



REPUBLIC OF THE PHILIPPINES

**PHILIPPINE CONSULATE GENERAL**

LOS ANGELES, CALIFORNIA



## **ADVISORY 41 ON THE 2019 NOVEL CORONAVIRUS: TRAVEL POLICY IN THE PHILIPPINES (as of 22 October 2020)**

The Philippine Consulate General in Los Angeles informs all Filipinos and Filipino-Americans in Southern California, Southern Nevada and State of Arizona of the following CoViD-19 travel policy in the Philippines:

### ***Foreigners (foreign-passport holders) Entering the Philippines***

**The policy restricting foreigners from entering the Philippines remains in place** as part of the PHL government's response measures to contain the coronavirus.

Visa issuance is likewise suspended, although exemptions are given to certain foreigners, particularly those who are married to a Filipino national or who have Filipino minor children or have Filipino PWD children regardless of age.

To check if you are eligible to apply for a Philippine visa, please access this link:

[https://www.philippineconsulatela.org/wp-content/uploads/2020/02/ABFE3\\_RC\\_-Special-Advisory-on-Who-Can-Travel-to-PHL-as-of-10-Aug-2020.pdf](https://www.philippineconsulatela.org/wp-content/uploads/2020/02/ABFE3_RC_-Special-Advisory-on-Who-Can-Travel-to-PHL-as-of-10-Aug-2020.pdf)

Information on visa requirements is available at this link:

<https://www.philippineconsulatela.org/consular-services-2/visa>

**All foreign nationals, who would like to apply for exemption from the aforesaid travel restriction, are reminded that entry to the Philippines is a sovereign prerogative of the government. Applicants are, therefore, expected to comply with the requirements set by the Philippine Inter-Agency Task Force on Emerging Infectious Diseases in order for their applications to be considered.**

IATF-EID issuances could be accessed to:

<https://www.doh.gov.ph/COVID-19/IATF-Resolutions>

**Foreigners needing further guidance or clarifications on travel policy in entering the Philippines** may contact the Philippine Bureau of Immigration (BI) through the following email accounts:

[xinfo@immigration.gov.ph](mailto:xinfo@immigration.gov.ph); [immigPH@gmail.com](mailto:immigPH@gmail.com); [binoc\\_immigration@hotmail.com](mailto:binoc_immigration@hotmail.com)

### ***Returning Overseas Filipino Workers (ROFWs)***

ROFWs are informed that CoViD-19 testing results now have longer turnaround time and that Phil-Health funded CoViD-19 testing is no longer available.

List of DOH-accredited quarantine facilities is available at this link:

<http://quarantine.doh.gov.ph/facilities-inspected-as-of-august-24-2020/>

### ***Outbound Filipinos***

BI Commissioner Jaime Morente announced that, "starting 21 October 2020, the Bureau Immigration will allow the departure of Filipinos with non-essential travel," pursuant to IATF-EID Resolution No. 79 dated 15 October 2020.

Outbound Filipino tourists are required to present the following: (1) a round trip ticket; (2) health and travel insurance; and (3) a negative antigen result at least 24 hours before departure. They are further advised to **check the protocol for arriving foreigners of their country of destination.**

### ***Consulate General's Consular Services***

The public is informed that **appointment slots for dual citizenship and passport are already full until the end of the year. New slots for 2021 will be made available on 15 Dec 2020.**

Having jurisdiction of over 1.2 million OFs, the Consulate General receives hundreds of inquiries through calls and emails. The public is therefore encouraged to check the Consulate General's website, which provides information on the procedures and documentary requirements for availing of consular services, at: <https://www.philippineconsulatela.org/>. END.