# To International Students Newly Entering Japan

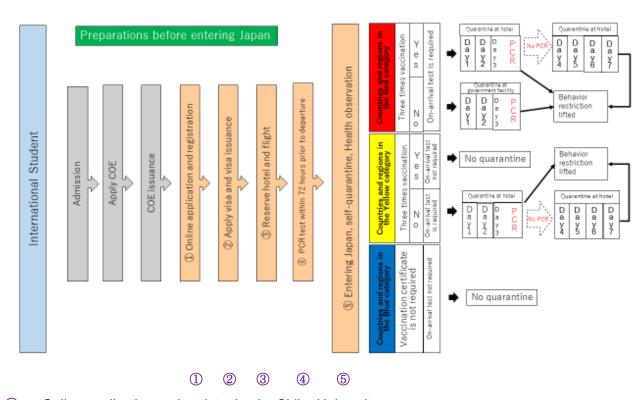
# **Entry Process in New Measure for Border Enforcement (28)**

#### 1. Overview

This New Measure (28) is allowed on condition that the receiving institution administers complete quarantine measures. Students who wish to newly enter Japan must read carefully and understand the following process and submit the pledge. Please note that you must strictly adhere to the contents of the signed pledge. If you violate the pledge, you may be subject to detention measures based on the Quarantine Law, as well as disclosure via the Ministry of Health, Labor and Welfare webpage, procedures for revoking your status of residence, and procedures for deportation.

# 2. New Measure for Border Enforcement (28) Overview

# (1) Process for entering Japan



- Online application and registration by Chiba University
  - The faculty/department staff will email the forms submitted by international students to the International Student Division.
  - The International Student Division will apply online by using the immigration system (ERFS).
- Each international student will apply individually for a visa at a diplomatic establishment abroad.
- Reserve hotel, flight, etc. after visa issuance
- Make appointment for a PCR test within 72 hours prior to departure and obtain a negative test result

S After entering Japan, if you need to self-quarantine, observe your health, and later the behavior restrictions will be lifted.

#### (2) Quarantine period after entry to Japan

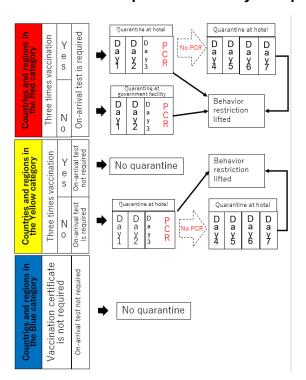
According to the New Measure for Border Enforcement (28), whether the country or region where you stayed before entering Japan is in the "Red", "Yellow", or "Blue" category, and whether you have a valid certificate for novel coronavirus infection that meets the conditions will decide whether or not there is a PCR test at the time of entry, the need of a self-quarantine period, and the quarantine facility. Please check the color of any country you have stayed in before entering Japan. The classification is subject to change at any moment, so please always check the latest information on the website of the Ministry of Health, Labor and Welfare.

· Classification of countries or regions based on the New Measures for Border Enforcement (28) (R4.5.26)

https://www.mhlw.go.jp/content/000943167.pdf

Current Japanese Border Measures and Restrictions
 https://www.mhlw.go.jp/stf/seisakunitsuite/bunya/0000121431 00209.html

# Quarantine period after entry to Japan



- \*1 "Self-quarantine at hotel" means hotels designated by Chiba University for this measure.
- \*\*2 "Self-quarantine at facilities designated by the quarantine station" means hotels designated by the Japanese government for this measure. In this case, students don't need to pay for transportation to accommodation, accommodation, or the PCR test 3 days after entry. The designated facilities

are located all over Japan and it may not be possible to stay at one in Chiba. Please note that the transportation cost from the designated facility after the quarantine period is self-paid.

- Returnees / immigrants from countries / regions in the Red category
   On-arrival test is required. Three-day quarantine at a government-designated facility is required.
   However, those who obtain a valid vaccination certificate may have 7-day home quarantine (or 3-day home quarantine + negative result of a voluntary test) instead.
- Returnees / immigrants from countries / regions in the Yellow category

  On-arrival test and 7-day home quarantine (or 3-day home quarantine + negative result of a voluntary test) are required, however, those who obtain a valid vaccination certificate are not required to have on-arrival test, home quarantine and other measures.
- Returnees / immigrants from countries / regions in the Blue category
   Regardless of the vaccination status of the entrants/returnees, on-arrival test, home quarantine and other measures are not required.

