

Osan Air Base

# Summer 21 Travel Fact Sheet

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## COVID-19 Testing Requirements

All personnel in-bound to the Republic of Korea, including PCS travel, Leave and TDY, flying on Commercial Air or the Patriot Express require a negative COVID-19 PCR test result certificate dated within 72 hours prior to takeoff from the international departure point. Outbound personnel also require negative COVID-19 test results prior to travel. Effective 15 July 2021 COVID-19 testing will no longer be provided at Seattle Tacoma Airport to personnel traveling on the Patriot Express. Accepted tests vary depending on type of travel and type of flight. The Polymerase Chain Reaction (PCR) Test is the only test accepted by the Republic of Korea Government. Approved COVID-19 PCR tests include; Biofire/Cepheid, Abbott ID NOW, LAMP test PCR (DNA test), Nucleic Acid PCR, Real Time PCR (RT-PCR), Quantitative (real time) PCR, Real time fluorescent PCR, Amplified probe technique PCR, Rapid PCR, Isothermal PCR, and NAAT by PCR. **All Antigen/Antibody Tests are not approved for entry by the ROKG.**

### In-bound to the Republic of Korea:

- Must hand carry the original negative PCR test lab report and at least 5 copies to immigrate to Korea. Results must say “NEGATIVE”, not “Not Detected.”
- Must have personal identification documented on the PCR test certificate to match an ID such as DOB, DoD ID #, or Passport # — Not just traveler’s name.
- Must have PCR test results dated within 72 hours of their international leg (verify date/time on test result)—ensure layovers & delays are accounted for
- Must have a PCR test certificate in English and/or Hangul. If the result cannot be issued in these languages, personnel must get the test results translated, and then notarized at the ROK Embassy in their country of origin. A ROKG notarized certificate must be presented with the original PCR test result.
- Must submit their negative PCR test certificate to the quarantine authorities upon arrival in the ROK or the member will be denied entry to the country.

### Outbound from the Republic of Korea:

- Personnel on a commercial flight for official travel – negative PCR or Antigen test 3 days prior to takeoff.
- Personnel on a Patriot Express flight for official travel – negative PCR or Antigen test within 72 hours of the rotators departure.
- Personnel on a commercial flight for leave – negative PCR or Antigen test 3 days prior to takeoff.

## Passports Requirements

Effective 1 October 2021, official travel must be conducted with a Special Issuance Passport (SIP). This requirement applies to command sponsored dependents and DoD civilian employees on government funded travel to Korea, Japan, and Germany. A No-Fee Regular Passport is a type of SIP and is what will apply to the majority of dependents and civilians arriving to and departing from the Republic of Korea on official travel.

As a temporary measure, a memorandum from a DoD Passport Agent stating that a SIP application was submitted prior to departure from the point of origin can be accepted along with a Regular Passport (Tourist). The memorandum must identify each applicant, date of submission, country of travel for PCS, TDY or TAD, and DoD VPAS ID. Official travel conducted with a Regular Passport (Tourist) with memorandum (in lieu of a SIP), will expire on 30 September 2021.

## Korea Electronic Travel Authorization

Effective 1 September 2021, all dependents, DoD Civilians, and DoD Contractors must comply with Korean Electronic Authorization (K-ETA) requirements. Personnel requiring a K-ETA certificate must register and create an account at <https://www.k-eta.go.kr/> A Korean address is required in the registration process. Personnel on official travel to Osan Air Base should use this address; Zip 17759, 55 Sinjang Ro, Pyeongtaek.

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## Arriving in the Republic of Korea

Personnel arriving at Incheon Airport are required to use contracted bus transportation provided by the Joint Personnel Processing Center. Contact the JPRC service desk located at:

- Terminal 1: At the end of Terminal 1, make a right when departing the baggage claim or a left when entering the passenger terminal
- Terminal 2 Gate A: Take a right when exiting Gate A, the JPRC desk is at the end
- Terminal 2 Gate B: Take a left when exiting Gate B, the JPRC desk is past the elevators on the left

## Departing the Republic of Korea

Unless superseded by interim guidance, during HPCON A and HPCON B, individuals are authorized to use public transportation, POV, or 51 FSS ITT Shuttle for travel to Incheon or PCS, TDY, or leave. The 51 FSS ITT Shuttle will be available for personnel on official travel in all HPCONs.

## Common Terms: Isolation, Quarantine, Restriction of Movement, and Health Monitoring Status

**Isolation:** For persons verified as positive for COVID-19 or medical quarantine for Person Under Investigation (PUI) pending COVID-19 test results. PUIs are individuals who become symptomatic from any status category and meet COVID-19 testing criteria utilized by 51 MDG. PUI status will be determined by 51 MDG pending COVID-19 test results.

**Quarantine:** Quarantine is used at Osan Air Base for personnel who have had close contact with a positive COVID-19 case or any international flight arrival via Incheon International Airport or Patriot Express.

**Restriction of Movement (ROM) to Quarters:** Applies to non-vaccinated personnel awaiting Day 12 test results, fully vaccinated personnel awaiting Day 1 test results or any other member told to ROM to prevent or diminish the transmission of a communicable disease. All inbound personnel arriving in the Republic of Korea on an international flight will ROM pending the required negative COVID-19 test results. Personnel will not leave their temporary lodging or residence, visit public areas on or off installation, or use public transportation, to include taxis, on or off installation, unless executing mission essential movement as described below.

- Anyone experiencing a medical emergency should go directly to the nearest emergency department
- Walking dogs
- Disposing of trash
- Washing and drying laundry
- Additional medical screening, if directed by 51 MDG
- Smoking cigarettes and vaping in designated smoking area

**Health Monitoring Status:** Applies to fully vaccinated personnel with an approved Quarantine Action Plan and negative Day 1 COVID-19 test. Personnel on Health Monitoring Status must comply with Day 6 and Day 12 COVID-19 testing and track their health for a 14-day period. Personnel on Health Monitoring Status are authorized all activities on installation and the following mission essential activities off base.

- All duty activities including combined training on USFK and ROK MND installations
- Use of public transportation for mission essential activities
- Use of off-installation health, life and safety activities and services
- Purchasing food, clothing and essential needs (indoor malls and department stores are prohibited)
- Take-out, delivery and drive-thru from restaurants (sit-down dining is prohibited)
- Outdoor hiking, walking, biking, running (follow ROK rules for group sizes)

Fully vaccinated personnel who do not have an approved QAP are required to remain on installation in a ROM to Osan status. Members in ROM to Osan Status may use all base services.

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