



HKGSSU 21-036/GI
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To: BSP Agents
Subject: Reminder notice of Passengers for Entering/Transiting Japan

In line with Japan Quarantine Law, all passengers must provide a negative certificate of COVID-19 inspection that was conducted within 72 hours before departure when entering Japan on/after 19MAR2021, airlines are obliged to deny passengers boarding flights for those fail to provide valid inspection certificates at departure country before boarding.

Japan Airlines wishes to remind agency of the requirement to advise passengers' advance preparation of negative test certificate of COVID-19 inspection when entering Japan, includes passengers who will stay overnight for transit purpose. Also, advanced hotel and private transportation reservation is required. Please inform to passengers who have booked flights to Japan take note the following points when obtaining certificate of COVID-19 inspection. This is the replacement of JAL Sales notice HKGSSU 21-013/GI dated 08 June 2021.

1. Sample Collection Method

Valid sampling method (either of the followings is valid):

- Nasopharyngeal Swab
- Saliva

<Note> It is invalid for "Oral swab, Throat swab", " Nasal swab, Nose swab" and "The combination of nose and throat".

2. COVID-19 Inspection Method

The following is valid method of COVID-19 inspection as of 31MAR2021 for reference:

- Real time RT-PCR (Real time reverse transcription PCR)
- LAMP (Loop-mediated Isothermal Amplification)
- TMA (Transcription Mediated Amplification)
- TRC (Transcription Reverse-transcription Concerted reaction)
- Smart Amp (Smart Amplification process)
- NEAR (Nicking Enzyme Amplification Reaction)
- Next Generation Sequence
- Quantitative Antigen Test (CLEIA) *NOT a Qualitative Antigen Test

3. Date and Time of Specimen Collection

It is required to indicate the following Date and Time on the inspection certificate.

- The date of issuance of test certificate
- The date and time of specimen collection (Within 72 hours before departure)



4. Valid Format of “Certificate of Negative Test Result”

Please refer to the following site of Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Japan

URL: https://www.mofa.go.jp/ca/fna/page25e_000334.html

For more details, please consult with your local Japanese Embassy or Consulate, or kindly refer to the following links for related information.

- The Ministry of Health, Labour and Welfare:
https://www.mhlw.go.jp/stf/seisakunitsuite/bunya/newpage_00032.html)
- JAL Homepage: “[Notice to all passengers departing for Japan](#)”

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