



**UPDATED ENTRY RESTRICTIONS TO PREVENT AN IMPORT OF OMICRON  
CORONAVIRUS VARIANT TO ROK (00:00am 03 DEC – 23:59pm 16 DEC 2021)**

Category 1		Korean Nationals	Foreign Nationals	
			Long-term Stay	Short-term Stay
Those departed from/transited through/remained in nine countries* in the last 14 days	Fully vaccinated in ROK	Boarding permitted, Facility-quarantined	Boarding permitted, Facility-quarantined	Boarding denied**
	Fully vaccinated overseas			
	Unvaccinated			

\* Republic of South Africa, Botswana, Lesotho, Namibia, Kingdom of Eswatini, Mozambique, Malawi, Zimbabwe, Nigeria

\*\* Passengers who intend to transit through Incheon International Airport with no immigration pass into ROK are not permitted on board as well.

- Foreign nationals with A-1, A-2, and long-term stay visas are permitted to board. Only those with A-1 and A-2 visas are exempted from mandatory quarantine upon arrival.
- Only incoming travelers carrying quarantine exemption certificate issued for unvaccinated travelers in accordance with stricter standards are exempted from mandatory quarantine. Korean nationals holding diplomatic or official passport can be exempted from quarantine when they carry an exemption quarantine certificate as well.
  - While the already-issued quarantine exemption certificate is recognized, certificates issued for fully vaccinated overseas for visiting immediate family purposes are suspended.
  - Fully overseas vaccinated travelers holding pre-issued quarantine exemption certificate must undergo COVID-19 PCR test at the public health center under the jurisdiction of their residential address and wait at their accommodations for the result. Unvaccinated travelers holding pre-issued quarantine exemption certificate must undergo COVID-19 PCR test at temporary living facility and wait at the facility for the result.
- Incoming travelers holding quarantine exemption certificate issued for unvaccinated travelers can be released from quarantine only after their COVID-19 PCR test result they undergo upon arrival at a temporary living facility designated by KDCA proves negative. In case a traveler tests positive, the traveler is transferred to a medical facility for treatment.



○ **Health guidelines for flight/cabin crew:**

It is recommended to replace flight/cabin crew who have been to one of nine African countries, whose list is above, for duties in the past 14 days with substitutes. When entering ROK, crew members with symptoms must undergo COVID-19 PCR test at the COVID-19 testing center at Incheon International Airport and those with no symptoms undergo an on-arrival COVID-19 PCR test at a temporary living facility designated by KDCA. Those whose test result proves to be negative move to their accommodations for layover taking transportations provided by their own airlines and those whose test result shows positive are transferred to medical facility for treatment.

Category 2		Korean Nationals	Foreign Nationals	
			Long-term Stay	Short-term Stay
Those departed from/transited through/remained in African countries other than the above nine nations in the last 14 days	Fully vaccinated in ROK	Boarding permitted, Self-quarantined *Required to undergo COVID-19 PCR test at temporary living facility	Boarding permitted, Self-quarantined * Required to undergo COVID-19 PCR test at temporary living facility	Boarding permitted, Facility-quarantined. *Required to undergo COVID-19 PCR test at temporary living facility
	Fully vaccinated overseas	Boarding permitted, Self-quarantined *Required to undergo COVID-19 PCR test at temporary living facility	Boarding permitted, Self-quarantined * Required to undergo COVID-19 PCR test at temporary living facility	Boarding permitted, Facility-quarantined.
	Unvaccinated	Boarding permitted, Self-quarantined *Required to undergo COVID-19 PCR test at temporary living facility	Boarding permitted, Self-quarantined * Required to undergo COVID-19 PCR test at temporary living facility	Boarding permitted, Facility-quarantined.

\* **Common requirement:** All incoming travelers must undergo a COVID-19 PCR test at a temporary living facility designated by KDCA near Incheon International Airport upon arrival. Travelers whose test result proves negative follow the process specified in the above table and those who tested positive are transferred to a medical facility for treatment.

○ Only incoming travelers carrying quarantine exemption certificate issued for unvaccinated travelers in accordance with stricter standards are exempted from mandatory quarantine. Korean nationals holding diplomatic or official passport can be exempted from quarantine when they carry an exemption quarantine certificate as well.

- While the already-issued quarantine exemption certificate is recognized, certificates issued for fully vaccinated overseas for visiting immediate family purposes are suspended.
- Fully overseas vaccinated travelers holding pre-issued quarantine exemption certificate must undergo COVID-19 PCR test at the public health center under the jurisdiction of their residential address and wait at their accommodations for the result. Unvaccinated travelers holding pre-issued quarantine exemption certificate must undergo COVID-19 PCR test at temporary living facility and wait at the facility for the result.



Category 3		Korean Nationals	Foreign Nationals	
			Long-term Stay	Short-term Stay
All incoming travelers not falling under category 1 & 2	Fully vaccinated in ROK	Boarding permitted, Self-quarantined *Required to undergo COVID-19 PCR test at public health center under jurisdiction of one's residential address	Boarding permitted, Self-quarantined *Required to undergo COVID-19 PCR test at public health center under jurisdiction of one's residential address	Boarding permitted, Facility-quarantined
	Fully vaccinated overseas	Boarding permitted, Self-quarantined *Required to undergo COVID-19 PCR test at public health center under jurisdiction of one's residential address	Boarding permitted, Self-quarantined *Required to undergo COVID-19 PCR test at public health center under jurisdiction of one's residential address	Boarding permitted, Facility-quarantined
	Unvaccinated	Boarding permitted, Self-quarantined *Required to undergo COVID-19 PCR test at public health center under jurisdiction of one's residential address	Boarding permitted, Self-quarantined *Required to undergo COVID-19 PCR test at public health center under jurisdiction of one's residential address	Boarding permitted, Facility-quarantined

\* Travel Bubble schemes with Saipan and Singapore remain effective. Any change in the implementation of the schemes shall be notified on separate occasion.

- Only incoming travelers carrying quarantine exemption certificate issued for unvaccinated travelers in accordance with stricter standards are exempted from mandatory quarantine. Korean nationals holding diplomatic or official passport can be exempted from quarantine when they carry an exemption quarantine certificate as well.
  - While the already-issued quarantine exemption certificate is recognized, certificates issued for fully vaccinated overseas for visiting immediate family purposes are suspended.
  - Fully overseas vaccinated travelers holding pre-issued quarantine exemption certificate must undergo COVID-19 PCR test at the public health center under the jurisdiction of their residential address and wait at their accommodations for the result. Unvaccinated travelers holding pre-issued quarantine exemption certificate must undergo COVID-19 PCR test at temporary living facility and wait at the facility for the result.