

## **Instructions for U.S. Citizens From Diamond Princess Who Have Tested Positive for COVID-19 in Japan**

### **U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) Criteria for Return Travel to the U.S.**

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If you have tested positive for coronavirus (COVID-19) and are preparing to travel back to the United States, you will need to meet the following criteria set by the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) before becoming eligible to board a U.S.-bound flight:

- Resolution of fever, without use of fever-reducing medication
- Improvement in illness signs and symptoms
- Two negative sets of test results from both a nasal swab and a throat swab taken at least 24 hours apart

In order to fulfill the testing requirements, please take the following actions:

#### **STEP 1:**

Share the following documents (attached) with your local medical provider in Japan:

1. **Guidance from the CDC to Japanese Hospitals and Public Health Centers (English and Japanese Versions) Regarding U.S. Citizens Who Have Tested Positive for COVID-19:** This guidance outlines in detail the CDC's testing requirements. Please note that both nasal and throat swab specimens must be collected. Many hospitals are administering only throat swabs, so you should insist that your first test includes both throat and nasal swabs to ensure you meet CDC requirements.
2. **Guidance to Japanese Hospitals and Public Health Centers for coverage of additional testing costs (English and Japanese Versions):** Carnival Corporation has committed to assuming the costs of CDC-required testing for passengers of the Diamond Princess if the Japanese government does not cover these costs.

#### **STEP 2:**

Once you have completed your testing and received your test results, please confirm with the Japanese medical provider that your test results were submitted to the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention representative at U.S. Embassy Tokyo by email [TokyoCoronavirusCDC@state.gov](mailto:TokyoCoronavirusCDC@state.gov) (preferred), or FAX 03-3224-5886.

#### **STEP 3:**

If results are negative, a U.S. Embassy representative will contact you by telephone or email to inform that you have been cleared to book onward travel to the United States.

**IMPORTANT NOTE:** For those who have previously tested positive, the above information provided by your Japanese medical provider must meet these criteria before you will be allowed to travel to the United States. You will not be cleared to travel simply by waiting 14 days.