



Republic of the Philippines
Bureau of Quarantine
Department of Health



MEMORANDUM CIRCULAR
No. 2022-10-A

TO: ALL BOQ STATIONS
ALL OVERSEAS FILIPINO WORKERS (OFW)
ALL RETURNING OVERSEAS FILIPINOS (ROF)
ALL CONCERNED GOVERNMENT AGENCIES
ALL AIRLINE OPERATORS AND HANDLERS
REGIONAL TASK FORCES OF THE NTF COVID-19

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SUBJECT: AMENDMENT TO BUREAU MEMORANDUM
CIRCULAR NO. 2022-10 DATED 20 JUNE 2022
"SPECIFIC GUIDELINES FOR UNACCOMPANIED
FILIPINO MINORS"

This Memorandum Circular is issued to amend Bureau Memorandum Circular No. 2022-10 dated 20 June 2022 "Specific Guidelines for Unaccompanied Filipino Minors" to address the letter issued by the DSWD dated 13 July 2022 on their notification of pull-out of their daily presence at OSS airport and non-accommodation of non-repatriated unaccompanied minors.

For all non-repatriated unaccompanied minors allowed by airline to board a flight, the airline representative shall be in-charge in processing, coordination and assisting the unaccompanied minor from the time of arrival until finishing the required protocol for the minor. Prior coordination by the airline to BOQ is needed for all incoming unaccompanied Filipino minors.

Implementing Guidelines

- I. FOR MINORS WITH AGES 12-17**
 - a) Fully vaccinated (completed primary dose) and has booster will not require quarantine and testing upon arrival.
 - b) Fully vaccinated (completed primary dose) and presenting a negative RT-PC test taken within forty-eight (48) hours, or remotely supervised, or a laboratory-based rapid antigen negative test result administered and certified by a healthcare professional in a healthcare facility, laboratory, clinic, pharmacy, or other similar establishment taken within twenty-four

- (24) hours, prior to the date and time of departure from the country of origin, will not require quarantine and testing upon arrival.
- c) Fully vaccinated with or without booster and with prior coordination by the airline with BOQ will not require quarantine and testing upon arrival.
 - d) Partially vaccinated and unvaccinated will require quarantine and testing upon arrival. Airline representative shall coordinate the unaccompanied minor's quarantine facility, conveyances, testing laboratory and local companion.

2. FOR MINORS WITH AGES 4-11

- a) Fully vaccinated with prior coordination by the airline will not require quarantine and testing upon arrival.
- b) Partially vaccinated and unvaccinated and/or presenting a negative RT-PCR test taken within forty-eight (48) hours, or remotely supervised, or a laboratory-based rapid antigen negative test result administered and certified by a healthcare professional in a healthcare facility, laboratory, clinic, pharmacy, or other similar establishment taken within twenty-four (24) hours, prior to the date and time of departure from the country of origin, will not require quarantine and testing upon arrival if they have prior coordination by the airline with BOQ.

3. Minors with ages 3 years old and below must have prior coordination by the airline with BOQ prior entry.

4. In case of non-compliance of the above requirements, an accompanying adult/guardian from LGU should accompany the child or children during their facility-based quarantine. The accompanying adult/guardian must present the following requirements:

- a) A negative RT-PCR test taken within 48 hours or antigen test taken within 24 hours' prior to check in at the quarantine facility.
- b) A signed waiver indicating the awareness of the risk of exposure and willingness to accompany an unaccompanied minor/s to undergo complete mandatory facility- based quarantine.

5. **DSWD coordination.** For unaccompanied minors included in a government-initiated repatriation of Overseas Filipinos not covered by the POLO/OWWA, prior coordination by the airline with BOQ and DSWD endorsement are required.

For Strict Compliance.