# 3. Procedures for new entry

(1) Online application and registration

#### (1) - 1 Preparation and submission of applications

To complete the online application process and to keep track of your entry to Japan, we request that you prepare the following documents and submit them to a person in charge at your faculty/department via email. Your documents will be registered online by the International Student Division with the Ministry of Health, Labour and Welfare via the Entrants, Returnees Follow-up System (ERFS).

# ① Entrants, Returnees Follow-up System (ERFS) Registration Questionnaire (Chiba University use only) (Excel)

This form is for university use only. Please take into consideration that visa issuance will take an average of 5 business days and that flight availability is limited before filling in your expected arrival date.

Please list the name of the vaccine and company.

Example: COMIRNATY by Pfizer, Vaxzebria by Astrazeneca, Moderna by Moderna, Janssen by Janssen, COMIRNATY by Fosun • BioNTech, COVAXIN by Bharat Biotech, Nubakisovid by Nuvaxovid, etc.

https://www.mhlw.go.jp/stf/seisakunitsuite/bunya/0000121431 00342.html

Due to a change of format, there is a column for writing "Accommodation facility" and "Address
of accommodation facility". It will be written on the receipt certificate, so please write it accurately.

If undecided when submitting the documents, enter TBD. In that case, we will, for convenience, fill in the International House of the University as accommodation plan when we apply. (Please note, however, that we do not actually secure reservations for the International House.)

# ② Pledge (Student) (PDF version of signed pledge)

When submitting this to the university, please confirm the contents of the pledge and send it with a signature. (You may also type your name.) You may leave the other fields blank.

The pledge (for personal use) must be submitted to the immigration inspector at the time of entry. At that time, please enter the final information and present your signed pledge.

 Ministry of Health, Labor and Welfare HP: Quarantine Station Waiting at accommodation facilities and submission of pledge (Please be sure to get the latest version as the format is subject to change.)
 <a href="https://www.mhlw.go.jp/stf/seisakunitsuite/bunya/0000121431">https://www.mhlw.go.jp/stf/seisakunitsuite/bunya/0000121431</a> 00249.html

#### 3 Copy of passport (PDF)

# **4** Copy of COE (PDF)

In addition, the period for validating the Certificate of Eligibility will be extended as follows, only for those who are eligible to use this measure. When making use of this extension, a document (hereinafter referred to as "petition") stating that when an international student applies for a visa, Chiba University "can continue to accept the student according to "activities" at the time of application for issuance of a certificate of status of residence" must be submitted at the same time. The document will be prepared by the faculty/department.

[Handling of international students subject to this measure]

COE: Created between January 1, 2020 and January 31, 2022

Valid period: Until July 31, 2022

COE: Created between February 1, 2022 and July 31, 2022 Valid period: Valid for 6 months from the date of issuance

[Immigration Bureau of Japan: Handling of the validity period of the certificate of residence status]

https://www.jitco.or.jp/ja/news/article/17427/

### 5 Copy of certificate of vaccination (PDF)

If the vaccine certificate is not approved by the Japanese government, the waiting facility and waiting period may change. For details on vaccines approved by the Japanese government, please refer to the URL below:

https://www.mhlw.go.jp/stf/seisakunitsuite/bunya/0000121431 00342.html

#### (1) - 2 Sending acceptance certificates, etc. to international students

The International Student Division will check the documents, and if there are no problems, will apply to and register with ERFS. A receipt will be issued promptly, and the person in charge of your faculty/department will send it to you.

# (1) - 3 Reporting flight information and the latest information on quarantine sites If there is a change in flight information (including changes in entry date) or quarantine site (hotel), please contact the person in charge of your faculty/department each time.

It is expected that the flight information and quarantine location might change after the receipt is issued. If there's any change from the original plan, please notifying the immigration inspector of the change at the time of entry. The International Student Division has confirmed with the Ministry of Education, Culture, Sports, Science and Technology that there is no problem to do so. Also, although it is currently impossible to update information on ERFS, the system may change to allow updates in the future. In that case, the information will be updated by the International Student Division.

