



REPUBLIC OF THE PHILIPPINES  
**INTER-AGENCY TASK FORCE**  
FOR THE MANAGEMENT OF EMERGING INFECTIOUS DISEASES

**RESOLUTION NO. 160-C**

Series of 2022

07 February 2022

**WHEREAS**, Section 2(c) of Executive Order No. 168 (s.2014) mandates the Inter-Agency Task Force for the Management of Emerging Infectious Diseases (IATF) to prevent and/or minimize the local spread of emerging infectious diseases (EID) in the country through the establishment of reinforcement of a system in screening possible patients infected with EID, contact tracing, identification of the mode of the exposure to the virus, and implementation of effective quarantine and proper isolation procedures;

**WHEREAS**, on 10 September 2021, the President issued Proclamation No. 1218 (s. 2021) further extending the period of the State of Calamity throughout the Philippines until 12 September 2022, unless earlier lifted or extended as circumstances may warrant;

**WHEREAS**, the Department of Health (DOH), the University of the Philippines-Philippine Genome Center (UP-PGC), and the University of the Philippines-National Institutes of Health (UP-NIH) biosurveillance have detected B.1.1.7 (Alpha), B.1.351 (Beta), P.1 (Gamma), B.1.617 (Delta), and B.1.1.529 (Omicron) variants of SARS CoV-2 in the Philippines;

**WHEREAS**, in order to minimize the cross-border transmission of SARS CoV-2, there is a need to adopt border control and quarantine measures for all passengers entering the Philippine territory by sea or by air.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, as it is hereby resolved, that, in view of the temporary suspension of the classification of countries, territories and/or jurisdictions into “Green,” “Yellow,” and “Red,” the following shall be the new entry, testing and quarantine protocols for **foreign diplomats and their dependents, foreign dignitaries and members of their delegation, 9(e) visa holders, personnel of Philippine Foreign Service Posts (FSPs) and their dependents, and Philippine government officials on official travel** (individually or collectively referred to as “Arriving Officials”) entering the Philippines, **effective 0001H of 10 February 2022**:

A. Fully Vaccinated Individuals:



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1. Present a negative Reverse Transcription - Polymerase Chain Reaction (RT-PCR) test taken within forty-eight (48) hours prior to the date and time of departure from the country of origin/first port of embarkation in a continuous travel to the Philippines, excluding lay-overs; provided, that, he/she has not left the airport premises or has not been admitted into another country during such lay-over.
2. Upon arrival, they shall no longer be required to observe mandatory 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 and shall be required to report to the local government unit of destination upon the manifestation of symptoms, if any;
3. An Arriving Official 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.
  - c. Possesses and presents any of the following proofs of vaccination prior to departing/boarding from the country of origin/port of embarkation and upon arrival in the country:
    - i. World Health Organization International Certificate of Vaccination and Prophylaxis; or
    - ii. VaxCertPH; or
    - iii. National or state digital certificate of the country/foreign government which has accepted VaxCertPH under a reciprocal arrangement; or
    - iv. Other proofs of vaccination permitted by the IATF.
4. An Arriving Official who is not compliant with all of the conditions set forth in Section A(1) to (3) above shall be considered as unvaccinated and shall be subject to the entry, testing and quarantine protocols set forth in Section B below.



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**B. Unvaccinated, Partially Vaccinated, or Individuals Whose Vaccination Status Cannot Be Independently Validated**

1. Present a negative Reverse Transcription - Polymerase Chain Reaction (RT-PCR) test taken within forty-eight (48) hours prior to the date and time of departure from the country of origin/first port of embarkation in a continuous travel to the Philippines, excluding lay-overs; provided, that, he/she has not left the airport premises or has not been admitted into another country during such lay-over; and
2. Required to undergo home-based quarantine or quarantine at a declared accommodation until the release of their negative RT-PCR test taken on the fifth (5<sup>th</sup>) day from date of arrival. After which, they shall be required to undergo home quarantine until their fourteenth (14<sup>th</sup>) day from date of arrival.

**C. Unvaccinated Minor Dependents of Arriving Officials**

1. Minor dependents below twelve (12) years of age who are not vaccinated for any reason whatsoever shall follow the quarantine protocols of their parent/s or an accompanying adult/guardian traveling with them.
2. Minor dependents from twelve (12) to seventeen (17) years of age shall follow the classification and protocols based on their vaccination status (i.e., vaccinated or unvaccinated).

