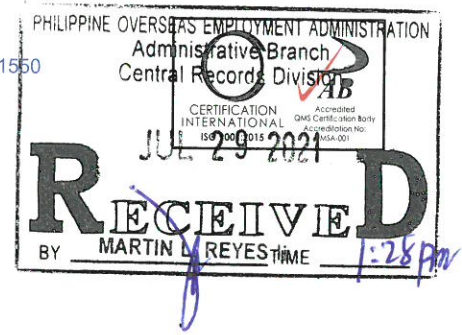




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Malta COVID-19 Updates

Malta will be the first EU country to ban the entry of visitors and travelers who have not been vaccinated following a doubling of new cases of COVID-19.

Malta Health Minister Chris Fearne has announced that Malta is closing its borders effective 14 July to anyone who has not been fully vaccinated against Covid-19, following a spike in new cases.

From Wednesday, July 14, anyone coming to Malta must be in possession of a recognized vaccination certificate: a Maltese certificate, a British certificate, or a European Union certificate, effectively banning those who are not vaccinated.

Tourists could come to Malta if they were fully vaccinated or could produce a negative PCR test. Fearne said the recent spike in new cases had been among visitors who, while having produced a negative test before boarding the plane, were unvaccinated.

The minister said Malta only recognize vaccination certificates issued by the European Union and Britain. The EU's so-called 'green certificate' currently certifies people who are fully vaccinated, or who test positive or have recovered from the virus.

The only exception will be unvaccinated children aged between 5-12, who will be allowed into Malta if they have a negative test and are accompanied by fully vaccinated parents.

The Philippines is listed under the DARK RED country/territory and the following are required from Filipino travelers upon entry to Malta:

- 1) Authorisation obtained from the Maltese Public Health Authorities for every person travelling to Malta. See below for procedure to obtain authorisation. Please allow sufficient time for your authorisation requests sent to covid19.vetting@gov.mt to be processed before making any travel arrangements.
- 2) A negative result for a nasopharyngeal RT-PCR COVID-19 test taken no longer than 72 hr prior to arrival in Malta. Children below the age of 5 years will be permitted to accompany their parent/s without the need for a negative nasopharyngeal COVID-19 RT-PCR test.
- 3) A completed Public Health Travel Declaration and Passenger Locator Form (PLF); or the Digital Passenger Locator Form accessed from <https://app.euplf.eu> that must be completed prior to boarding for every passenger.
- 4) Observe 14 days of mandatory quarantine on arrival, and repeat PCR tests must be taken on day 11-12 of quarantine. Additional testing may be requested as required

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by the public health authorities. The quarantine address and the test results are to be forwarded to quarantine.covid19@gov.mt.

Further, any persons authorised to travel and arriving from Red/Dark Red countries/zones must present the Vetting authorisation (email: covid19.vetting@gov.mt) together with a negative nasopharyngeal PCR test result of test taken no longer than 72 hours prior to arrival in Malta; such persons will be required to follow the medical protocol including 14 days quarantine and repeat testing at day 11-12 of quarantine. Testing on arrival may be carried out when travelling from zones considered to be of higher risk.

The relevant documents must be presented to the carrier (by air or by sea) offering travel to Malta. Failure to do this shall result in denied boarding. The documents are to be handed by the passenger to the health staff on arrival at Malta International Airport or at the Sea Port terminal.

For the information and guidance of all concerned.



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