

## **ADVISORY: Updated Entry, Testing, and Quarantine Protocols for Arriving Filipino and Foreign Nationals Effective 10 February 2022**

The public is hereby informed that pursuant to the Resolution No. 160-B, Series of 2022, of the Inter-Agency Task Force for the Management of Emerging Infectious Diseases (IATF) dated 03 February 2022, and in view of the suspension of the classification of countries/territories/jurisdictions as “Green,” “Yellow,” and “Red”, **the entry, testing, and quarantine protocols for Filipino and foreign nationals arriving from abroad shall, effective 0001H, 10 February 2022,** will be as follows:

### **FOR FILIPINO NATIONALS**

#### **A. Fully Vaccinated Filipino Nationals**

1. They shall be required to present a negative RT-PCR test taken within 48 hours prior to the date and time of departure from the country of origin/first port of embarkation in a continuous travel to the Philippines, excluding lay-overs; provided, that, they have not left the airport premises or have not been admitted into another country during such lay-over.
2. Upon arrival, they shall no longer be required to observe mandatory facility-based quarantine but shall self-monitor for any sign or symptom for seven (7) days with the first day being the date of arrival and shall be required to report to the local government unit of destination upon the manifestation of symptoms, if any.
3. They shall be deemed **fully vaccinated** only if he/she is fully compliant with the following requisites:
  - a. Received the second dose in a 2-dose series or a single dose vaccine more than fourteen (14) days prior to the date and time of departure from the country of origin/port of embarkation.
  - b. The vaccine is included in any of the following:
    - i. Emergency Use Authorization (EUA) List or Compassionate Special Permit (CSP) issued by the Philippine Food and Drug Administration; or
    - ii. Emergency Use Listing of the World Health Organization
  - c. Possesses and presents any of the following proofs of vaccination prior to departing/boarding from the country of origin/port of embarkation and upon arrival in the country:
    - i. World Health Organization International Certificate of Vaccination and Prophylaxis; **or**
    - ii. VaxCertPH; **or**
    - iii. National or state digital certificate of the country/foreign

government which has accepted VaxCertPH under a reciprocal arrangement; **or**

- iv. Other proofs of vaccination permitted by the IATF. **The UAE is among the 30 countries whose Covid-19 vaccination certificates are accepted and recognized in the Philippines.**

4. Filipino nationals who are not compliant with all of the conditions set forth in Section A(1) to (3) above shall be considered as unvaccinated and shall be subject to the entry, testing and quarantine protocols set forth in Section B below.

5. Fully vaccinated Filipino nationals availing of this Section shall not be included in the arrival quota set by the Department of Transportation (DOTr) and its One-Stop-Shop (OSS).

**B. Unvaccinated, Partially Vaccinated, or Filipino Nationals whose Vaccination Status Cannot be Independently Validated**

1. They shall be required to present a negative RT-PCR test taken within forty-eight (48) hours prior to the date and time of departure from the country of origin/first port of embarkation in a continuous travel to the Philippines, excluding lay-overs; provided, that, they have not left the airport premises or have not been admitted into another country during such lay-over.
2. They shall be required to undergo facility-based quarantine until the release of their negative RT-PCR test taken on the fifth (5th) day from date of arrival. After which, they shall be required to undergo home quarantine until their fourteenth (14th) day from date of arrival.
3. The local government units (LGUs) of destination and their respective Barangay Health Emergency Response Teams (BHERTs) are tasked to monitor those arriving passengers undergoing home quarantine.

**C. Unvaccinated Minor Filipino Nationals**

1. **Filipino nationals below twelve (12) years of age** who are not vaccinated for any reason whatsoever shall follow the quarantine protocols of their parent/s or an accompanying adult/guardian traveling with them.
2. **Filipino nationals from ages twelve (12) years to seventeen (17) years of age** shall follow the classification and procedures based on their vaccination status (i.e., vaccinated or unvaccinated). In case of such unvaccinated minor children, either foreign or Filipino parents should accompany such child or children during their facility-based quarantine.

