



# CONSULATE GENERAL OF THE REPUBLIC OF THE PHILIPPINES CHICAGO

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## **ADDITIONAL EXEMPTIONS TO ENTRY RESTRICTIONS ON TRAVELLERS BOUND FOR THE PHILIPPINES FROM RESTRICTED COUNTRIES DUE TO THE COVID-19 NEW VARIANTS**

The Philippine Consulate General in Chicago wishes to inform the public that pursuant to the Inter-Agency Task Force for the Management of Emerging Infectious Disease (IATF-MEID) Resolution No. 95 dated 21 January 2021, the following foreign nationals with valid visas, who will come from or has travel history within the last 14 days prior to arrival in the Philippines in countries/jurisdictions covered by the travel restriction due to the new COVID-19 variants, will be permitted entry into the Philippines until 31 January 2021, notwithstanding any previous IATF resolutions or exemptions:

1. Accredited foreign diplomats and personnel of accredited international organizations, provided that they will undergo RT-PCR test upon arrival at the airport, execute an undertaking, and observe strict 14-day quarantine pursuant to relevant DOH memorandum circular;
2. Foreign dignitaries who shall observe existing testing and quarantine protocols upon arrival;
3. Those for medical and emergency cases, including their medical escorts, if any, subject to the applicable testing and quarantine protocols as prescribed by the DOH; and
4. **Spouses and minor children of Filipino citizens travelling with them, subject to the same testing and quarantine protocols applicable to Filipino citizens.**

**In the case of no. 4. they may apply for visas at the Consulate, provided that they submit complete requirements, including (but not limited to) the following:**

### **1. Foreign spouse of a Filipino national**

- Original Marriage Certificate from the Philippine Statistics Authority (PSA), if married in the Philippines
- Report of Marriage (ROM), if married abroad and has no PSA copy yet
- Proof of Filipino citizenship of spouse
- Proof that they are travelling together (e.g., flight itinerary)

### **2. Foreign minor child of a Filipino national**

- Authenticated Birth Certificate
- Proof of Filipino citizenship of parent/s
- Proof that they are travelling together (e.g., flight itinerary)



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The above-mentioned visa-issued foreign nationals should be able to present, if required by immigration officials at the airport, documentary proof of filiation to the Filipino spouse/parent (i.e., PSA Birth Certificate or Marriage Certificate; if issued by a foreign government, the Birth Certificate or Marriage Certificate must be authenticated/apostilled) to avoid possible exclusion or denial of entry by BI officials.

### Arrival Protocols

The IATF Resolution No.95 further requires arriving Filipino nationals, including those for highly exceptional and/or medical reasons, as well as local diplomats, shall be subject to the applicable quarantine protocols as prescribed by the DOH.

Incoming passengers shall be tested upon arrival and shall be quarantined until the result of a subsequent test administered on the fifth day is released. Negative results from the two COVID-19 tests shall be endorsed to the passengers' local government units, who shall then strictly monitor the remainder of the 14-day quarantine through their respective Barangay Health Emergency Response Teams.

### The following is the updated list of said countries/jurisdiction:

1	Australia	19	Jordan
2	Austria	20	Lebanon
3	Brazil	21	Luxembourg
4	Canada	22	Norway
5	China	23	Oman
6	Denmark	24	Pakistan
7	Finland	25	Portugal
8	France	26	Singapore
9	Germany	27	South Africa
10	Hong Kong SAR	28	South Korea
11	Hungary	29	Spain
12	Iceland	30	Sweden
13	India	31	Switzerland
14	Ireland	32	The Netherlands
15	Israel	33	United Arab Emirates
16	Italy	34	United Kingdom
17	Jamaica	35	United States
18	Japan		

For visa-related matters, please do not hesitate to email us at [chicagopcg.visa@att.net](mailto:chicagopcg.visa@att.net). **END**

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