

Important Notice on Ebola Virus Disease Quarantine

AHC-AHWP Joint Workshop, the 18th AHWP TC Meeting & the 19th AHWP Annual Meeting

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Dear Distinguished Guests and Speakers,

We appreciate your participation in the APEC Harmonization Center-Asian Harmonization Working Party (AHC-AHWP) Joint Workshop, the 18th AHWP Technical Committee Meeting & the 19th AHWP Annual Meeting.

Given the recent concern over the **Ebola Virus Disease (EVD) Outbreak in West Africa**, the Korean government is enhancing entry screening at international airports. In line with joint efforts of Korean health authorities, we would like to inform you the official EVD quarantine procedures in advance and ask for your cooperation for the safety of all the participants of the event.

[General Notice]

1. According to the Korea Center for Disease Control and Prevention, travelers who have been exposed to Ebola should not travel on commercial flights at least for 21 days after the exposure.
2. Travelers with suspected symptoms of Ebola should postpone the travel until approved by doctors or public health authorities for traveling.

* Suspected symptoms of Ebola: Fever of 38°C (101.5°F) or higher, weakness, headache, sore throat, vomiting, abdominal pain, diarrhea, muscle pain, rash, unexplained bleeding.

[Quarantine Procedures for Entry to Korea]

The procedures will vary depending on origins of departure or stopover destinations.

- Travelers who reside in or visited one of the three West African nations (Guinea, Liberia, and Sierra Leone) within 21 days before visiting Korea: At a landing gate, passengers will be asked for temperature reading and escorted to a quarantine room to fill in the health questionnaires. If the passengers have a fever or other symptoms of EVD, further epidemiological investigation will be conducted.
- Travelers who either take a flight departing from Africa or have a stopover in Africa: At a landing gate, passengers will be asked to fill in the health questionnaires and undergo the quarantine procedures.
- Other travelers from non-affected countries: The general quarantine procedure will be performed as usual.

For cooperation with the quarantine procedures, please fill in the check list below if applicable and return it to the 2014 AHWP Event Secretariat via email at 2014ahwp@kmdia.or.kr as soon as possible before your departure. (※ Please return it, only when you answer "yes" to any of the following two questions**)**

< Checklist for Participants >

| Check list | 1. Do you reside in one of the three nations (Guinea, Liberia, and Sierra Leone)? | | | | | | | | | Yes <input type="checkbox"/> |
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| | 2. Have you visited one of the three nations (Guinea, Liberia, and Sierra Leone) within 21 days before entering Korea? | | | | | | | | | Yes <input type="checkbox"/> |
| ※ If you check for any of the questions, please provide us with your flight information. | | | | | | | | | | |
| Name | | | | | | | | | | |
| Flight information | | | | | | | | | | |
| Country | First Travel Date | Post of last Departure | Arrival Date | Arrival Time | Destination | Arrival Flight No. | Date of Departure | Departure Time | Departure Flight No. | Note |
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*** Note:**

- Travelers who reported their residence in or visit to any Ebola epidemic area through the above checklist will go through the screening process at a landing gate and have an interview with a doctor. Further medical check-up will be proceeded in an isolated area if a traveler shows any symptom of Ebola such as having a fever.
- Even without diagnosis of EVD, travelers who reported their residence in or visit to Ebola epidemic areas through the above checklist will be monitored by the health authorities during their stay in Korea.
- If travelers who reported their residence in or visit to Ebola epidemic areas through the above checklist do not go through the proper screening process at a landing gate, they should voluntarily report that to the quarantine office before an immigration inspection for the safety of all participants of the Event.
- Any traveler with a fever could be requested to measure their body temperature and to fill in the health questionnaires during the usual general quarantine procedure.

Our top priority is the safety of participants during the Event. Once again, we appreciate your great contribution to the AHC-AHWP Joint Workshop and the AHWP Meetings. We look forward to welcoming you to Seoul. Thank you for your cooperation.

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