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To

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(Notification)Acceptance of Foreign Researchers, etc. under the New Measures for  
Border Control

On September 26, 2022, the Ministry of Health, Labor and Welfare (MHLW) and the Ministry of Foreign Affairs (MOFA) announced new measures for strengthening border control measures. As shown in Attachment 1, the new measures for border control measures have been revised as of October 11, 2022, such as eliminating the need to apply for the Entrants-Returnees Follow-up System (ERFS).

Therefore, we would like to ask you to inform the faculty and staff concerned about the above. The registration to the Entrants-Returnees Follow-up System (ERFS), which you have applied to the International Office, will no longer be required.

Accordingly, the "Notice on Acceptance of Foreign Researchers under the New Measures for Border Control (Notification)", No. 29, September 12, 2022, is repealed.

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[Changes] Effective from October 11, 2022 (Tuesday)

## 1. Revision of Restrictions on New Entry of Foreign Nationals

For new entry of foreign nationals, application through the Entry-Reentry Health Verification System (ERFS) by a person in charge of reception located in Japan will no longer be required.

At the same time, the restriction of entry of foreign tourists to Japan as package tours will be lifted.

## 2. Resumption of Visa Waiver Measures

Visa waiver measures will be reintroduced.

## 3. Review of inspections, etc.

Except for returnees/entrants with symptoms of suspected infection with the new coronavirus, no inspection will be conducted upon entry, and they will not be required to wait at home or in accommodations, follow up during the waiting period, or not use public transportation, etc. after entry. However, all returnees and entrants will be required to submit either a certificate of vaccination (3 shots) with vaccines listed on the World Health Organization (WHO) Emergency Use List or a negative certificate of a test taken within 72 hours prior to departure from Japan.

For a valid vaccination certificate, see the following URL:

[https://www.mhlw.go.jp/stf/seisakunitsuite/bunya/border\\_vaccine.html](https://www.mhlw.go.jp/stf/seisakunitsuite/bunya/border_vaccine.html)

## 4. Review of the control of the total number of persons entering the country

The current daily limit of 50,000 persons per day will no longer be set.

## Entry Flow (for both returnees and new arrivals)

. . . Newly arrived foreigners only, returnees are not required to apply

	Matter	Contents	implementor		N B
			Entrant	Faculty	
one month before the departure	① Meeting with people entering the country	Prepare a certificate (copy) of 3 vaccinations	○	○	
	② Visa Procedures	<p>※ For the country and region which require visa only</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Submit the required documents such as certificate of acceptance to the Japanese embassy or consulate abroad</li> </ul>	○	○	In addition to the visa application form, passport, photo, and certificate of acceptance, the following documents are required. ★For short-term : a letter of invitation, a letter of guarantee, a schedule of stay, and documents showing the applicant's ability to pay for the trip. ★For long-term : a certificate of eligibility is required.
	③ Arrangement of tickets	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Arrangement of the flight ticket</li> </ul>	○		
	④ Enrollment in private medical insurance	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Enrollment Procedures</li> </ul>	○		Insurance policies and other documents may be checked at the time of entry into Japan.
one week before the departure	⑤ Install of the App for keeping a record of your and your family's health and medical care (MySOS)	Install of the App for keeping a record of your and your family's health and medical care (MySOS)	○		Ministry of Health, Labour and Welfare, Immigration Health Confirmation Center <a href="https://www.hco.mhlw.go.jp/">https://www.hco.mhlw.go.jp/</a>  If your date of entrance is after November :⑧Use Visit Japan Web (available after 11/1) Visit Japan Web service <a href="https://www.visitjapan.digital.go.jp/Web/">https://www.visitjapan.digital.go.jp/Web/</a>
	⑥ Obtaining the inspection certification	<p>※Only the case for the third vaccination certificate is not submitted</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Obtain a "(Negative) Certificate within 72 hours before departure" from a medical institution in the country/region where you are staying. (Refer to the Ministry of Health, Labor and Welfare website)</li> </ul>	○		Certificate within 72 hours before departure <a href="https://www.mhlw.go.jp/stf/seisakunitsuite/bunya/0000121431_00248.html">https://www.mhlw.go.jp/stf/seisakunitsuite/bunya/0000121431_00248.html</a>
	⑦ Fast Track allows quarantine procedures to be done prior to entry into the country	<p>【Quarantine procedures to be done prior to entry into Japan】</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Fill out the Questionnaire form</li> <li>Confirmation of the validity of vaccination certificates or inspection certificate within 72 hours prior to departure</li> </ul>	○		Fast Track: <a href="https://www.hco.mhlw.go.jp/fasttrack/">https://www.hco.mhlw.go.jp/fasttrack/</a>
	⑧ Register for Visit Japan Web Service	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>After obtaining the inspection certificate, register for the Visit Japan Web Service.</li> </ul>	○		Visit Japan Web service <a href="https://www.visitjapan.digital.go.jp/Web/">https://www.visitjapan.digital.go.jp/Web/</a> A web service that allows you to perform immigration procedures such as quarantine, immigration inspection, and customs declaration at the time of entry  Hereafter, it will plan to cooperate with Fast Track (from November 14, 2022, the date of entry)
	⑨ Quarantine and immigration at the airport	<p>【Quarantine】</p> Fast-track (quarantine is completed by showing the screen on the smartphone)  <p>【Immigration】</p> Confirmation of visa, etc.	○		For the waiting period, etc. after entering Japan and the presence or absence of inspections, please refer to [Waiting period, etc. after entering Japan] below.

