

News Advisory

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Get vaccinated, POEA tells OFWs

The Philippine Overseas Employment Administration wanted overseas Filipino workers to get vaccinated before leaving the country as the Inter-Agency Task Force for the Management of Emerging Infectious Diseases (IATF-MEID) re-categorized to Priority Group A1 outbound OFWs who were scheduled for deployment within the next four months from the intended date of vaccination.

Administrator Bernard P. Olalia said Filipino workers should get the vaccines as soon as possible, making sure they get the shots preferred by their respective destination country. He said some countries in Europe and the Middle East require more stringent quarantine procedures for foreign workers who had been given China-made vaccines.

Olalia said the recruitment industry have to be involved in the vaccination of their recruits. Land-based recruitment agencies should encourage their workers to register with their respective local government units for their vaccination. Likewise, manning agencies have to coordinate with Marina Industry Authority, the agency in-charge with the vaccination of seafarers. He also required the licensed recruiters to submit to the POEA a list of their vaccinated workers. ###