

## [Regarding the examination of overseas immigrants who are exempted from quarantine for vaccination]

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1. In Korea, currently families of confirmed patients are not quarantined, but quarantine of overseas entrants must be quarantined ? .

Is it necessary?

- The increase in overseas inflow is directly linked to the burden of quarantine in Korea.  
In consideration of the increasing trend of confirmed cases, it is necessary to gradually ease the quarantine of overseas entrants.
- Quarantine exemption for those who have completed vaccination will be prioritized in consideration of individual risk.

2. Reasons for exclusion from Quarantine Exemption for Vaccinees from 4 Countries such as Pakistan and Uzbekistan (countries excluding quarantine exemptions) ?

- It was decided based on the incidence rate of confirmed cases and vaccination rate among the departures of the countries concerned, the quarantine situation such as the confirmed rate after consultation with relevant ministries.
- Countries excluded from quarantine exemption will be monitored with overseas quarantine conditions, etc.

3. What is the standard for those who have completed vaccination?

- In Korea and abroad, people within 14~180 days after completing 1st and secondary vaccination urgently approved by WHO (In case of Janssen, only 1st shot)  
Or those who are have been vaccinated with a 3rd booster shot.
- Antibody formation after secondary inoculation and decreased vaccine effect were considered.

4. When the patient is confirmed after secondary inoculation and 180 days passed after covid19 confirmation without 3rd booster shot, Quarantine Exemption is possible ? If quarantine exemption is possible, what documents are necessary upon arrival?

- Even though the patient is Covid19 confirmed after secondary inoculation and 180 days passed after Covid19 confirmation without 3rd booster shot, if they meet conditions for release from the quarantine, they can be can be treated as same as those who completed 3rd booster shop .
- Need to check documents such as confirmation of the certificate of inoculation and the document stating the date of confirmation (such as test certificate or recovery certificate.\_

5. In case that 180 days have elapsed since the second inoculation in Korea, but the 3rd inoculation was completed in overseas countries, is it possible to be exempted from quarantine as of 21Mar because they are classified as those who has completed vaccination in Korea ?

- In the case of the relevant entrant, quarantine exemption is possible on condition that the relevant vaccination certificate of inoculation which can prove 3rd vaccination history -

6. In case of pre-registration of overseas vaccination history in Korea, (Q-CODE)

Will it connect automatically?

- In the case of issuing a certificate of overseas vaccination history (Issuing a certificate) through the public health center in Korea, it can be linked to the pre-reporting system in the same way as the vaccination history.

7. In case people who unregistered overseas vaccination history didn't uploads the vaccination

history to the pre-input system, Is quarantine exemption impossible?

- Starting from 1st of April'22, in principle, overseas entrants whose vaccination history should be confirmed through the pre-input system to apply quarantine exemption

8. Children under the age of 12 who are not eligible for vaccination, etc. are the same as those who have been vaccinated ? Is it possible to be subject to quarantine exemption exceptionally ?

- The quarantine exemption is applied to only those who enter the country with low individual risk.

Thus, it is difficult to apply quarantine exemptions for all children under the age of 12 year old, - However, those under the age of 6 are judged to be the minimum age that requires parental care and assistance, they are applicable for "Quarantine Exemption" only if all accompanying guardians are vaccinated,

\*( Same standard of Quarantine Exemption as VTL Singapore)

9. Can quarantine exemptions be exceptionally applicable for those who cannot be vaccinated for medical reasons?

- The quarantine exemption policy is only applied to those who enter the country with low individual risk.

Those who have not been vaccinated regardless of the reason, will not be eligible for quarantine exemption.

\* In unavoidable cases, it is necessary to utilize the quarantine exemption issuance system for urgent purpose such as humanitarian purposes.

10. Can an antigen test certificate be also acceptable in addition to current PCR negative confirmation certificate that is mandatory for overseas entrants ?

- In consideration of efficient screening from overseas passengers, PCR test is more accurate than antigen testing. Korea Authority plans to accept PCR negative confirmation certificate only until further notice.