**D. Fully-Recovered Arriving Officials With Positive RT-PCR Pre-Departure Test Results**

1. Arriving Officials who have recovered from COVID-19 but test positive for the 48-hour pre-departure RT-PCR test may nonetheless enter the country, provided, they are able to present the following documents prior to departing/boarding from the country of origin/port of embarkation and upon arrival in the Philippines:
  - a. A positive RT-PCR test taken not earlier than ten (10) days but not later than thirty (30) days prior to the date and time of departure from the country of origin/port of embarkation.



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- b. The positive RT-PCR test taken within forty-eight (48) hours prior to the date and time of departure from the country of origin/first port of embarkation in a continuous travel to the Philippines, excluding lay-overs; provided, that, he/she has not left the airport premises or has not been admitted into another country during such lay-over; and
    - c. A medical certificate issued by a licensed physician certifying that the individual:
      - (i) was an asymptomatic, mild, moderate, severe or critical case of COVID-19, as the case may be; (ii) has completed the mandatory isolation period; (iii) is no longer infectious; and (iv) has been allowed free movement and travel;
  2. Upon arrival, the COVID-19 positive individual shall be subject to the following protocols:
    - a. If fully vaccinated, they shall no longer be required to observe home-based quarantine but shall self-monitor for any sign or symptom for seven (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; or
    - b. If unvaccinated, partially vaccinated, or vaccination status cannot be independently determined, they shall be required to undergo home-based quarantine or quarantine at a declared accommodation until the release of their negative RT-PCR test taken on the fifth (5<sup>th</sup>) day from date of arrival. After which, they shall be required to undergo home quarantine until their fourteenth (14<sup>th</sup>) day from date of arrival.
  3. The current local quarantine and isolation periods and protocols as embodied under Department of Health Administrative Order No. 2021-0043 or the Omnibus Guidelines on the Minimum Public Health Standards for the Safe Reopening of Institutions are hereby reiterated for strict compliance, or other applicable rules as may be implemented by the Department of Health.
- E. Arriving Officials shall be exempt from the One Health Pass requirement.


**RESOLVED FURTHER**, this resolution supersedes all entry, testing, and quarantine protocols for foreign diplomats and their dependents/9(e) visa holders, foreign dignitaries and members of their delegation, personnel of Philippine Foreign Service Posts (FSPs) and their dependents, and Philippine government officials on official travel, under all previous IATF Resolutions insofar as they are inconsistent herewith.



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**RESOLVED FINALLY**, that the Chairperson and the Co-Chairperson shall be duly authorized to sign this Resolution for and on behalf of the Inter-Agency Task Force.

**APPROVED** this February 07, 2022, via *ad referendum*.

  
**FRANCISCO T. DUQUE III**  
Secretary, Department of Health  
IATF Chairperson

  
**KARLO ALEXEI B. NOGRALES**  
Secretary, Office of the Cabinet Secretariat  
IATF Co-Chairperson




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**CERTIFICATION**

This is to certify that:

1. I am presently an Undersecretary of the Department of Health;
2. I am the Head of the Secretariat of the Inter-Agency Task Force (IATF) on the Management of Emerging Infectious Diseases created under Executive Order No. 168, (s.2014) and chaired by the Department of Health (DOH);
3. The IATF Secretariat holds office in the DOH Main Office, San Lazaro Compound, Tayuman, Sta. Cruz, Manila;
4. I am the custodian of the records of the IATF, including the Minutes of Meetings and Resolutions;
5. IATF Resolution No. **160-C** was unanimously approved and adopted via *ad referendum*;
6. The foregoing resolution has been signed by Secretary Francisco T. Duque III and/or Secretary Karlo Alexei B. Nograles upon the authority of the IATF Members;
7. I am executing this Certification for whatever legitimate purpose this may serve.

**IN WITNESS WHEREOF**, I have hereunto affixed my signature this **7<sup>th</sup>** day of February 2022, Manila.

  
**ATTY. CHARADE B. MERCADO-GRANDE**  
*Undersecretary of Health*  
*Head Secretariat, IATF*