



## **PUBLIC ADVISORY**

### **UPDATED ARRIVAL PROTOCOLS FOR TRAVEL TO THE PHILIPPINES**

The public is hereby advised that starting **8 May 2021**, these arrival protocols will be observed for passengers arriving in the Philippines:

- All arriving passengers will undergo mandatory 14-day quarantine upon arrival.
- The first 10 days of the mandatory quarantine will be completed in a quarantine facility.
- Reverse transcription-polymerase chain reaction (RT-PCR) shall be conducted on arrived travelers on Day 7, with D1 being the day of arrival.
- After Day 10, the arrived passengers whose RT-PCR test results are negative will be allowed to observe the remaining 4 days of the quarantine period under home quarantine in their respective local government units of destination.

### **Reminders for travelers to the Philippines:**

- All Filipino citizens will be allowed to enter the Philippines. However, until **14 May 2021**, those with a travel history of having been in **Bangladesh, India, Nepal, Pakistan, and Sri Lanka** within the past 14 days prior to arrival in the Philippines will be required to undergo mandatory 14-day facility-based quarantine, notwithstanding a negative PR-PCR result.
- Non-Filipino travelers with a travel history of having been to **Bangladesh, India, Nepal, Pakistan, and Sri Lanka** within the past 14 days prior to arrival in the Philippines will not be allowed to enter the Philippines until **14 May 2021**. However, those who have merely transited in any of these countries (only stayed in the airport for connecting flight) will be allowed to enter the Philippines and not be subject to mandatory 14-day facility-based quarantine.
- Spouses and children (regardless of age) of Filipino citizens are allowed to enter the Philippines if they are traveling with the Filipino citizen on the same flight.
- Travelers qualified to avail of the *Balikbayan* program can enter the Philippines visa-free, as long as they are citizens of countries with visa-free entry privilege (see <https://muscatpe.dfa.gov.ph/consular-services/visa/general-information/>):
  - Spouse and children (regardless of age) of a Filipino citizen, provided they are traveling with the Filipino citizen;
  - Former Filipino citizens, provided they can present to Philippine Immigration officials at the port of entry proof of former Philippine citizenship (e.g., old Philippine passport or copy of Philippine Birth Certificate, foreign naturalization papers, etc.);
  - Spouse and children (regardless of age) of a former Filipino citizen, provided they are traveling with the former Filipino citizen;
- Qualified visa applicants (related by blood or affinity to a Filipino citizen) must submit the following additional documents with the visa application:
  - Proof of relationship to a Filipino citizen
    - If married to a Filipino citizen***
      - Original Marriage Certificate issued by the Philippine Statistics Authority (PSA) (on security paper); or
      - Original and copy of Report of Marriage (issued by a Philippine Embassy or Consulate), if married abroad; and
      - Proof of Filipino citizenship of spouse (copy of Philippine passport or original PSA-issued Birth Certificate on security paper);
    - If a child of a Filipino citizen***
      - Apostilled Birth Certificate (English version or with English translation); and
      - Proof of Filipino citizenship of at least one parent (Philippine passport or original PSA-issued Birth Certificate on security paper);
  - Flight itinerary showing that the non-Filipino traveler will be on the same flight to the Philippines as the related Filipino citizen;
  - Pre-booked accommodation for at least 7-8 nights at a quarantine hotel or facility accredited by the Department of Health's (DOH) Bureau of Quarantine (BOQ): <https://quarantine.doh.gov.ph/facilities-inspected-as-of-january-27-2021/>.
  - Bring additional documents indicated above (original PSA-issued documents and/or apostilled documents issued by foreign governments, and translated to English, if applicable) to present to Bureau of Immigration officials at the port of entry in the Philippines;



