



ADVISORY NO 3-2022

**VISA FREE TRAVEL TO THE PHILIPPINES AND
LIFTING OF QUARANTINE REQUIREMENTS FOR FOREIGNERS
(For Filipinos, please see Advisory No. 2-2022)***

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

A. Foreign Nationals Entering the Philippines Visa-Free

1. The following foreign nationals may travel to the Philippines for business and tourism purposes, 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 citizens/nationals of visa-free entry countries, whose nationals are entitled to stay not exceeding thirty (30) days per Executive Order 408, S. 1960, as amended (see Annex A for complete list of countries), these include **Portugal, Angola, Cape Verde, Guinea Bissau, and Sao Tome and Principe;**
 - c. Are **fully vaccinated**, except for minor children below twelve (12) years of age traveling with their **fully vaccinated** foreign parent/s;
 - d. Carry/possess the following **acceptable proof of vaccination, which shall be presented** 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 (**for Portuguese citizens and residents in Portugal, please request this from your local health center/ 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.
 - e. Present a **negative** RT-PCR test taken within 48 hours prior to 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 layover;
 - f. Have **valid tickets for their return journey** to the port of origin or next destination not later than 30 days from arrival in the Philippines;
 - g. Have passports **valid for at least 6 months** at the time of arrival in the Philippines; **AND**
 - h. Obtain, prior to arrival, a travel insurance for COVID-19 treatment costs from reputed insurers, with a minimum coverage of USD35,000 for the duration of their stay in the Philippines.

* Advisory No. 2-2022: New Rules for Filipino arriving from abroad

2. A foreign national shall be deemed fully vaccinated if compliant with the following:
 - a. Received the second (2nd) 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.
3. Visa-free foreign nationals who fail to fully comply with the conditions and requisites mentioned above shall be denied admission into the country and shall be subject to appropriate exclusion proceedings.
4. Once admitted into the Philippines, foreign nationals are no longer required to observe facility-based quarantine but shall self-monitor for any sign or symptom for seven (7) days from 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

1. **Unvaccinated foreign children below 12 years of age** traveling with their Filipino parent/s, shall follow the entry, testing, and quarantine protocols of their Filipino parent/s traveling with them.
2. **Foreign children from ages 12 to 17 years old** traveling with their Filipino parent/s, shall follow the protocol based on the latter's vaccination status.
3. In case of unvaccinated minor children, the foreign or Filipino parent/s should accompany the minor children during the facility-based quarantine.

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/yubueh5a.

For the public's information and guidance.



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