

Q47. FAQs concerning Confirmed COVID-19 Cases Returning to Taiwan

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Q1: What rules must confirmed COVID-19 cases abide by before taking the flight to Taiwan?

A1 :

Travelers who test positive for COVID-19 must wait over 7 days from the specimen collection date to take a flight to Taiwan in order to reduce the risk of COVID-19 transmission while flying and maintain safety on the flight.

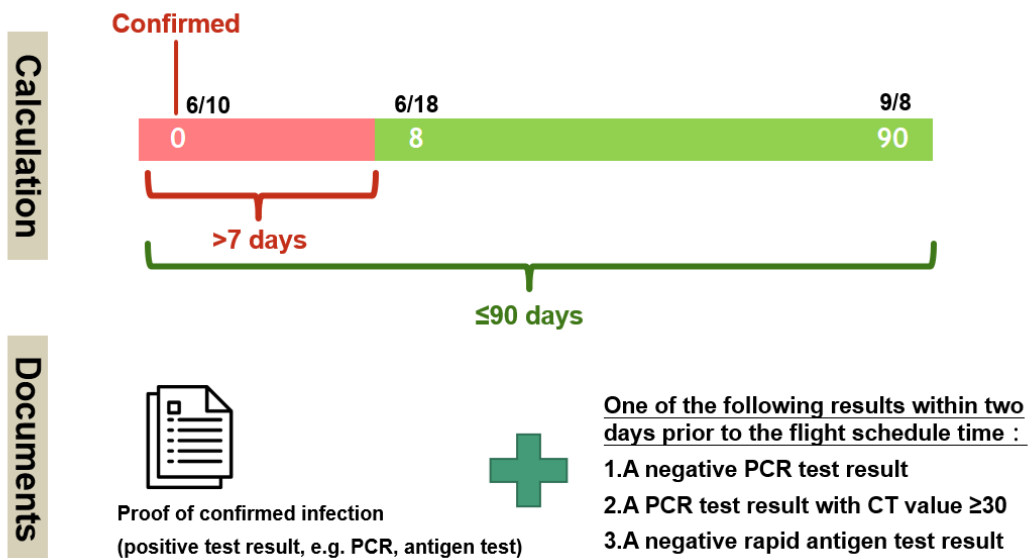
Travelers who have tested positive for COVID-19 or were diagnosed with COVID-19 within 90 days (specimen collection date) prior to flight date must present the aforementioned positive test result or certificate of confirmed diagnosis of COVID-19, as well as one of the proofs of (1) a negative rapid antigen test result, (2) a negative PCR test result, or (3) a PCR test result with a CT value ≥ 30 for SARS-CoV-2 from a respiratory specimen obtained within two days prior to flight schedule time before taking the flight to Taiwan. However, on July 14, R.O.C. nationals, Alien Resident Certificate holders, will be exempt from providing the aforementioned tests.

Q2 : How is the period of a PCR report between a confirmed case's specimen collection date to the flight date calculated?

A2 :

A period of more than seven days between the specimen collection date and the flight date shall be calculated based on "calendar days," and the two tests should be performed over 7 days apart but not more than 90 days apart.

For example: If a traveler was tested and confirmed to have COVID-19 on June 10, 2022 (the positive PCR test result or proof of confirmed infection has been obtained), counting forwards seven calendar days from the date, this traveler should present a "negative result" from a rapid antigen test or a "negative result" or "positive result with a Ct value ≥ 30 " from a PCR test or a "negative result" from a rapid antigen test for SARS-CoV-2 taken between June 18 to September 8 (inclusive) and "within two days prior to the flight schedule time" before taking the flight to Taiwan.



Q2-1 : Can confirmed cases provide negative results from at-home rapid antigen tests to return to Taiwan?

A2-1 :

No. In principle, a COVID-19 rapid antigen test result provided by a confirmed case must be issued by a legally-established hospital or clinic (including a medical testing laboratory) at the place of departure. If the government in the place of departure allows pharmacies or community testing stations to administer rapid tests and issue test results that meet Taiwan's requirements and the tests are performed within two days prior to the flight schedule time, such test results can be accepted.

Q2-2 : Are these rules above applicable to individuals testing positive for COVID-19 more than 90 days ago?

A2-2 :

These rules are not applicable due to the possibility of reinfection.

Q3 : What requirements are there for PCR test results for SARS-CoV-2?

A3 :

Please refer to the "Entry and Quarantine Measures for COVID-19 Prevention FAQs concerning COVID-19 PCR Test Reports within Two Days prior to Flight Schedule Time".