

IMPORTANT ADVISORY EPS WORKERS

Source: The Embassy of the Philippines in the Republic of Korea:

NEW ENTRY MEASURES FOR PASSENGERS ENTERING KOREA FROM THE PHILIPPINES

The Embassy of the Republic of the Philippines in Seoul wishes to inform the public that effective 20 July 2020, the government of the Republic of Korea will impose the following additional measures for all passengers coming from the Philippines:

1. All passengers (Filipinos and foreigners) departing from the PH must submit "COVID-19 Negative Certificate" (PCR test report) upon entering Korea, including via third countries. The certificate must be issued within 48 hours of the departure date from the PH, and the certificate must be issued by the PCR testing labs test designated by the Korean Embassy in the Philippines (the embassy will publish the list of designated laboratories on their webpage). The issued certificate must be presented at the time of ticketing and boarding, and must be submitted to the quarantine authority when entering Korea. Transit passengers are also required to submit the "COVID-19 Negative Certificate" upon boarding.

The submission of the "COVID-19 Negative Certificate" does not exempt the passenger from testing and quarantine upon arrival.

2. The **Korean Embassy in Manila will stop accepting new visa applications until further notice**, and will stop processing visa applications that have already been received prior to today. The visa issuance will be suspended EXCEPT for diplomatic and official purposes; essential business purposes (investment, technology transfer); spouse and children of Korean nationals and humanitarian reason (for humanitarian reason, it requires the Korean Embassy's endorsement to get the visa); and shift crews.

Visa issuance for workers and students is suspended until further notice.

3. For the regular flights departing from the Philippines, the number of passengers should not exceed 60% of its capacity. Irregular flights will be suspended.

Thank you.

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