



## EMBASSY OF THE REPUBLIC OF THE PHILIPPINES

EMBAIXADA DA REPÚBLICA DAS FILIPINAS

### ADVISORY NO 2-2022

#### **NEW RULES FOR FILIPINOS ARRIVING FROM ABROAD**

*(For Foreigners, please see Advisory No. 3-2022)\**

Pursuant to the Inter-Agency Task Force for the Management of Emerging Infectious Diseases (IATF-EID) Resolution No. 160-A dated 3 February 2022, the Philippine Embassy in Lisbon, Portugal informs the general public of the following new entry, testing, and quarantine protocols for **Filipino citizens arriving from abroad, effective 0001H of 10 February 2022:**

#### **A. Fully-vaccinated Filipino nationals**

1. Present a **negative** RT-PCR test taken within 48 hours prior to departure from the country of origin/first port of embarkation, 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. A Filipino national shall be deemed fully vaccinated if compliant with the following:
  - a. Received the second (2<sup>nd</sup>) dose in a 2-dose series or a single dose vaccine more than 14 day prior to 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;
    - ii. Emergency Use Listing of the World Health Organization.
  - c. Possesses and presents any of the following **proof of vaccination**, prior to departing/boarding from the country of origin/port of embarkation and upon arrival in the Philippines:
    - i. World Health Organization International Certificate of Vaccination and Prophylaxis (**for Filipinos in Portugal, please request this from your Centro de Saude**); 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.
3. Upon arrival, Filipino nationals shall no longer be required to observe mandatory facility-based quarantine but shall self-monitor for any sign or symptom for 7 days from date of arrival and shall be required to report to the local government unit of destination upon the manifestation of symptoms, if any;
4. Filipino nationals who fail to fully comply with the conditions and requisites mentioned above shall be considered unvaccinated and shall be subject to the entry, testing and quarantine protocols set in Section B below.

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

1. 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, 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. Required to undergo **facility-based quarantine** until the release of their negative RT-PCR test taken on the 5<sup>th</sup> day from date of arrival. After which, they shall be required to undergo home quarantine until their 14<sup>th</sup> day from date of arrival.

\* Advisory No. 3-2022: Visa-Free Travel to the Philippines and Lifting of Quarantine Requirements for Foreigners

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 12 years old who are not vaccinated shall follow the quarantine protocols of their parent/s or an accompanying adult traveling with them.
2. Filipino nationals from 12 to 17 years old shall follow the classification and procedures based on their parent's vaccination status (i.e., vaccinated or unvaccinated).
3. In case of unvaccinated minor children, the foreign or Filipino parent/s should accompany the minor children during the 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 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 10 days but not later than 30 days prior to date and time of departure from the country of origin/port of embarkation;
  - b. The positive RT-PCR test taken with 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 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 7 days from date of arrival and shall be required to report the local government unit 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 5<sup>th</sup> day. After which, they shall be required to undergo home quarantine until their 14<sup>th</sup> day from date of arrival.
3. The current local quarantine and isolation periods and protocols as embodied under the Department of Health Administrative Order No. 2021-0043 or the Omnibus Guidelines on the Minimum Public Health Standards for the Safe Reopening of Institutions are hereby reiterated for strict compliance, or other applicable rules as may be implemented by the Department of Health.

All travelers to the Philippines must register with the Bureau of Quarantine e-Health Declaration Card (e-HDC) including children, as early as 3 days within departure date through <https://www.onehealthpass.com.ph/e-HDC/>.

For the full text of the IATF-EID Resolution No. 160-B, please click this link: [tinyurl.com/2p8s3suy](https://tinyurl.com/2p8s3suy).

For the public's information and guidance.

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