# ADDITIONAL REMINDERS

## Checklist prior to travel to the Philippines

For Overseas Filipino Workers (OFWs):	For non-OFWs and foreign travelers
<b>1. Register online at least three (3) days before arrival in the Philippines:</b>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>To avail of OFW benefits such as subsidized costs of facility-based quarantine and RT-PCR test, travel assistance to quarantine facility and to other Local Government Units (LGUs) subsequent to facility-based quarantine: <a href="https://dole.gov.ph/ofw-assistance-information-system-oasis">https://dole.gov.ph/ofw-assistance-information-system-oasis</a></li> </ul>	NA
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>To register ahead of time for your RT-PCR test and secure your unique QR code (Take a screenshot and/or print it out for presentation to the appropriate desk at your port of entry in the Philippines): <a href="https://balikpinas.ph">https://balikpinas.ph</a></li> </ul>	<p><a href="https://bit.ly/MNLPALeCIF">https://bit.ly/MNLPALeCIF</a> For passengers of Philippine Airlines (PAL) arriving at the Ninoy Aquino International Airport (NAIA) Terminal 2</p> <p><a href="http://www.padlab.ph/DLS/PassengerCIF">www.padlab.ph/DLS/PassengerCIF</a> For passengers of other airlines arriving at NAIA Terminals 1 and 3</p>
Cost c/o the Overseas Workers Welfare Administration (OWWA)	Depending on your entry point (which airport at which city), you may pay in advance (bank transfer, remittance, etc.) or in cash at the verification and barcoding booth at the airport in the Philippines. The test costs PHP 4,000.00 (approximately OMR 32.033, depending on the daily foreign exchange rate).
<b>2. Download the TRAZE app on your mobile phone and register for contact tracing:</b> <a href="https://www.traze.ph/download.php">https://www.traze.ph/download.php</a> . If you do not have this app on your mobile phone, you will have to download it when you arrive in the Philippines. The success of downloading the app will depend on the Internet connectivity at the airport or seaport.	
OFWs and their dependents will be booked by the Overseas Workers Welfare Administration (OWWA) officials at the airport. Booking will depend on availability of rooms at designated hotel quarantine facilities.	<p><b>3. Book in advance for at least 10 nights at a quarantine facility accredited by the Department of Health's (DOH) Bureau of Quarantine (BOQ):</b> <a href="https://quarantine.doh.gov.ph/facilities-inspected-as-of-may-6-2021/">https://quarantine.doh.gov.ph/facilities-inspected-as-of-may-6-2021/</a>.</p> <p>Passengers arriving in other international airports in the Philippines may check for the BOQ-accredited quarantine facilities in their respective areas through the following websites:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Clark International Airport: <a href="https://clarkinternationalairport.com/">https://clarkinternationalairport.com/</a></li> <li>Cebu (Mactan) International Airport: <a href="https://mactancebuaairport.com/">https://mactancebuaairport.com/</a></li> <li>Davao International Airport: <a href="https://www.davaocity.gov.ph/covid-19/new-travel-protocols-added-in-mayor-saras-e-o-12-a/">https://www.davaocity.gov.ph/covid-19/new-travel-protocols-added-in-mayor-saras-e-o-12-a/</a></li> </ul> <p><b>Foreign nationals who fail to present proof of pre-booked accommodation shall be denied entry and shall be boarded immediately in the next available flight to their origin countries/jurisdictions.</b></p> <p>If you plan to stay at a hotel in Metro Manila after the mandatory 10-day quarantine upon arrival, also pre-book at a hotel accredited by the Department of Tourism (DOT) (<a href="https://www.escapemanila.com/2020/10/manila-hotels-staycation-gcq.html">https://www.escapemanila.com/2020/10/manila-hotels-staycation-gcq.html</a>), with the first night scheduled on the 15<sup>th</sup> night of your arrival in the Philippines.</p>
<b>4. Check with your airline for possible additional registration and documentary requirements for travel to the Philippines.</b>	
<b>5. Check with the airport you will arrive in (e.g. NAIA, Clark, Cebu, Davao, etc.) for other or additional registration requirements.</b>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Clark International Airport: <a href="https://clarkinternationalairport.com/">https://clarkinternationalairport.com/</a></li> <li>Cebu (Mactan) International Airport: <a href="https://mactancebuaairport.com/">https://mactancebuaairport.com/</a></li> <li>Davao International Airport: <a href="https://www.davaocity.gov.ph/covid-19/new-travel-protocols-added-in-mayor-saras-e-o-12-a/">https://www.davaocity.gov.ph/covid-19/new-travel-protocols-added-in-mayor-saras-e-o-12-a/</a></li> </ul>	
<b>6. Have sufficient Philippine pesos in cash on hand</b> in case payment for quarantine facilities and swab tests must be made in cash. Payments for transportation (taxis, buses) and other services in the Philippines are usually made in cash.	



