



**Japan COVID-19 Updates**

JAPAN			
Service	Service delivery is business as usual.		
Borders	Citizens / Residents	Foreign Nationals	Business Travel
	Open	Partial	Partial
<p>Travelers (tourism) from most locations are banned, the up to date list is here: <a href="https://www.mofa.go.jp/ca/fna/page4e_001053.html">https://www.mofa.go.jp/ca/fna/page4e_001053.html</a></p> <p>All countries not under the Residence Track agreement are barred entry from December 28<sup>th</sup> – January 31<sup>st</sup>. The UK and South Africa are separately barred until further notice with enhanced quarantine protocol.</p>			
Immigration	New Visa Applications	Renewals	Processing Times
	Partial	Open – no auto renewals	Extensive Delays
<p>Certificate of Eligibility (COE) applications for medium to long-term business travellers are being accepted and processed for all countries. “Written Pledge” required to be filled and stamped by host company and submitted upon entry by person entering among other documents. For short-term “business track” applicants, additional supplemental documents required.</p>			
Intl. Schools	Open	In Person Tours?	Virtual Visits?
	Yes	Yes	Limited
Arrivals	Pre-Arrival	PCR test showing negative results issued 72 hours prior to flight in addition to certain documents proving the entrant is under the host company’s responsibility. Copy of “Written Pledge” stamped by host company must be obtained. “Schedule of Planned Activities” required for business-track travelers.	
	Arrival	PCR test administered upon arrival. Entrant must download tracing app COCOA as well as a mainstream map application that can record and store their location during the 14 days. LINE chat app download and setup of self-reporting function is required (Japanese only).	
	Quarantine	Self-quarantine and refrain from using public transportation (including airplane and bullet trains) for 14 days. Unnecessary outings are prohibited during quarantine. If assignee cannot understand Japanese or does not have a Japanese number, companies must have a designated HR point of contact must report health status via LINE app on the assignee’s behalf.	
	Costs	None other than personal lodgings if self-quarantining.	
	Exceptions	Japanese nationals returning from listed countries must also undergo virus tests. A COVID-19 test is no longer required prior to travel to those from Australia, Brunei, mainland China, New Zealand, Singapore, South Korea, Taiwan, Thailand and Vietnam.	
Local Measures	The government has released a contact-tracing app COCOA, however it is not compulsory by law for those already living in Japan. Cross-prefecture travel is being discouraged, and certain major cities including Nagoya, Tokyo and Kobe/Osaka may revert to previous restrictions on movement and gatherings especially in known entertainment areas if future spikes. Mask wearing is common and required to enter most premises but not mandatory according to law.		