

FAQs on Submitting Negative COVID-19 PCR Test Certificate

1. Are negative PCR Certificates issued in any languages other than Korean or English accepted?

- In principle, certificates must be issued either in Korean or English.
- In the case the certificate is issued in a third language, a translated version in either Korean or English, with a notarial certificate for the translation will be accepted.
 - ※ For instance, translation certification issued by a notary organization in the country of departure.

2. What types of tests are accepted?

- Only Real-time Reverse Transcription Polymerase Chain Reaction will be accepted.

3. When should I take the test?

- The test result certificate must be issued within 72 hours before your departure.
 - ※ For instance, when boarding an airplane departing on January 10th at 10:00 a.m., only certificates issued after January 7th, 00:00 a.m., are accepted.

4. What if I have a connecting flight? (Country A → Country B → arrival in Korea)

- If you transfer a flight from A to B without entering Country B, the certificate must be issued at Country A.
- If you transfer a flight from A to B and enter Country B before departing for Korea, the certificate must be issued in Country B.

5. Are foreign passengers transiting in Korea without entry and heading to a third country required to submit a negative PCR test certificate? (Country A -> Korea -> Country B)?

- Non-Korean passengers transiting in Korea without entry and heading to a third country are exempted from submitting a negative PCR test certificate.

6. If I received my test result online, how should I submit it and will it be recognized when entering Korea?

- A printed copy of the results must be submitted for the National Quarantine Service authorities to verify the negative PCR test result in detail.
- The test result should include your name (as stated in your passport), type of test, test result, and issuance date.

7. What happens if I arrive in Korea without a negative PCR certificate?

- Foreigners who fail to submit a certificate will be denied entry (same as all other countries)
- Koreans entering the country from the UK or South Africa will be quarantined in a temporary facility for two weeks. Individuals are responsible for the expenses of using the facility.(1,680,000won per person)

8. Do I need to be tested at a designated institute?

- Passengers from countries under reinforced quarantine measures by the Korean government(as of January 7th), must submit a negative PCR test result issued by the designated institution in the country. (Refer to local embassy/consulate website). These countries include the Philippines, Uzbekistan, Kyrgyzstan, Bangladesh, and Nepal.
- Travelers from other countries can submit certificates issued by non-designated institutions.