



# CONSULATE GENERAL OF THE REPUBLIC OF THE PHILIPPINES CHICAGO

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## UPDATES ON TRAVEL RESTRICTIONS TO AND FROM THE PHILIPPINES PERTAINING TO COVID-19

### 1. Lifting of travel ban on passengers coming from Taiwan

In response to the Coronavirus Disease (COVID-19) outbreak, the Philippine Government, through the Inter-Agency Task Force for the Management of Emerging Infectious Diseases (IATF-EID), has approved the lifting of the temporary travel ban on passengers, including those in transit, coming from Taiwan, effective immediately.

### 2. Exemptions from the temporary travel ban on those coming from China and its SARs

The IATF-EID has also approved the following exemptions from the temporary travel ban on those coming from mainland China and its Special Administrative Regions:

- Returning Filipinos, including their foreign spouses and children, holders of permanent resident visas, and holders of 9(e) diplomatic visas travelling from mainland China, Hong Kong Special Administrative Region (SAR) and Macau SAR shall be allowed entry into the Philippines, subject to the 14-day quarantine;
- Permanent residents of Hong Kong SAR and Macau SAR, and Filipinos leaving abroad for study shall be allowed to travel to said SARs;
- Overseas Filipino Workers (OFWs), whether returning or newly-hired, shall be likewise allowed to travel to Hong Kong SAR and Macau SAR upon execution of a declaration signifying their knowledge and understanding of the risks involved.

### 3. Exemptions from the temporary suspension on the issuance of visas

Previously, the Philippine Government announced the temporary suspension of the issuance of visas to the following:

- Foreign nationals directly coming from China and its Special Administrative Regions (Hong Kong, China and Macau, China); and,
- Foreign nationals, who, within fourteen (14) days immediately preceding arrival in the Philippines, have been to China and its Special Administrative Regions.

Foreign nationals with visa-free entry privileges to the Philippines (including U.S. passport holders), falling under above-mentioned categories, are likewise covered by the temporary travel ban imposed by the Philippine Government.

The following foreign nationals are now exempted from the temporary suspension of visa issuance, and will be allowed entry subject to the required 14-day quarantine:

- Foreign spouses or children of Filipinos; and
- Foreign government officials and their dependents eligible for 9(e) diplomatic/official visas.

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