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PH eases travel rules for vaccinated travelers, returning OFWs

Fully vaccinated travelers including overseas Filipinos workers (OFWs) arriving in the Philippine regardless of their country of origin, are no longer required to undergo facility-based quarantine but must present a negative Covid-19 RT-PCR test result.

In an advisory, the Philippine Overseas Employment Administration (POEA) has reminded the OFW community of the new entry travel protocols as the Inter-Agency Task Force for the Management of Emerging Infectious Diseases (IATF) suspended its COVID-19 risk countries classifications for arriving Filipinos and foreigners.

Starting February 1, 2022, fully vaccinated arriving Filipino travelers and foreigners are only required to present a negative RT-PCR test taken within 48 hours prior to departure from the country of origin, and shall only be required to self-monitor for 7 days, starting from the date of arrival.

Also, international arriving passengers must present any proof of vaccination against COVID-19 recognized under existing IATF regulations such as the World Health Organization International Certificates of Vaccination and Prophylaxis; VaxCertPH; or National/ state digital certificate of the foreign government, permitted by the IATF.

On the other hand, the non-vaccinated and partially vaccinated travelers, or individuals whose vaccination status cannot be independently validated, are required to present a negative RT-PCR test taken within 48 hours prior to departure, and required to undergo facility-based quarantine until the release of their negative RT-PCR test taken on their 5th day of quarantine. They are also required to undergo home quarantine until their 14th day, starting from the date of arrival in the Philippines.

The local government units of destination and respective Barangay Health Emergency Response Teams of the travelers are also tasked to monitor those arriving passengers undergoing home quarantine.

Children below 12 years of age who can't be vaccinated, are required to follow the quarantine protocols applied to the parent or guardian accompanying them. ###