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## NEWS RELEASE

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# Dubai issues new air travel protocols

Stranded citizens, residents and visitors to Dubai, including Filipino workers are now allowed to return to the said Arab country upon presentation of return approvals from the Dubai General Directorate of Residency and Foreign Affairs.

Based on the new travel protocol, residency visa holders will be permitted to return to Dubai starting June 22, 2020 provided that they have a pre-booked flight through an airline with direct link to the Directorate of Residency and Foreign Affairs.

As preventive measures against the spread of COVID-19, a Polymerase Chain Reaction or PCR testing will be conducted upon arrival at Dubai airport and those who will be tested positive for the disease will strictly undergo a 14-day quarantine.

The costs of treatment and isolation of all positive COVID-19 cases during quarantine will be shouldered by the traveler.

Also, COVID-19 positive residents and those who are living in high-density housing areas will be isolate at the designated facility identified by Dubai authorities, while quarantine facilities for returning workers will be provided by their employers.

On the other hand, visit visa holders will be permitted to enter Dubai starting July 7, 2020 upon presentation of their PCR test results on their arrival at Dubai airports.

All arriving passengers at Dubai airports are also required to download the COVID-19 DXB app for necessary monitoring, as well as accomplish their international health insurance, COVID-19 tests and health declaration forms.

Meanwhile, Dubai citizens and residents who wish to travel abroad will also be allowed starting June 23, 2020, subject to availability of flights and airport operations of the country destination. ###