

## News Release

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# Israel updates policy on entry of foreign workers

The State of Israel's Population and Immigration Authority has updated its guidelines on the continued entry of foreign workers into Israel as part of its effort in maintaining public health.

Starting April 7, 2021, the approval of entry and return of foreign workers, including Filipino workers, will now be handled by the Foreign Workers Administration in the National Licensing Extension Centre in accordance with the Israel's normal procedure.

As such, boarding permits will be provided to workers at various representations.

To be allowed entry, foreign workers must present a negative COVID-19 PCR test taken 72 hours before the departure from the origin country and must undergo further testing upon arrival in Israel.

Foreign workers are also required to undergo isolation and testing, such as serological tests and electronic supervision, in accordance to the guidelines of the State's Ministry of Health (MOI).

Foreign workers who have been vaccinated or recovered from the COVID-19 will be exempted from isolation after taking the serological test, as subjected to the test results and further advice from the MOI.

Meanwhile, all foreign workers in the caregiving sector will be vaccinated upon arrival in Israel, as a requirement of the State to protect and maintain public health during the pandemic.

The complete guidelines can be accessed through the Authority's website through this link:

[https://www.gov.il/en/departments/news/border\\_closing\\_coronavirus\\_14062020](https://www.gov.il/en/departments/news/border_closing_coronavirus_14062020).

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