#### (2) Visa application and issuance

International students are requested to apply for a visa to a diplomatic establishment abroad by submitting the receipt certificate and (petition) sent to them, as well as the COE that they have already obtained. The period from application to issuance is usually about 5 business days, but it may vary depending on the country, so please contact the diplomatic establishment abroad for more information.

When applying for a visa, please refer to the information written on the receipt for the arrival airport and accommodation.

After issuance of the visa, please contact the person in charge of your faculty/department as soon as the flight information is confirmed.

#### (3) Reserving a quarantine hotel, flights, etc.

# (3) - 1 Reserving flights

After obtaining a visa, please confirm your flight reservation. You can make a flight reservation before obtaining a visa, but please note that you will be responsible for the cancellation fee if you are unable to travel due to reasons such as delays in issuing visas by diplomatic missions abroad. Please contact us as soon as your flight is confirmed. (by any style of email)

#### (3) - 2 Reserving a quarantine hotel

• For students from countries or regions in the blue category, and those who have been vaccinated three times in the yellow category, there is no quarantine period, so there is no need to book a hotel secured by the university.

- Those who have not been vaccinated three times in the red category will be quarantined at a government-designated facility on standby at the quarantine facility, so there is no need to book a hotel secured by the university.
- International students wishing to enter the country other than the above will need to spend a quarantine period at a hotel arranged by a travel agency designated by the university.

After obtaining a visa, please confirm the flight schedule by contacting the travel agency below and securing a hotel reservation at the same time. Depending on hotel reservation status, it may not be possible to make a flight reservation. Please contact the travel agency as soon as possible after obtaining a visa.

[Kinki Nippon Tourist] Email address for reservations : <a href="mailto:chibau@or.knt.co.jp">chiba0161-chibau@or.knt.co.jp</a>

- \* We will arrange a hotel (fee covered by student), a PCR test 3 days later (fee covered by student), a smartphone rental (fee covered by student), and a hired car (fee covered by student).
- \* A pre-adjustment fee of 10,000 yen will be charged.
- \* You may also request an airline ticket.
- \* As a general rule, payment should be made by credit card before arrival in Japan.
- \* Emails will not be responded to on Saturdays, Sundays, and holidays.
- \*The hotel cancellation policy is 30% 7-4 days beforehand, 50% 3-1 days beforehand, and 100% on the same day.

The following hotels are secured by the university:

[Toyoko Inn Chiba Station (for students arriving at Narita Airport)]

Address: 1-14-6 Fujimi, Chuo-ku, Chiba-shi, Chiba

Room / per night: 7,500 yen (including tax and breakfast)

Room meal / per meal: 1,500 yen (tax incl., lunch / dinner)

Hired car (from Narita Airport): 20,000 yen to 25,000 yen (The amount may vary depending on the time of the arrangements.)

PCR test fee each time after 3-day quarantine period: 11,000 yen or higher (The amount may vary depending on the time of arrangements.)



[Toyoko Inn Haneda Airport 1 (for students arriving at Haneda Airport)]

Address: 1-2-1 Haneda, Ota-ku, Tokyo

Room / per night: 8,600 yen (including tax and breakfast)
Room meal / per meal: 1,200 yen (tax incl., lunch / dinner)
Hired car (from Haneda Airport): 30,000 yen and higher

(The amount may vary depending on the time of the arrangements.)

PCR test fee each time after 3-day quarantine period: 11,000 yen or higher

(The amount may vary depending on the time of the arrangements.)



• We ask you to reserve a quarantine hotel for at least 4 nights and 5 days. However, as mentioned above, in cases of a positive result on the PCR test after the 3-day quarantine period, the arrangements by the health center tend to be slow. There is a possibility that a quarantine facility by the health center cannot be arranged immediately.

To avoid additional cost for the extended stay and mental stress caused while waiting a long time for the new facility, we recommend reserving a hotel room for 8 nights and 9 days and not reserving a third-day PCR test for the purpose of shortening your quarantine period.

• If you book for 4 nights and 5 days (quarantine period of 3 days from the day after arrival), the travel agency will arrange the PCR test on the fourth day of the quarantine period. Please make a reservation for a flight that allows you to check in on Monday, if possible, due to the need to arrange PCR tests. We appreciate your cooperation.

