



CONSULATE GENERAL OF THE REPUBLIC OF THE PHILIPPINES CHICAGO

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ADVISORY FOR INCOMING UNACCOMPANIED MINOR FILIPINO PASSENGERS

The Philippine Consulate General in Chicago wishes to inform the public that the Philippines Inter-Agency Task Force for the Management of Emerging Infectious Diseases (IATF-MEID) has announced additional measures to be observed relative to the SARS-CoV-2 variant detected in the United Kingdom.

All unaccompanied minor Filipino nationals, who are coming from countries/jurisdictions where travel restrictions are in place on account of the SARS-CoV-2 variant first detected in the United Kingdom, shall **not be allowed** entry into the Philippines until 15 January 2021, except if such minors are returning through the repatriation program of the Philippine Government. The repatriated minors shall be turned over to the Overseas Workers Welfare Administration (OWWA) house parent who, in coordination with the Department of Social Welfare and Development (DSWD), shall ensure the minors' safety and their observance of quarantine protocols.

All unaccompanied minor Filipino nationals who are not part of the repatriation program of the Philippine government, arriving prior to 0001H of 08 January 2021, shall be turned over to an authorized DSWD officer who can similarly ensure their safety and observance of quarantine protocols.

All the foregoing is without prejudice to the exercise of the mandate of the Bureau of Immigration in Arrival and Departure Formalities.

For visa-related questions, please do not hesitate to email us at chicagopcg.visa@att.net.
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