
Free COVID-19 Testing and Exemption from the Obligation to Report for Illegal Immigrants

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Who should take COVID-19 testing

① person suspected of contracting COVID-19

- person experiencing any symptoms of COVID-19 such as fever (37.3°C or higher), cough, shortness of breath, chills, muscle pain, headache, sore throat, loss of smell or taste, or showing signs of pneumonia

② person who has been in close contact with someone who has COVID-19 and was notified and required to get a COVID-19 diagnostic test

- ※ Even if you do not have any symptoms or did not have any contact with a person diagnosed with COVID-19, you can simply provide your phone number and get tested anonymously, free of charge. For the location and more information on the operation of temporary screening facilities, please visit the official website of the relevant local government or call 1339 (Korea Disease Control and Prevention Agency Call Center).

Notices

① Foreigners who fall into one of the above categories can receive COVID-19 testing for free. If you have any symptoms, please call 1339 and visit one of the nearby screening stations including public health centers.

② Illegal immigrants can also take COVID-19 testing without any verification process of their immigration status, and in case you receive testing or treatment at medical facilities due to symptoms of COVID-19, your personal information will not be reported to any immigration office and the crackdown will also be postponed, so don't let fear stop you from getting necessary testing.

③ Even if you do not have any symptoms, please follow the COVID-19 prevention guidelines and stay safe by wearing a mask at all times, practicing physical distancing, ventilating indoor spaces frequently (once every 2 hours for 10 minutes), and avoiding large gatherings.

For questions about COVID-19, please call Korea Disease Control and Prevention Agency Call Center at 1339, and for questions and complaints about immigration, please call Immigration Contact Center at 1345.

※ When you call 1339, if necessary, interpretation service will be provided.

Available hours and languages of the interpretation services provided at 1339 (linked to 1345 or 1330)

Contact Number	Hours	Languages
(☎1345) Ministry of Justice Immigration Contact Center	24 Hours	English, Chinese
	09:00~18:00	Japanese, Vietnamese, Thai, Malay/Indonesian, Russian, Mongolian, Bengali, Urdu, Nepali, Khmer, Burmese, French, German, Spanish, Filipino, Arabic, Sinhala
(☎1330) Korea Tourism Organization Tourist Information Center	24 Hours	English, Chinese, Japanese
	08:00~19:00	Vietnamese, Thai, Malay/Indonesian, Russian