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Israel issues policy on entry, return of foreign caregivers

The State of Israel's Ministry of Interior (MOI) has allowed the entry and re-entry of foreign workers in the caregiving sector, including Filipino caregivers who were not able to return to Israel due to the travel restrictions amid the COVID-19 pandemic.

The re-entry policy covers licensed foreign caregivers who left Israel to visit their home country prior to the country's March 18, 2020 travel restriction as a preventive measure against the spread of COVID-19.

The Ministry of Interior also expanded the entry outline of foreign workers in the caregiving section which includes the issuance of work permits for foreign caregivers entering Israel for the first time.

The entry of both vacationing and new caregivers will be subjected to an official application from the employer/patient's family with the Population and Immigration Bureau, as well as required to follow all the conditions on their quarantine.

As such, upon arrival in Israel, the caregiver must undergo quarantine for 14 days in a facility which is not at the employer/patient's home.

The expenses and financial needs of the caregiver during the entire quarantine period will be shouldered by the employer, while the worker will not be paid of his/her salary during the quarantine.###