## Checklist upon arrival in the Philippines (Manila)

For Overseas Filipino Workers (OFWs):	For non-OFWs and foreign travelers
1. Undergo the health checks and submit your accomplished Health Declaration Form to the Bureau of Quarantine (BOQ) officials at your port of entry in the Philippines. <i>Those who show symptoms of possible COVID-19 infection will be assigned to a designated facility or hospital for appropriate medical attention.</i>	
2. Go to the area designated for arriving OFWs for briefing on health and safety protocols by the Philippine Coast Guard (PCG). <b>Get your OWWA Project Care Form.</b>	2. Go to the One Stop Shop (OSS) Briefing Area and listen to the briefing to be given by the Philippine Coast Guard (PCG) on quarantine protocols. <b>Get the template Affidavit of Undertaking</b> that will be distributed to the arrived passengers at the OSS.
3. Go to the Bureau of Immigration area for clearance. You may collect your luggage afterwards.	3. Go to the Department of Tourism (DOT) desk for validation of your hotel quarantine hotel facility booking.
4. Submit your accomplished OWWA Project Care Form at: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• For land-based OFW: OWWA Arrivals Desk</li> <li>• For sea-based OFW: MARINA Help Desk</li> </ul>	4. Go to the Private Laboratory Desk and present your QR code for validation and confirmation of data. Pay for the RT-PCR test to be conducted at the quarantine hotel where you are booked.
5. Board your designated OWWA buses to your assigned quarantine facilities/hotels. Observe strict quarantine procedures while at your quarantine facility/hotel.	5. Go to the Bureau of Immigration area for clearance. You may collect your luggage afterwards.
6. On day 7 of quarantine, undergo the RT-PCR test at your quarantine hotel conducted by the PCG. Continue observing strict quarantine protocols at the hotel while waiting for the results of the swab test, which can take 24 hours to be available via email.	6. Submit your accomplished Affidavit of Undertaking to the PCG officials as you exit the airport terminal.
7. Upon receiving a negative RT-PCR test result, expect to also receive your BOQ Health Certificate indicating the number of days you have been on hotel quarantine. Those whose RT-PCR test result is positive will be transferred to a designated facility or hospital for appropriate medical attention.	7. Avail of an airport taxi to go to the quarantine hotel where you are booked.
8. Wait for advice and prepare to leave the hotel using OWWA-assigned buses. For sea-based OFWs, your LMA will arrange for your transportation to PITX or NAIA Terminal 2.	8. Observe strict quarantine protocols while staying at the hotel for at least seven (7) nights. Use this time to obtain the additional documents and requirements you will need for when you must leave the hotel for your next destination, such as: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. Applying for the Letter of Acceptance from the Local Government Unit (LGU) of your target destination;</li> <li>b. Applying for a travel pass from the Philippine National Police (PNP) office at your point of departure or the area where your quarantine hotel is located;</li> <li>c. Booking at a BOQ-accredited hotel to complete the remaining days of your 14-day quarantine at your target destination, if you don't have a residence; and</li> <li>d. Arranging the taxi, airline or bus ticket to your target destination.</li> </ol> <p>You may also wish to check for additional destinations in the Philippines and requirements for travel between LGUs or provinces at <a href="https://philippines.travel/safetrip">https://philippines.travel/safetrip</a>.</p>
9. For Luzon-bound passengers, proceed to PITX in Parangue. Visayas- and Mindanao-bound passengers, including those bound for Palawan, proceed to NAIA PAL Terminal 2 for processing.	9. On day 7 of quarantine, undergo the RT-PCR test at your quarantine hotel conducted by the assigned COVID-19 private laboratory. Continue observing strict quarantine protocols at the hotel while waiting for the results of the swab test, which can take 24 hours to be available via email.
10. Fill in the necessary forms and wait for check-in announcement.	10. Upon receiving a negative RT-PCR test result, expect to also receive your BOQ Health Certificate indicating the number of days you have been on hotel quarantine. <p>Those whose RT-PCR test result is positive will be transferred to a designated facility or hospital for appropriate medical attention.</p>
11. Proceed to the pre-departure area and wait for boarding announcement.	11. Present the BOQ Health Certificate to the appropriate personnel of your quarantine hotel for clearance and assistance for transportation



<b>For Overseas Filipino Workers (OFWs):</b>	<b>For non-OFWs and foreign travelers</b>
	towards target destination, which could be your residence in Metro Manila, or the airport or bus station where you will take the next trip to your target destination.
<p><b>12.</b> Upon arrival at the airport of destination, report to the RTF/PTF/OWWA Station or LGU for accounting and instructions.</p>	<p><b>12.</b> Check out of the hotel and avail of authorized transport as mentioned in #11. Do not loiter at the hotel premises to avoid exposure to possible COVID-19 transmission. Always observe health protocols (minimize conversations, wear mask, observe social distancing, frequently disinfect and/or wash hands with soap and water) during travel from your quarantine hotel towards your target destination.</p>
<p><b>13.</b> The RTF/PTF or LGU will provide free transportation to the LGU of your final destination.</p>	<p><b>13.</b> Upon arrival at the LGU of your target destination, report to the appropriate barangay officials for accounting and instructions. Your arrival will have been expected by the barangay officials through the Department of Interior and Local Government (DILG) mechanism. <b>Any delay in reporting to the barangay officials of your target destination can be grounds to impose on you another 14-day quarantine.</b></p>
<p><b>14.</b> Complete the remainder of your quarantine (total of 14 days from arrival in the Philippines) at the city/municipal/barangay quarantine facility, or at home, if permitted by your LGU.</p>	<p><b>14.</b> Complete the remainder of your 14-day quarantine at your residence or a BOQ-accredited quarantine facility or quarantine facility accredited by the barangay.</p>
<p><b>15.</b> Once released from quarantine by the LGU, continue to observe minimum health standards like wearing of face mask, observing social distancing and frequently disinfecting and/or washing hands with soap and water.</p>	<p><b>15.</b> Upon completion of the 14-day quarantine, continue to observe health protocols like wearing of mask, observing social distancing, and frequently disinfecting and/or washing hands with soap and water.</p>

Please be guided accordingly.

