



ROK's COVID-19 Vaccine Rollout Strategy for Aviation Workers

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Public Health Authorities: KDCA

In Charge

- Korea Disease Control and Prevention Agency (KDCA)

KDCA

- Is set to roll out COVID-19 vaccines for priority groups in **four phases** depending on the supply of vaccines, clinical trial results, and development of the domestic pandemic situation:
 - **Phase 1(Q1)**: Elderly residents at communal living facilities, and high risk medical care workers;
 - **Phase 2(Q2)**: Elderly adults aged 65 years and over, health and aged care workers, other medical care workers, and frontline health care workers;
 - **Phase 3(Q3)**: Child and adolescent care workers, detention center workers, adults with chronic medical conditions, high risk workers including defense, police, fire, emergency services and other critical workers; and
 - **Phase 4(Q4)**: balance of public, unvaccinated population from previous phases, and those revaccinating
- **Public transport service workers (aviation, railway, etc.)** will be eligible for vaccination in **the third quarter**.





Aviation Authorities: KOCA

Korea Office of Civil Aviation (KOCA)

- KOCA is the responsible authority for **the decision of vaccination priority for the aviation workers** and the coordination with KDCA.
- KOCA is **consulting with KDCA on the priority groups** after assessing and identifying those most likely to be exposed to risks in the aviation business .

Criteria for Assessment

- Public-use facilities, community infrastructure, degree of virus exposure, etc.

Status of Aviation Workers

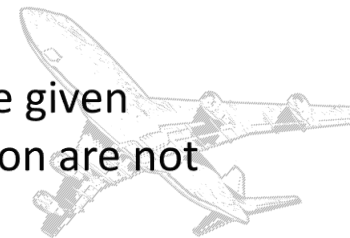
- About **110,000 people in 18 occupations** are considered as **aviation workers**, among them 87,000 including crews are **working at airports**.



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Priority Groups within the Sector

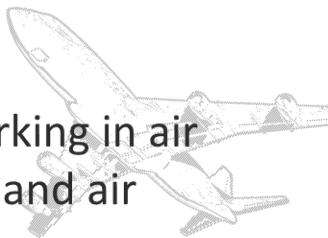
- KOCA provides a **breakdown of 3 priority groups** within the given aviation sector so that the entire airport and flight operation are not hindered by a single domain affected by the coronavirus.
- **1st Group**: approx. 69,000 ppl. in air transport, public-use facilities in the airport, air traffic control (ATC) facilities, etc.
 - **2nd Group**: approx. 29,000 ppl. in airport corporations, airport resident government agencies, logistics complexes, etc.
 - **3rd Group**: approx. 10,000 ppl. in aerial work(public sector), pilot training institution, and airline employees (non-frontline)





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Consultation with KDCA

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- KOCA is discussing with KDCA to classify 69,000 people working in air business, especially those involved in air transport, airport and air traffic control facilities, as priority group receiving first doses.
 - The KDCA initially identified only the crew members as priority.
 - Continuous consultation with KDCA is underway to ensure that air workers with high exposure risk and high potential impact in the 2nd Group will be given much-needed priority.
 - ☞ It is important that KOCA provides KDCA with needed expertise and support so as to make sure the health authorities can make the right decisions with sufficient information at hand.



Thank you



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