



PUBLIC ADVISORY No. 23 on COVID-19

RESTORATION OF VISA-FREE ENTRY FOR FOREIGN NATIONALS EFFECTIVE 10 FEBRUARY 2022

The Philippine Consulate General in Houston (Houston PCG) wishes to inform the public that pursuant to an order issued by the *Inter-Agency Task Force on the Management of Emerging Infectious Diseases (IATF-MEID)* effective **10 February 2022**, Foreign nationals traveling to the Philippines **for business and tourism purposes** may enter the Philippines without visa, provided they:

- a. Qualify as former Filipino citizens with *Balikbayan* privilege under Republic Act No. 9174, including their spouse and/or children who are not *balikbayans* in their own right and are traveling with them to the Philippines; provided that they are not restricted nationals; **or**
- b. Are citizens or nationals of a country enjoying visa-free entry to the Philippines under Executive Order 408, S. 1960, as amended. This includes citizens of **the US, Canada, and Mexico**. They are entitled to a stay **not exceeding thirty (30) days**. A list of countries whose nationals enjoy visa-free entry to the Philippines are available by clicking [here](#).
- c. Are **fully vaccinated**, as defined below, except only for minor children below twelve (12) years of age traveling with their fully- vaccinated foreign parent/s carry/possess an acceptable **proof of vaccination**;
- d. Present a **negative RT-PCR test** taken within 48 hours prior to the date and time of departure from the country of origin or first port of embarkation in a continuous travel to the Philippines, excluding lay- overs; provided, that, they have not left the airport premises or have not been admitted into another country during such lay-over;
- e. Have **valid tickets for their return journey** to the port of origin or next port of destination not later than 30 days from the date of arrival in the Philippines;
- f. Have **passports valid for a period of at least six (6) months** at the time of arrival to the Philippines; **and**
- g. Obtain, prior to arrival, a **travel insurance** for COVID-19 treatment costs from reputed insurers, with a minimum coverage of USD35,000.00 for the duration of their stay in the Philippines.

VACCINATION REQUIREMENTS



1. A foreign national shall be deemed **fully vaccinated** only if he/she is fully compliant with the following requisites:
 - a. Received the second dose in a 2-dose series or a single dose vaccine more than fourteen (14) days prior to the date and time of departure from the country of origin/port of embarkation.
 - b. The vaccine is included in any of the following:
 - i. Emergency Use Authorization (EUA) List or Compassionate Special Permit (CSP) issued by the Philippine Food and Drug Administration; **or**
 - ii. Emergency Use Listing of the World Health Organization.
2. The following shall be the only **acceptable proofs of vaccination**, which shall be presented prior to departing/boarding from the country of origin/port of embarkation and upon arrival in the country:
 - a. World Health Organization International Certificate of Vaccination and Prophylaxis; **or**
 - b. VaxCertPH; **or**
 - c. National or state digital certificate of the country/foreign government which has accepted VaxCertPH under a reciprocal arrangement (**Vaccination certificates issued by the USA including the CDC Vaccination Card is accepted per this arrangement**); **or**
 - d. Other proofs of vaccination permitted by the IATF.

Once admitted into the country, they are no longer required to observe facility-based quarantine but shall self-monitor for any sign or symptom for seven (7) days with the first day being the date of arrival. However, they are required to report to the local government unit (LGU) of their destination should they manifest any symptoms.

Visa-free foreign nationals who fail to fully comply with the conditions and requisites set forth in Section A(1) to (3) above shall be denied admission into the country and shall be subject to the appropriate exclusion proceedings.

FOREIGN NATIONALS WITHOUT VISA FREE PRIVILEGES

Foreign nationals not covered or qualified for visa free entry foreign nationals not covered or qualified with the above-mentioned conditions, including foreign nationals from visa-required countries or restricted foreign nationals and those entering for purposes other than business and tourism purposes, may enter the Philippines through an entry exemption document (EED) issued under existing IATF rules and regulations, provided:



- a. They are fully vaccinated, as defined in Section A(2) above, except only for children below twelve (12) years of age traveling with their fully-vaccinated parent/s;
- b. They carry/possess an acceptable proof of vaccination, as set out in Section A(3) above; **and**
- c. They present a negative RT-PCR test taken within 48 hours prior to the date and time of departure from the country of origin or first port of embarkation in a continuous travel to the Philippines, excluding lay-overs; provided, that, they have not left the airport premises or have not been admitted into another country during such lay-over.

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REQUIREMENT TO ACCESS ONE HEALTH PASS

All incoming travelers to the Philippines, regardless of nationality and visa privilege, are still required to visit the One Health Pass website and use its registration system prior to traveling to the Philippines. The website may be accessed through the link below:

<https://onehealthpass.com.ph/>

The One Health Pass website includes useful information for travelers to the Philippines and contact details of support hotlines for travelers for their further inquiries and for the latest updates.

In addition, travelers may also e-mail the IATF at iatfsecretariat@doh.gov.ph for further inquiries.

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