**D. Fully-Recovered Filipino Nationals with Positive RT-PCR Pre-Departure Test Results**

1. Filipino nationals who have recovered from COVID-19 but test positive for the

48-hour pre-departure RT-PCR test may nonetheless enter the country, provided, they are able to present the following documents prior to departing/boarding from the country of origin/port of embarkation and upon arrival in the Philippines:

- a. A positive RT-PCR test taken not earlier than ten (10) days but not later than thirty (30) days prior to the date and time of departure from the country of origin/port of embarkation;
  - b. The positive RT-PCR test taken within forty-eight (48) hours prior to the date and time of departure from the country of origin/first port of embarkation in a continuous travel to the Philippines, excluding lay-overs; provided, that, they have not left the airport premises or have not been admitted into another country during such lay-over; and
  - c. A medical certificate issued by a licensed physician stating that the Filipino national certifying that he/she: (i) was an asymptomatic, mild, moderate, severe or critical case of COVID-19, as the case may be; (ii) has completed the mandatory isolation period; (iii) is no longer infectious; and (iv) has been allowed free movement and travel.
2. Upon arrival, the COVID-19 positive Filipino national shall be subject to the following protocols:
- a. **If fully vaccinated**, they shall no longer be required to observe mandatory facility-based quarantine but shall self-monitor for any sign or symptom for seven (7) days with the first day being the date of arrival and shall be required to report to the LGU of destination upon the manifestation of symptoms, if any.
  - b. **If unvaccinated, partially vaccinated, or vaccination status cannot be independently determined**, they shall be required to undergo facility-based quarantine until the release of their negative RT-PCR test taken on the fifth (5th) day. After which, they shall be required to undergo home quarantine until their fourteenth (14th) day, with the date of arrival being the first day.

#### **E. OneHealth Pass Registration**

All inbound Filipinos shall register with the OneHealth Pass prior to arrival in the Philippines

### **FOR FOREIGN NATIONALS**

#### **A. Foreign Nationals Entering the Philippines Visa-Free**

1. Foreign nationals traveling to the Philippines **for business and tourism purposes** may enter the Philippines without visas, provided they:
  - a. Qualify as former Filipino citizens with *Balikbayan* privilege under Republic Act No. 9174, including their spouse and/or children who are not *balikbayans* in their own right and are traveling with them to the Philippines; provided they are not restricted nationals;  
**OR**
  - b. Are a citizen/national of any of the 157 countries entitled to a stay not exceeding thirty (30) days. **The United Arab Emirates is included in this list of countries.**
  - c. Are **fully vaccinated**, as defined in Section A (2) below, except only for minor children below twelve (12) years of age traveling with their fully-vaccinated foreign parent/s;
  - d. Carry/possess an **acceptable proof of vaccination**, as set out in Section A (3) below;
  - e. Present **a negative RT-PCR test taken within 48 hours prior to the date and time of departure from the country of origin or first port of embarkation in a continuous travel to the Philippines, excluding lay-overs; provided, that, they have not left the airport premises or have not been admitted into another country during such lay-over;**
  - f. Have **valid tickets for their return journey** to the port of origin or next port of destination not later than thirty (30) days from date of arrival in the Philippines;
  - g. Have passports **valid for a period of at least six (6) months** at the time of their arrival to the Philippines; **AND**
  - h. Obtain, prior to arrival, **a travel insurance** for COVID-19 treatment costs from reputed insurers, with a minimum coverage of USD 35,000.00 for the duration of their stay in the Philippines.
2. A foreign national shall be deemed **fully vaccinated** only if he/she is fully compliant with the following requisites:
  - a. Received the second (2nd) dose in a 2-dose series or a single dose

vaccine more than fourteen (14) days prior to the date and time of departure from the country of origin/port of embarkation.

