symptoms of illness, be sure to stay at a place designated by the Chief of the Quarantine Station, such as your homes, for 14 days counting from the day after arrival, and DO NOT use public transportation for any purpose, including transport from airports, etc.
- ☐ Be sure to arrange an accommodation and means of private transportation from the airport to the accommodation in Japan. (DO NOT use public transportation.)
- ☐ Upon entry, a quarantine officer will register your whereabouts for the 14-day period mentioned above and means of private transportation, at the quarantine station.

In addition, regardless of the date added as an area subject to strengthened quarantine, all persons who have visited any of the epidemic areas designated by immigration restrictions under the Immigration Control Act (※2), are subjected to the PCR test and periodic health check by Public Health Centers.

(※1) Countries subject to strengthened quarantine

East Asia	China and Republic of Korea (added at 0:00 on March 9.)
Europe	the Schengen countries (Iceland, Italy, Greece, Slovakia, Czech Republic, Hungary, Finland, Poland, Latvia, Lithuania), United Kingdom, Cyprus, Croatia, San Marino, Bulgaria, and Romania. (added at 0:00 on March 21.)
Middle East	Israel, Qatar, Bahrain (added at 0:00 on March 28.)
Africa	Egypt (added at 0:00 on March 21.), Democratic Republic of the Congo (added at 0:00 on March 28.)
North America	United States of America (added at 0:00 on March 26.)
Southeast Asia	Indonesia, Singapore, Thailand, Philippines, Brunei Darussalam, Viet Nam, and Malaysia (added at 0:00 on March 28.)

Q9 Will detached territories such as British Gibraltar, be included in areas subject to strengthened quarantine?

Yes.

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3. About the Place to Stay

Q1 Where will be the designated place to stay specifically, when requested to stay at a place designated by the Chief of the Quarantine Station and staying for 14 days?

We are supposing a place of residence in Japan, such as your home.

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Q2 Where should I stay if I do not have a place of residence in Japan?

We suppose the accommodation that visitors have arranged prior to departure, such as a hotel or a Japanese-style inn. Any cost for accommodation shall be paid by the visitor's expense.

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Q3 What should I do if I have no place of residence in Japan and failed to arrange accommodation prior to departure?

We recommend you to arrange accommodation prior to your departure. (When you have not arranged accommodation upon entry to Japan, you will have to find accommodation at the airport.)

4. About the Means of Transportation

Q1 If subject to the border control measures, by what means should I move from the airport or port to a place of residence (or accommodation)?

We require you to arrange a private transportation by your family or company. Please note that you are required not to use any public transportations such as trains, buses, taxis, or domestic flights.

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Q2 What should I do if I could not arrange a private transportation?

We recommend you to arrange a means of transportation prior to your departure. (When you have not arranged private transportation upon entry to Japan, you will have to arrange accommodation near the airport, and stay there until a private transportation is arranged.)

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