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COVID-19 Frequently Asked Questions

*This is the latest information as of early February 2022. Some information might have changed since this then. We will update this page as often as possible.

What is the border situation in Japan?

Japan has suspended the entry of non-resident foreigners into the country until the end of February. This includes not only tourists, but also international students.

With few exceptions, these restrictions have been in place since spring 2020

Will international students be able to study on campus this fall semester?

Although we are planning for on-campus study abroad for fall semester 2022, we do not know if it will be possible for all applicants.

When Japan resumes the entry of non-resident foreigners (including international students) into the country, priority will be given based on Certificate of Eligibility (COE) issuance dates. The earlier an individual's COE was issued, the sooner he/she can expect to get a student visa and enter Japan.

Because there are so many people waiting to get into Japan–some since spring 2020– it will take a long time before newer applicants can get in. As the situation becomes clearer, we will share updated timelines.

When will we know if students can study on campus this fall?

We don't know, but we expect to have a clearer picture by early March when the current suspension is scheduled to be lifted.

What is the quarantine situation?

The current requirement is ten days.

International students must follow our quarantine procedures and are unable to make individual arrangements.

Once Japan resumes the entry of non-resident foreigners, we will send updated information regarding the quarantine.

Do I need to be vaccinated to enter Japan or Toyo?

Japan and Toyo do NOT require vaccination.

If students are unable to get into Japan to study by the beginning of the fall semester, will it be possible to start online and enter the country later?

In most cases,no.

At this point, Toyo is planning to hold all fall 2022 courses (besides NEST courses) completely on campus. Students will only be able to register for courses that they are eligible to take from the beginning of the semester, and it will not be possible for students to add on-campus courses to their registration once the semester has begun.

What should students do now?

Continue with their application and their plans to study at Toyo University during fall semester 2022. We will continue to plan for their arrival.

Students should also monitor the situation (see links below) and read all emails they receive from us. We will send updates as new information becomes available.

Finally, they should develop contingency plans in case it is not possible for them to study at Toyo this fall.

For more information:

<u>https://www.mofa.go.jp/ca/fna/page4e_001053.html</u> - Ministry of Foreign Affairs' page with updates about the border situation <u>https://www.toyo.ac.jp/en/pickup/top/covid19/</u> - Toyo University's COVID-19 response page