11. In the case of entrants who have been released from treatment quarantine after Covid19 confirmation, PCR tests are required before & after the entrance to Korea ?

- Currently Only Koreans who have a history of release of treatment quarantine after confirmation are exceptionally waived to submit PCR negative confirmation certificate when entering Korea. (effective from 07Mar'22)

- However, PCR test will be conducted without exception on the first-day after entering the country to Check whether there is a re-infection mutation due to exposure to new sources of infection abroad.

12. 180 days have elapsed since the second inoculation in Korea, but the 3rd inoculation is completed in overseas countries. In this case, is it classified as a person who has completed vaccination in Korea and is exempted from quarantine from 21Mar'22 ?

- If the vaccination history is registered in Korea and the Korea quarantine officer can check the first and second vaccination details through the system and if 3rd the vaccination certificate is submitted to the quarantine officer, quarantine exemption is possible from 21March'22.

\* However, those who are registered with only 1st vaccination history in a domestic vaccinations DB, and upload additional overseas vaccination history of 2nd and 3rd inoculation to the pre-input reporting system, the quarantine exemption is possible from 01Apr'2022

If you upload booster shots to the pre-input reporting system), - 4 -

13. How to perform RAT test on Day6 or Day7 ? It should be done at KR public health center's only ?

Is it a recommendation or obligation ?

- RAT test on Day6 or Day7 is the same method as the KR domestic confirmed patient's cohabitation family (can be selected either among self-examination, medical clinics, KR public health center )

- However, For those who are quarantined at the facilities shall get the test in consideration of the method of collection and test inspection.

PCR test is performed

14. It is said that RAT result by medical experts can be regarded as a confirmation of a Covid19 in Korea from the middle of March'22.

Shouldn't RAT result by medical experts on Day 1 after entering Korea be regarded as a result ?

- In order to continuously monitor the inflow of new mutation from overseas entrants, PCR test is required on Day1 after entering Korea.

15. In the case of a person who has entered the country before the effective date and is in quarantine, is it possible to release the quarantine the effective date afterwards ?

- Those who have entered the country and are in quarantine (15Mar ~20Mar) and completed vaccination are eligible for release from quarantine from 21Mar'2022.

- Those who have completed vaccination in Korea will receive a sticker at the quarantine stage. Stickers are being attached to the passport (by 31Mar'2022) and are being classified as retroactive persons for quarantine exemption

- However, unregistered foreign vaccination recipients who arrived in Korea before April 1st will be classified as quarantine exemption only through the pre-input notification system upload. Therefore, it is not possible to release from the quarantine retroactively from 01April'2s.

## [Regarding special entrance procedures for the introduction of the pre-input notification system ]

### 1. How to use the pre-input notification system?

- Refer to the attachment.

- 'The attachment is made by the Korea Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (KCDC) Please search Queue Code details through (<https://cov19ent.kdca.go.kr>)

### 2. Is pre-input system mandatory for overseas entrants? If not, is there any way to encourage the people to use this system?

- The pre-input system provides rapid quarantine services to Korean entrants.

It is a support program designed to provide rapid immigration service, not mandatory.

- For the quick quarantine process for the Q-CODE users, separate process line will be made and quarantine exemption for the overseas vaccination recipients who have no history of registration of vaccination history in Korea is possible only if Q-CODE provided.

For quarantine exemption and its actual application, Q-CODE will be used only and its use will be expanded from now on.

### 3. What are the plans to expand the pre-input system to Korea local airports and ports?

- In preparation for new infectious diseases in the future and in order to provide the same level of quarantine services to the local government in stages, the pre-input system will be expanded to Korea local airports and ports

- However, in order to operate the pre-input system, computers, barcode recognizers are necessary. Thus, local airports with high demand for entrants will have a priority for introduction from 19Apr'2022

- In the case of ports, in the event of sudden high demand arises for passenger cruise,

authority plans to expand quarantine services through pre-input system accordingly.

**4. What is the management measure for the documents submitted through the pre-input system ?**

○ If authority confirms altered or fake documents in the quarantine process or post-sample investigation process, authority can process accusations against the submitter.