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Temporary Suspension of COVID - 19 Country Classifications and New Entry Protocols for Arriving Filipinos and Foreigners

The Administration hereby informs the public that pursuant to Resolution No. 159 Series of 2022 issued on 27 January 2022, the Inter-Agency Task Force for the Management of Emerging Infectious Diseases (IATF) temporarily suspended the classification of countries/territories/jurisdictions as "Green," "Yellow," and "Red".

Effective 01 February 2022, the entry, testing, and quarantine protocols for international arriving Filipinos including Overseas Filipino Workers (OFWs) and foreign nationals allowed entry into the country shall be as follows, regardless of their country of origin:

- 1. Fully vaccinated international arriving passengers shall be required to present a negative Reverse Transcription Polymerase Chain Reaction(RT-PCR) test taken within forty-eight hours (48hrs) prior to departure from the country of origin. Upon arrival, they shall no longer be required to observe mandatory facility-based quarantine but shall self-monitor for any sign or symptom for (7) days with the first day being the date of arrival and shall be required to report to the local government unit of destination upon the manifestation of symptoms, if any;
- 2. International arriving passengers must have the following proofs of vaccination against COVID-19 recognized under existing IATF regulations:
  - a. World Health Organization International Certificates of Vaccination and Prophylaxis;
  - b. VaxCertPH; or
  - National/state digital certificate of the foreign government which has accepted VaxCertPH under a reciprocal arrangement unless otherwise permitted by the IATF;
- 3. For unvaccinated, partially vaccinated, or individuals whose vaccination status cannot be independently validated, they shall be required to present a negative RT-PCR test taken within forty-eight hours (48hrs) prior to departure from the country of origin. Additionally, they shall be required to undergo facility-based quarantine until the release of their negative RT-PCR test taken on the fifth (5th) day. After which, they shall be required to undergo home quarantine until their fourteenth (14th) day, with the date of arrival being the first day. The local government units of destination and their respective Barangay Health Emergency Response Teams are tasked to monitor those arriving passengers undergoing home quarantine;



- 4. Children below twelve (12) years of age who cannot be vaccinated shall follow the quarantine protocols of the parent/s or the accompanying adult/guardian travelling with them; and
- 5. Those who are currently undergoing quarantine as of 01 February 2022 may avail of the aforementioned testing and quarantine protocols.

For the information and guidance of all concerned.

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