If the test result on the fourth day (3 days after the day of arrival) is negative and you report it to the Health Monitoring Center for Overseas Entrants (HCO) using the app and receive permission, then the quarantine period ends. If the test result is positive, you will stay at a designated facility according to the instructions of the HCO.

• As a general rule, please make a reservation at Toyoko Inn Chiba Station when arriving at Narita Airport, and at Toyoko Inn Haneda Airport 1 when arriving at Haneda Airport. However, depending on the availability at the hotel on the day of the reservation, you may reserve another hotel.

• For international students who are planning to move into the International House after the quarantine period, if the hotel check-out date is Saturday, Sunday or a public holiday, since the International House only opens on weekdays, it is necessary to secure another hotel until then.

# (3) - 3 Use of public transportation after entering Japan

You can use public transportation within 24 hours of entering Japan only when transferring to a hotel for quarantine. Please use public transportation along the shortest route and never make detours or shop, etc. along the way. Also, for epidemic prevention measures, we recommend that you ask a travel agency for a hired car in advance.

#### (3) - 4 Participation in private medical insurance

Please join insurance that covers the period from the date of entry to the time of joining the National Health Insurance. It should include travel insurance to cover medical expenses for the length of your stay. After enrolling, please submit a copy of the insurance to the person in charge of your faculty/department by the day before you arrive in Japan.

# (3) - 5 Preparing your smartphone

<u>Since a smartphone that can be used from the time of arrival at the airport and that has a government-designated application installed is required for entry, international students who cannot confirm possession of a smartphone that can use the required application during the quarantine procedure must rent one at the arrival airport before passing through immigration and entering the country. Please rent a smartphone within the airport.</u>

\* Rental costs will be borne by the person entering Japan. You will need to have your credit card ready. Please check the company's website in advance for rental costs.

[Ministry of Health, Labour and Welfare] Regarding the use of apps following your arrival <a href="https://www.mhlw.go.jp/stf/seisakunitsuite/bunya/0000121431">https://www.mhlw.go.jp/stf/seisakunitsuite/bunya/0000121431</a> 00250.html

[Vision] Smartphone rental at the airport

https://www.vision-net.co.jp/news/20210319002098.html

#### (3) - 6 Bringing Google Account Information

We provide all international students with a Google account (ending in ".gs.chiba-u.jp") issued by Chiba University, so be sure to bring information regarding it with you.

A Google account is required to use the government-designated app for health observation during the quarantine period after entering Japan. It is also required when using Google Forms for health observation by the university. To log in to our Google Forms, you need a Google account issued by Chiba University.

The URL for answering Google Forms provided by the International Student Division for daily health observation will be sent by the person in charge of each faculty/department before entering Japan.

### (3) - 7 Preparation of vaccination certificate

If you want to shorten the quarantine period, you will need a vaccination certificate approved by the Japanese government.

In addition, regardless of whether the Japanese government has given approval, it may be necessary for future vaccinations in Japan, so we recommend bringing a vaccination certificate with you.

https://www.mhlw.go.jp/stf/seisakunitsuite/bunya/0000121431 00342.html

# (3) - 8 Answering Questionnaire

Please access the questionnaire webpage and submit the answer for health follow-up after entering Japan. You can fill out the questionnaire through Fast Track ((3)–9).

[Ministry of Health, Labour and Welfare] Questionnaire webpage for 7-day health follow-up after entering Japan

https://www.mhlw.go.jp/stf/seisakunitsuite/bunya/0000121431\_00251.html

# (3) - 9 Recommend to use Fast Track and Visit Japan Web Service

\* Fast Track is available through the MySOS app for people entering Japan from overseas so they can complete some quarantine procedures online before entering Japan.

The procedures that can be carried out with Fast Track are as follows. By completing these procedures before entering Japan, the quarantine procedure at the time of entering Japan will be simplified and smooth entry will be possible.

Fast Track is available at Narita International Airport, Haneda Airport, Chubu Centrair International Airport, Kansai International Airport, and Fukuoka Airport.

