

Strengthened border enforcement measures against the Omicron variant (B.1.1.529)

As an emergency precautionary response, the following measures will be implemented for one month from a preventive point of view.

1. Suspension of new entry of foreign nationals

Foreign nationals will be suspended from newly entering Japan from 0:00AM November 30, 2021 (JST).

* This measure applies to existing visa holders.

* This measure will not apply to those who departed from a foreign country/region before 0:00AM November 30, 2021 (JST) and arrive in Japan after the above-mentioned time.

2. Strengthening border enforcement measures for Japanese nationals and others

(1) Quarantine in designated facilities will be applied for all returnees and entrants from following countries and regions.

- Countries newly designated as subject to a 10 days quarantine in designated facilities: Angola (Total numbers of designated countries/regions against to the Omicron variant: 10 countries)
- Countries newly designated as subject to a 6 days quarantine in designated facilities : Italy, Israel, the Netherlands, the UK, (Total numbers of designated countries/regions against the Omicron variant: 4 countries)
- Countries/regions newly designated as subject to a 3 days quarantine in designated facilities: Australia, Austria, Belgium, Canada (Ontario), the Czech Republic, Denmark, France, Germany, Hong Kong, (Total numbers of designated countries/regions against the Omicron variant: 9 countries / regions)

* As of noon on November 29 (JST). The list of designated countries/regions is subject to further addition depending on the situation of each country/region.

* 10 days quarantine in designated facilities will be applied from 0:00AM (JST) on November, 30, 2021 (JST), and 6 days and 3 days quarantine in designated facilities will be applied from 0:00AM on December 1, 2021 (JST).

(2) All returnees and entrants are subject to a 14 day quarantine, including vaccinated persons.

(Provisional translation)

3. Enforcing monitoring mechanism

- (1) The follow up checks conducted by the Health Monitoring Center for Overseas Entrants (HCO) will be strengthened for those arriving from the designated countries/regions against the Omicron variant.
- (2) The surveillance mechanism on COVID-19 variants will be enforced.

4. Raising levels of MOFA's Travel Advice and Warning on Infectious Diseases

- Angola and Mozambique will be raised from level 2 to level 3.

5. Lowering the limit of the total number of entrants

- Regarding the limit of total number of entrants into Japan, the measures from November 26 to raise the limit to about 5,000 people a day will be suspended. The limit will be lowered to about 3,500 people a day from December 1, 2021 (JST).

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