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New entry protocol for travelers to Canada

The Government of Canada has announced its new pre-departure requirements for all travelers to Canada as part of its intensifed preventive efforts against the spread of the pandemic COVID-19.

Starting January 7, 2021, all travelers entering Canada, including overseas Filipino workers (OFWs) are now required to undergo COVID-19 molecular Ploymerase Chain Reaction (PCR) testing within 72 hours prior their scheduled departure to Canada.

The traveler must have a negative COVID-19 test result, which must be presented to the respective airline prior boarding.

Likewise, travelers are required to complete the mandatory 14-day quarantine upon arrival in Canada.

Also, all travelers are required to use the ArriveCAN app or website and provide accurate contact information and their mandatory 14-day quarantine plan on or before entry.

Violating the said protocol is an offense under the Canada's Quarantine Act and violators could lead up to six months in prison or could be fined with \$750,000. ###