By entering the necessary information at least 6 hours before the scheduled arrival time in Japan and completing the certificate of inspection taken within 72 hours before departure and vaccination certificate, the quarantine procedure can be shortened just by showing the screen of the smartphone. You can reduce the waiting time when you arrive at the airport, so please use it as much as possible.

- · Quarantine procedures that can be carried out before entering Japan with "Fast Track"
  - · Fill out the questionnaire
  - · Fill out the pledge
  - · Confirmation of validity of vaccination certificate
  - · Confirmation of validity of inspection certificate within 72 hours before departure
  - Install and log in to the health location confirmation app (MySOS)

[Ministry of Health, Labor and Welfare] Information regarding online Fast Track before procedure before immigration <a href="https://www.mhlw.go.jp/stf/newpage">https://www.mhlw.go.jp/stf/newpage</a> 24332.html>

In addition, Visit Japan Web Service is a web service provided by the Digital Agency that allows foreign immigrants to perform quarantine, immigration, and customs declaration immigration procedures at the time of entry. The Ministry of Education, Culture, Sports, Science and Technology has instructed us to thoroughly use both Fast Track and Visit Japan Web Service. In principle, we ask for your cooperation in using both services when entering Japan.

[Digital Agency] Visit Japan Web Service <a href="https://www.digital.go.jp/policies/visit\_japan\_web/">https://www.digital.go.jp/policies/visit\_japan\_web/</a>

# (3) - 10 Further considerations regarding entry

For further considerations, please check the following:

https://www.mhlw.go.jp/content/000889656.pdf (Japanese)

https://www.mhlw.go.jp/content/000889657.pdf (English)

# (4) Making an appointment for and receiving a PCR test 72 hours before departure

At immigration and when boarding the aircraft at the time of departure, you will need to submit a test certificate issued within 72 hours before departure. Report when you make the appointment and take the test, and report the results of the test, to the person in charge of your faculty/department.

[Ministry of Health, Labour and Welfare] Requirements for Certificate of Testing for Entering Japan <a href="https://www.mhlw.go.jp/content/000825144.pdf">https://www.mhlw.go.jp/content/000825144.pdf</a>

#### (5) Entering Japan

# (5) - 1 After entry

When a student is staying at a quarantine hotel, you can use public transportation within 24 hours after arriving at the airport. If you use public transportation after arrival, please transfer to the nearest quarantine site and do not take detours or shop, etc. along the way.

If you reserve a hired car, the travel agent will be waiting for you at the gate, and guide you to the hired car for travel to the hotel for quarantine.

# (5) - 2 Reporting entry to Japan to the person in charge of your faculty/department

Once you arrive at the quarantine hotel or your place to stay, please send an entry email to the International Student Division (nikkan@chiba-u.jp) and the person in charge of your faculty/department. Students who have entered from the country in the categories blue and yellow and who have been vaccinated three times also need to send an entry email to the International Student Division (nikkan@chiba-u.jp) and the person in charge of your faculty/department.

The content should be as follows:

[Subject]	Entry Report
[Contents]	I report my entry to Japan.
	Name, gender, faculty/department at Chiba University, student ID
	code, departure country before arriving in Japan, arrival date, flight
	number, arrival time, location, whether family members are with
	you, email address, phone number, current physical condition
	<only applicable="" person=""></only>
	•Result of novel coronavirus infection inspection at quarantine
	station
	Whether or not the vaccination certificate (copy) submitted at the
	quarantine station was accepted when requesting a shortening of
	the quarantine period

# (5) - 3 Health monitoring during quarantine period

When a student is staying at a quarantine hotel, please make sure to perform the following reports and confirmation until the quarantine period ends:

#### ① Health follow-up for the Japanese government

- Reporting by My SOS
- Report quarantine site and current location (multiple times a day), report health condition (once a day), respond to video calls
- Keep location records such as on Google Maps and COCOA (contact confirmation app)

[Ministry of Health, Labour and Welfare] Regarding the use of apps following your arrival <a href="https://www.mhlw.go.jp/stf/seisakunitsuite/bunya/0000121431\_00250.html">https://www.mhlw.go.jp/stf/seisakunitsuite/bunya/0000121431\_00250.html</a>

#### ② Reporting to a person in charge of your faculty/department

- When a student is staying at a quarantine hotel, you will use Google Forms to provide daily health reports during the quarantine period. Please report by 11:59 a.m. every day. To log in to the Google Forms URL of Chiba University, you will need a Google account issued by Chiba University (ending in ".qs.chiba-u.jp").
- Google Forms URLs will be sent by your faculty/department.
- If you can log in before arrival, please try it on the following test site before departure:

https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSeYhUATIPY\_nNdygeGXPoEeUhcPDKbc5IPNIF4YWx9Md E1iXw/viewform?usp=sf\_link

(If the link does not work, copy the URL and paste it in the browser address bar.)

