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POEA issues guidelines on resumption of OFW deployment to Taiwan

The Philippine Overseas Employment Administration (POEA) has released the guidelines on the resumption of deployment of agency-hired overseas Filipino workers (OFWs) to Taiwan as it finally reopens doors to migrant workers.

The set of guidelines is anchored to the strict health protocols and rules of the Taiwan's Central Epidemic Center and Taiwan Ministry of Labor, which collaboratively allowed the re-entry of migrant workers, including OFWs.

In Memorandum Circular No. 06, Series of 2022, the POEA stated the responsibilities of the OFWs, Philippine recruitment agencies (PRAs) and Taiwan Manpower Agencies (TMAs), in compliance with all the health and safety protocols of the Taiwan government.

As such, the PRAs and TMAs must ensure the completeness of the necessary documents and clearances of their workers, such as their verified employment contract, valid medical clearance for COVID-19, including their negative RT-PCR certificates and vaccination records, as well as the workers' COVID-19 health insurance.

The recruitment agencies are also responsible in providing free COVID-19 RT-PCR testing to its workers, as well as their meals, accommodation, and transport to further ensure that all workers are healthy and not infected with COVID-19 prior to their deployment. Likewise, the recruitment agencies must coordinate with relevant health facilities in case of medical assistance and treatment of OFWs who may test positive for COVID-19.

On the other hand, departing OFWs to Taiwan must be fully vaccinated against COVID-19 and must provide certificate of COVID-19 RT-PCR negative result within two days prior to their departure.

OFWs are also required to secure an official digital vaccination certificate through the VaxCertPh portal or present an International Certificate of Vaccination issued by the Bureau of Quarantine.

Upon arrival in Taiwan, OFWs are required to undergo a 14-day quarantine at epidemic prevention hotel, and another 7-day self-health management quarantine in a facility provided by their employers. While undergoing quarantine, OFWs will be provided with government subsidy, while their employers are mandated to compensate them for the remaining 7 days of quarantine.

The POEA advised all recruitment agencies and employers to strictly comply with the guidelines to further guarantee the health and safety of their deployed workers amidst the threat of the COVID-19 virus.###