

Annex B. COVID-19 IMMIGRATION PROTOCOLS AND DOMESTIC RESTRICTIONS

The Philippine Government has implemented strict border control measures restricting travel into and out of the Philippines to mitigate the spread of COVID-19.

The Philippine Film and Audiovisual industry engages international partners for audiovisual services, production of content, and utilization of crew for their own productions. Local productions also utilize international crew and artists for their own projects.

A. Inbound Travel Restrictions by the Philippine Government on Foreign Travelers^{5,6}

The entry of foreign nationals in the Philippines via sea or air are restricted effective 22 March 2020. Otherwise, allowed travelers entering the Philippine must go into either stringent or mandatory quarantine facilities based on the assessment of the quarantine medical officer until COVID-19 test results and the corresponding Quarantine Certificate have been released or if the 14-day stringent or mandatory quarantine has been complied, whichever comes first.

Category	Countries
Cannot travel to the Philippines	All countries
Can travel to the Philippines but must go into either stringent or mandatory quarantine facilities based on the assessment of the quarantine medical officer until COVID-19 test results and the corresponding Quarantine Certificate have been released or if the 14-day stringent or mandatory quarantine has been complied, whichever comes first.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Foreign Governments and International Organization officials accredited to the Philippines. ● Foreign Spouse and children of Filipino nationals ● All arriving Filipino passengers, including their spouse and children (Filipino or foreign) ● Foreign crew members as well as foreign government and International Organization officials accredited to the Philippines ● Land, air, and sea travel of uniformed personnel for official business, especially those transporting medical supplies, laboratory specimens, related to COVID-19, and other humanitarian assistance ● Overseas Filipino Workers (OFWs)
Can travel to the Philippines and must self-quarantine for 14 days if unwell	No countries

⁵ DFA travel advisory: inbound travel restrictions by the philippine government on foreign travelers, March 22, 2020, <https://www.dfa.gov.ph/covid-19-advisories/26402-travel-advisory-inbound-travel-restrictions-by-the-philippine-government-on-foreign-travelers>

⁶ DFA travel advisory: inbound travel restrictions by the philippine government on filipino travelers, March 22, 2020, <https://www.dfa.gov.ph/covid-19-advisories/26400-travel-advisory-inbound-travel-restrictions-by-philippine-government-on-filipino-travelers>

B. **Community Quarantine** refers to the restrictions in movement within or out of the quarantine area of individuals, large people, or communities.

- a. The IATF risk assessment of the COVID-19 cases is deemed high within ECQ, MECQ and GCQ areas.
- b. MGCQ refers to the transition phase between GCQ and the new normal when temporary control measures are relaxed. Strict quarantine measures become less necessary while still adhering to health and safety protocols.

	COMMUNITY QUARANTINE MEASURES IN THE PH⁷			
	ECQ	MECQ	GCQ	MGCQ
International Travel	The entry of foreign nationals in the Philippines via sea or air are restricted effective 22 March 2020. Otherwise, allowed travelers entering the Philippines must go into either stringent or mandatory quarantine facilities based on the assessment of the quarantine medical officer. Travellers are to remain in stringent or mandatory quarantine until COVID-19 test results are released, are found negative, and the corresponding Quarantine Certificate has been released, or if the 14-day stringent or mandatory quarantine has been complied, whichever comes first. Travellers shall be referred to step-down facilities or for home quarantine (if found capable of home quarantine based on JAO No. 2020-0001 on the Guidelines on Local Isolation and General Treatment Areas for COVID-19 cases (LIGTAS COVID) and the Community-based Management of Mild COVID-19 Cases).			
Domestic Travel	<p>Strict Home Quarantine for everyone except for Head of Household obtaining goods and services</p> <p>Only essential workers in industries involved in the provision of medical, health, and basic necessities are permitted to travel to and from work</p> <p>No public transportation are allowed to operate</p> <p>Quarantine passes are required for movement of individuals</p>	<p>Film and Audiovisual Production Shoots allowed with a maximum fifty (50) people following Health and Safety Protocols of DOLE, DOH and FDCP</p> <p>Travel is allowed to access workplaces but no public transportation is allowed to operate</p> <p>Travel is limited from place of residence to the workplace unless deemed as an essential service.</p> <p>Ban is implemented on mass gathering</p>	<p>Film and Audiovisual Production Shoots allowed with a maximum fifty (50) people following Health and Safety Protocols of DOLE, DOH and FDCP</p> <p>Travel is allowed to access work. Limited public transportation is available.</p> <p>Movement for leisure purposes is not allowed.</p> <p>Ban is implemented on mass gathering activities.</p> <p>Travel is</p>	<p>Film and Audiovisual Production Shoots allowed with a maximum of fifty (50) people following Health and Safety Protocols of DOLE, DOH and FDCP</p> <p>All persons shall be allowed out of their residences.</p> <p>Mass gatherings such as but not limited to movie screenings, concerts, sporting events, and other entertainment activities and assemblies shall</p>

⁷ Inter-Agency Task Force for the Management of Emerging Infectious Diseases Resolution No. 38
<https://www.officialgazette.gov.ph/downloads/2020/05may/20200522-IATF-RESOLUTION-NO-38.pdf>

	Film and audiovisual productions and activities are not allowed	<p>activities.</p> <p>Travel is restricted between regions.</p> <p>Shuttle service must be provided by the producer/employer</p> <p>Shared vehicles must have a cleaning protocol and follow transport guidelines for physical distancing measures.</p>	<p>restricted between regions.</p> <p>Shuttle service must be provided by the producer/employer</p> <p>Shared vehicles</p>	<p>be allowed provided that participants shall be limited to 50% of the venue's seating capacity.</p> <p>Road, rail, maritime, and aviation sectors of public transportation shall be allowed to operate at the capacity in accordance with DOTr guidelines.</p>
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C. Quarantine Facilities

- a. Stringent quarantine facilities are being used for travelers coming from a high-risk place of origin or lay-over, identified as areas with high level of community transmission according to the latest issuance of the WHO COVID-19 Situation Report, and travelers with symptoms when arriving in the Philippines. These people shall be under the supervision of the Bureau of Quarantine for the duration of the quarantine period.
- b. Mandatory quarantine facilities are being used for all other travelers who shall not be classified for Stringent quarantine. While in these facilities, they shall be under the supervision of the Overseas Workers Welfare Administration (OWWA) and Philippine Coast Guard (PCG).
- c. Travelers in either facility will be provided with three meals a day, and have other basic needs met, such as having prescription medicines delivered to them. There is no cost to travelers for accommodation or associated basic needs. Travelers may use online delivery services to purchase items at their own cost. Friends and family members may not visit or drop off items to travelers in these facilities.

D. Domestic travel after completing the Quarantine Period

- a. Upon release of COVID-19 test results and the corresponding Quarantine Certificate, the individuals will be able to leave the facility and travel to their final destination, provided they have a suitable travel plan in place.
- b. Travelers will be provided with appropriate supporting documents to travel to their final destination.
- c. Before leaving the facility, a final health check will be carried out confirming that the traveler:
 - i. Has a temperature not higher to 37.5 degrees Celsius.
 - ii. Has not tested positive for COVID-19 or is not a probable cause.
 - iii. Does not have symptoms of COVID-19
 - iv. Has a suitable travel plan.