- b. The vaccine is included in any of the following:
  - i. Emergency Use Authorization (EUA) List or Compassionate Special Permit (CSP) issued by the Philippine Food and Drug Administration; **OR**
  - ii. Emergency Use Listing of the World Health Organization.
3. The following shall be the only acceptable proofs of vaccination, which shall be presented prior to departing/boarding from the country of origin/port of embarkation and upon arrival in the country:
  - a. World Health Organization International Certificate of Vaccination and Prophylaxis; OR
  - b. VaxCertPH; OR
  - c. National or state digital certificate of the country/foreign government which has accepted VaxCertPH under a reciprocal arrangement; OR
  - d. Other proofs of vaccination permitted by the IATF. **The UAE is among the 30 countries whose Covid-19 vaccination certificates are accepted and recognized in the Philippines.**
4. **Visa-free foreign nationals who fail to fully comply with the conditions and requisites set forth in Section A(1) to (3) above shall be denied admission into the country and shall be subject to the appropriate exclusion proceedings.**
5. Once admitted into the country, they are **no longer required to observe facility-based quarantine but shall self-monitor for any sign or symptom for seven (7) days** with the first day being the date of arrival. However, they are required to report to the local government unit (LGU) of their destination should they manifest any symptoms.

**B. Foreign Children Traveling with Filipino Nationals**

1. **A foreign child or children below twelve (12) years of age** who are not vaccinated for any reason whatsoever and traveling with their Filipino parent, shall follow the entry, testing, and quarantine protocols of their Filipino parent traveling with them.
2. **A foreign child or children from ages twelve (12) to seventeen (17)**

**years of age** traveling with their Filipino parent, shall follow the protocol based on their vaccination status (i.e., vaccinated or unvaccinated). In case of such unvaccinated minor children, either foreign or Filipino parents should accompany such child or children during their facility-based quarantine.

**C. Foreign Nationals Entering Through 9(a) Visa**

1. Foreign nationals not covered or qualified under Section A(1)(a) or Section A(1)(b) above, or foreign nationals from visa-required countries or restricted foreign nationals, may enter the Philippines through an entry exemption document (EED) issued under existing IATF rules and regulations, provided:
  - a. They are **fully vaccinated**, as defined in Section A(2) above, except only for minor children below twelve (12) years of age traveling with their fully-vaccinated parent/s;
  - b. They carry/possess an **acceptable proof of vaccination**, as set out in Section A(3) above; **AND**
  - c. They present a negative RT-PCR test taken within forty-eight (48) hours prior to the date and time of departure from the country of origin/first port of embarkation in a continuous travel to the Philippines, excluding lay-overs; provided, that, he/she has not left the airport premises or has not been admitted into another country during such lay-over.
2. Once admitted into the country, they are no longer required to observe facility-based quarantine but shall self-monitor for any sign or symptom for seven (7) days with the first day being the date of arrival. However, they are required to report to the local government unit (LGU) of their destination should they manifest any symptoms.
3. Foreign nationals who are found not compliant with the condition set forth in Section A(3) above shall be required to undergo facility-based quarantine until the release of their negative RT-PCR test taken on the fifth (5th) day. After which, they shall be required to undergo home quarantine until their fourteenth (14th) day, with the date of arrival being their first day.

The local government units of destination and their respective Barangay Health Emergency Response Teams (BHERTs) are tasked to monitor

those arriving passengers undergoing home quarantine.

**D. Foreign Nationals with Other Types of Visas**

1. Foreign nationals with valid and existing visas other than 9(a) visas may be allowed entry into the Philippines provided they are **fully vaccinated** as defined in Section A(2) and are able to **present proofs of vaccination** as set out in Section A(3), and shall **no longer be required to observe facility-based quarantine but shall self-monitor for any sign or symptom for seven (7) days** with the first day being the date of arrival. However, they are required to report to the LGU of their destination should they manifest any symptoms.
2. **Foreign nationals covered by Section D who shall not be fully vaccinated as defined in Section A(2) above shall be denied admission into the country** and shall be subject to the appropriate exclusion proceedings.
3. **Foreign nationals covered by Section D who fail to comply with the conditions and requisites set forth in Section A(3) above** shall be required to undergo facility-based quarantine until the release of their negative RT-PCR test taken on the fifth (5th) day. After which, they shall be required to undergo home quarantine until their fourteenth (14th) day, with the date of arrival being their first day.

**E. Non-inclusion in Arrival Quota**

Fully vaccinated foreign nationals shall not be included in the arrival quota set by the Department of Transportation (DOTR) and its One-Stop-Shop (OSS).

For the public's information and guidance.