· If you are unable to log in after arrival, please notify your faculty/department and the International

Student Division (NIKKAN@chiba-u.jp), and also report your health observation information for that same day (name, faculty/department, nationality, arrival date, accommodation [Hotel name], current body temperature, and any symptoms). If you cannot log in on Saturdays, Sundays and public holidays, please provide the information by email.

#### XThe test site form is as follows:





#### (5) - 4 Taking a PCR test

• After the 3-day quarantine period, the travel agency will arrange a PCR test to be self-paid. If the results are negative and the Health Monitoring Center for Overseas Entrants (HCO) issues permission, the quarantine period ends. Also, this reservation should be done before the arrival date. The cost of the test is self-paid.

[Ministry of Health, Labour and Welfare] Shortening or exempting quarantine period for arrivals who have a valid vaccination certificate

\* For information on acceptable medical institutions performing PCR tests and on how to submit negative results, see below:

https://www.mhlw.go.jp/stf/seisakunitsuite/bunya/0000121431 00342.html

# (5) - 5 End of quarantine period

# ① Confirming entrance to the university

When a student is staying at a quarantine hotel, after the quarantine period ends, please inform your faculty/department that the quarantine period has ended.

After your faculty/department has confirmed that there is no problem in your health status, we will send you permission to enter.

Upon receiving this email, you are permitted to enter campus.

When you move into the International House, you will be asked to show an admission permission email.

In addition, this procedure is not necessary for international students who have been vaccinated with the blue and yellow vaccines three times and do not have to wait.

The content should be as follows:

[Subject]	Permission for Entry to Campus
[Contents]	Dear OO
	You have completed the required waiting period and confirmed
	your health condition under the epidemic prevention measures
	established by the Japanese government, and you are permitted to
	enter the university.
	○○ Faculty Affairs Department, Academic Affairs Section

#### (5) - 6 Keeping documents

After entry to campus has been permitted, please submit the following documents to your faculty/department. It may be required to submit these documents to the government, etc.

- · Proof of private medical insurance
- · Acceptance receipt (when submitting questionnaire to ERFS)
- · Receipt of hired car (airport to quarantine site)
- · Receipt from accommodation
- · Entry permission mail
- ·Vaccination certificate
- \* If you have a shortened quarantine period, you will also need to submit the following:
- · Result of PCR test performed on the designated date
- · Images of notification from Health Monitoring Center for Overseas Entrants

#### 4. When international students have symptoms

① When symptomatic or positive before entering Japan

Please contact your faculty/department, supervisor, the International Student Division, and Safety and Health Organization. Your faculty/department will inform you of necessary measures, possibly including postponement of travel.

② When you become a close contact on the plane after the entry to Japan

Please contact your faculty/department, supervisor, the International Student Division, and Safety and Health Organization. Your faculty/department will inform you of necessary measures, possibly including postponement of travel.

When a close contact or symptomatic after the entry to Japan

Please contact your faculty/department, supervisor, the International Student Division, and Safety and Health Organization. Your faculty/department will inform you of necessary measures, possibly including postponement of travel.

4 When becoming testing positive after entry to Japan

Please contact your faculty/department, supervisor, the International Student Division, and Safety and Health Organization. Your faculty/department will inform you of necessary measures, possibly including postponement of travel.

If the test at the arrival airport is positive, you will be on standby at the accommodation facility designated by the quarantine station director according to the guidance of the quarantine station staff.

# [Contacts]

- · Safety and Health Organization, Chiba University: info-hsc@office.chiba-u.jp
- · International Student Division : nikkan@chiba-u.jp

#### 5. Costs

In principle, all the costs that arise due to entrance are to be borne by the student.