



# PUBLIC ADVISORY

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### ON THE MANDATORY QUARANTINE AND COVID-19 TESTING FOR ALL ARRIVING PASSENGERS TO THE PHILIPPINES

02 May 2020 - The Philippine Embassy in Berne wishes to inform the public that ***all arriving passengers to the Philippines will now be subjected to mandatory quarantine of not exceeding 14 days and / or COVID-19 testing upon arrival in the Philippines.***

The mandatory quarantine and COVID-19 testing will be done pursuant to the Inter-Agency Task Force for the Management of Emerging Infectious Diseases (IATF) Resolution No. 30, Series of 2020 issued on 29 April 2020, which states that, "*all arriving non-OFWs shall be managed in accordance with the updated algorithm for the triage and management of repatriated OFWs from high risk or other jurisdictions issued by the Department of Health and the Bureau of Quarantine.*"

The resolution thus requires **all Filipinos**, including returning tourists, returning emigrants, students, J-1 (US) visa holders, and others, **and foreign nationals** who are exempted from the tacit travel ban, to undergo the same mandatory quarantine and/or COVID-19 testing upon their arrival in the Philippines.

The IATF also advises all arriving passengers to expect significant delays in travelling to their final destinations outside Metro Manila in view of the limited transportation options resulting from the existing Enhance Community Quarantine (ECQ) in Metro Manila and in the different regions, provinces, and cities throughout the Philippines.

**Prospective travellers, therefore, are advised to postpone or delay non-essential travel to the Philippines.**

Please be guided, accordingly.

The Philippine Embassy

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