

Inbound to ROK  
Includes all leave,  
TDY, & in-bounds



Commercial Air  
Patriot Express



Members must show proof a NEGATIVE COVID-19 PCR test was administered AND a negative test result was received within 72 hours before aircraft departure.



The Polymerase Chain Reaction (PCR) Test is a molecular and is the **only** test accepted by the Republic of Korea (ROK) Government for entry. See below for approved COVID PCR tests. **ANTIGEN or ANTIBODY TESTS WILL RESULT IN DEPORTATION!**

1	Biofire/Cepheid	APPROVED BY ROK	6	Real time fluorescent PCR	APPROVED BY ROK
1	Abbott ID NOW	APPROVED BY ROK	7	Amplified probe technique PCR	APPROVED BY ROK
2	LAMP test PCR (DNA test)	APPROVED BY ROK	8	Rapid PCR	APPROVED BY ROK
3	Nucleic Acid PCR	APPROVED BY ROK	9	Isothermal PCR	APPROVED BY ROK
4	Real Time PCR (RT-PCR)	APPROVED BY ROK	10	NAAT by PCR	APPROVED BY ROK
5	Quantitative (real time) PCR	APPROVED BY ROK	11	All Antigen/Antibody Tests	NOT APPROVED BY ROK

Members inbound to Korea:

- Must hand carry the original negative **PCR** test lab report and at least **3 copies** to immigrate to Korea. Results must say **"NEGATIVE", or "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, members 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.

**Any personnel that arrive without a NEGATIVE PCR TEST dated 72 hours prior to their international flight's departure will be denied entry. All costs accrued due to denied entry to include but not limited to airfare, hotels, food, & leave days, will likely be at the member's own expense.**

For more information and the latest updates, please visit the US Embassy COVID-19 page at <https://kr.usembassy.gov/022420-covid-19-information/>

For additional details on where to get a PCR test near your location, please see <https://www.hhs.gov/coronavirus/community-based-testing-sites/index.html>

**IF YOU HAVE ANY QUESTIONS, CONCERNS, OR ISSUES WHILE TRAVELING—PLEASE IMMEDIATELY CONTACT YOUR SPONSOR OR CHAIN OF COMMAND.**

IAW travel regulations, the following are some reminders to assist you with travel on the Patriot Express (PE). Note that some of these requirements are more stringent than what is provided in the Foreign Clearance Guide and are not all inclusive.

**General:**

- All passengers, regardless of age, are required to have a COVID test to board the PE within the established timelines
- “Handwritten” tests are not accepted
  - Examples of handwritten tests include – memorandums and doctor’s note
  - Only original copies from a testing facility are accepted
- The screening staff reserves the right to test any passenger to ensure they are able to board the PE

**Destination – Japan:**

- If you have previously tested Positive for COVID in the last 90 days you must:
  - Bring a copy of your Positive test result(s)
  - Bring a medical clearance letter from your provider stating that you have clinically recovered and are cleared to travel

**Destination – Republic of Korea:**

- A physical printout (3x copies) is required to board the PE
- Printed screenshots of results are not accepted
- Results must state the following (not all inclusive, but these are the most commonly missed items):
  - Two identifiers:
    - Name (must match travel documents – i.e. CAC, Passport, etc.)
    - DOB, DOD ID Number, or Social Security Number
  - Test Type
  - Collection Date and Time
  - Location or Facility where test was conducted (e.g. military or off-base provider)