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United Kingdom's Entry Restrictions due to COVID-19 as of November 2021

United Kingdom Health Secretary, Sajid Javid, recently announced that several cases of the new COVID-19 Omicron variant have been identified in England, hence the tightening of health and safety measures in an attempt to stem the spread of the variant.

The United Kingdom had announced the extension of its vaccination program and as precautionary measures, face coverings shall be made mandatory in shops and public transport. Likewise, all international arrivals will be required to take a Day 2 PCR test and to isolate until they receive a negative test result.

Passengers with an Overseas Domestic Worker visa issued by the UK must be accompanied by the sponsor or one of the first-degree family members of the sponsor.

If a traveler is fully-vaccinated and arrives in England from a country that is not on the red list such as the Philippines, the following are the new regulations:

- a. must quarantine at home or in the place you're staying for 10 days
- b. take a PCR test before the end of day 2 after you arrive (lateral flow tests will not be accepted, and
- c. can end quarantine if the PCR test result is negative.

For the information and guidance of all concerned.

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Sources:

- 1) POLO-UK email dated 28 November 2021
- 2) Official website of the UK Government https://www.gov.uk/guidance/red-list-of-countries-and-territories

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