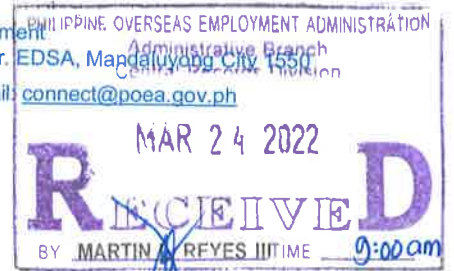




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### CHANGES ON COVID-19 PROTOCOLS IN THE KINGDOM OF SAUDI ARABIA

The Saudi Arabian government, through its Ministry of Interior, announced on 05 March 2022 the lifting and relaxation on its precautionary and preventive protocols on COVID-19.

Under the new issuance, the following changes will be implemented:

1. Mandatory institutional quarantine and home quarantine for arriving passengers shall no longer be required;
2. Wearing of face mask in open places will no longer be required, while it still mandatory in closed places and indoors;
3. Coming to the Saudi Arabia on visit visas of all kinds required to have insurance to cover the costs of treatment from the Covid-19 infection during the stayed period in the country (General Authority of Civil Aviation-GACA requirement);
4. Incoming passengers are no longer required to submit a negative result for an approved PCR test or for an approved Rapid Antigen Test before entering Saudi Arabia. Individuals must still submit proof that they are fully vaccinated against COVID-19 through the Qudum platform to enter the country; and
5. All Saudi residents can enter the country regardless of immunization status.

Saudi Arabia also relaxed its policy on social distancing in places, activities and events and likewise lifted the ban on direct flights from fifteen (15) countries.

For information and guidance of all concerned.

  
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