If it falls under the strengthening of quarantine for all immigrants from "designated countries/regions for mutated strains, etc. that require special measures in terms of border control", they will be requested to wait at the place designated by the quarantine station chief, but at present (As of October 11, 2022), there are no designated

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\*A valid vaccination certificate does not require a certificate of inspection within 72 hours.  
<https://www.hco.mhlw.go.jp/>
  
- To register necessary information such as inspection certificates so that fast-tracks can be used to facilitate quarantine.  
Fast track  
Japanese: <https://www.hco.mhlw.go.jp/fasttrack/>  
English: <https://www.hco.mhlw.go.jp/fasttrack/en/>
  
- Use of the Visit Japan Web Service (a web-based service that allows visitors to complete immigration procedures such as quarantine, immigration inspection, and customs declaration at the time of entry into Japan).  
Visit Japan Web  
Japanese: [https://www.digital.go.jp/policies/posts/visit\\_japan\\_web](https://www.digital.go.jp/policies/posts/visit_japan_web)  
English: [https://www.digital.go.jp/en/services/visit\\_japan\\_web](https://www.digital.go.jp/en/services/visit_japan_web)
  
- Thorough infection prevention measures ((1) wearing non-woven masks, (2) thorough hand disinfection, and (3) avoidance of "3-Cs(Closed spaces, Crowded places, and Close-contact settings )")
  
- Comply with the laws and regulations of Japan.

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Attachment 3

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~~—— Please fill out the following website to confirm the necessary quarantine measures.~~  
<https://www.hco.mhlw.go.jp/>
- ~~Please refer to the attached document for necessary information on Japan's water border measures, including inspection and waiting measures upon entry.~~
- ~~Install necessary applications and register information on smart phones.~~  
(1) ~~Install MySOS (the application for confirming the health and whereabouts of immigrants) and~~ register necessary information such as inspection certificates so that fast-tracking can be used to facilitate quarantine.  
**MySOS**  
Japanese: <https://www.hco.mhlw.go.jp/manual/pdf-jp/summary.pdf>  
English: <https://www.hco.mhlw.go.jp/manual/pdf-en/summary.pdf>  
Fast track  
Japanese: <https://www.hco.mhlw.go.jp/fasttrack/>  
English: <https://www.hco.mhlw.go.jp/fasttrack/en/>
- (2) Use of the Visit Japan Web Service (a web-based service that allows visitors to complete immigration procedures such as quarantine, immigration inspection, and customs declaration at the time of entry into Japan).  
Visit Japan Web  
Japanese: [https://www.digital.go.jp/policies/posts/visit\\_japan\\_web](https://www.digital.go.jp/policies/posts/visit_japan_web)  
English: [https://www.digital.go.jp/en/services/visit\\_japan\\_web](https://www.digital.go.jp/en/services/visit_japan_web)
- ~~If you do not have a smartphone available, you can use the at the time of entry into the~~

~~country, a smart phone must be rented at the airport.~~

~~☐ Check the designated country/region and vaccination certificate together with the host person in charge to determine standby facilities, aircraft, etc.~~

~~☐ During the waiting period after entry into Japan, the student should be in daily contact with the person in charge of receiving the student.~~

~~☐ If the waiting period is shortened, a PCR test is required after consulting with the person in charge of acceptance, and if the PCR test is not taken, the applicant must wait for 5 days.~~

~~☐ If you become symptomatic or positive for novel coronavirus infection or feel unwell during the waiting period, promptly notify the person in charge of receiving the applicant.~~

☐ Thorough infection prevention measures ((1) wearing non-woven masks, (2) thorough hand disinfection, and (3) avoidance of "3-Cs(Closed spaces, Crowded places, and Close-contact settings)")

☐ Comply with the laws and regulations of Japan.

~~☐ If the pledge is violated, or if the contents of the written pledge that the visitor pledges at the time of quarantine at the time of entry are violated (including cases of misrepresentation in either case), the name of the company/organization, etc. responsible for receiving the visitor may be publicly announced. In addition, the name of the company or organization responsible for receiving the foreigner may be made public, and the "Online Application for New Entry for Foreigners" from the responsible person may not be accepted in the future from the perspective of preventing the spread of new coronavirus infection.~~