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## News Release

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# Additional entry protocol for travelers to United Kingdom

The Government of United Kingdom (UK), which previously placed several areas under the Tier 4(Stay at Home) restrictions, has announced additional requirement for travelers to England to safeguard public health and prevent the spread of a new COVID-19 variant.

Starting January 15, 2021, all inbound passengers to England, including overseas Filipino workers (OFWs), who will be arriving by ship, plane or train must undergo a COVID-19 test, three days before their departure, and must present a negative result before they travel.

The said COVID-19 test must be a diagnostic-standard test like the polymerase chain reaction (PCR) test, which in some cases include the Loop-mediated Isothermal Amplification (LAMP) and lateral flow test for specific virus detection.

The new entry protocol is an additional requirement set by the UK government aside from the mandatory 10-day self isolation upon arrival in UK.

The said 10-day self-isolation is a requirement for incoming travelers from its common travel areas, such as Philippines.

Travelers to UK can access the complete guidelines on the COVID-19 testing standards through <https://www.gov.uk/###>