DEPARTMENT MEMORANDUM
No. 2020 - 0200

TO: ALL UNDERSECRETARIES AND ASSISTANT SECRETARIES; DIRECTORS OF BUREAUS AND CENTERS FOR HEALTH DEVELOPMENT; MINISTER OF HEALTH – BANGSAMORO AUTONOMOUS REGION IN MUSLIM MINDANAO; EXECUTIVE DIRECTORS OF SPECIALTY HOSPITALS AND NATIONAL NUTRITION COUNCIL; CHIEFS OF MEDICAL CENTERS, HOSPITALS, SANITARIA AND INSTITUTES; PRESIDENT OF THE PHILIPPINE HEALTH INSURANCE CORPORATION; DIRECTORS OF PHILIPPINE NATIONAL AIDS COUNCIL AND TREATMENT AND REHABILITATION CENTERS AND OTHERS CONCERNED

SUBJECT: Omnibus Interim Guidelines for the Quarantine and Testing Procedures for All Arriving Overseas Filipinos (OFs) and Foreign Nationals During the Coronavirus Disease 2019 (COVID-19) Pandemic

I. Background

The Inter-Agency Task Force for the Management of Emerging Infectious Diseases (IATF-EID) issued Resolution No. 26 dated 20 April 2020, which mandated the conduct of rapid antibody testing for COVID-19 for all arriving Overseas Filipino Workers (OFWs), to wit:

“All arriving Overseas Filipino Workers (OFWs), whether land-based or sea-based, shall be required to undergo a mandatory fourteen-day facility-based quarantine, and shall be subject to rapid antibody testing for COVID-19 in accordance with Department Memorandum 2020-0180 issued by the Department of Health.”

In addition, the IATF-EID issued Resolution No. 29 dated 27 April 2020, which enjoined the Sub-Task Group for the Repatriation of OFWs to explore the use of Reverse Transcription-Polymerase Chain Reaction (RT-PCR) on repatriating OFWs, to wit:

“The National Task Force COVID-19 and the Sub-Task Group for the Repatriation of Overseas Filipino Workers (OFWs) are directed to explore the utilization of Reverse Transcription-Polymerase Chain Reaction (RT-PCR) tests for OFWs returning from high-risk jurisdiction.”

Lastly, IATF-EID Resolution No. 30 dated 29 April 2020 was issued to clarify how all Overseas Filipinos (OFs), which include OFWs and non-OFWs, shall be managed during the COVID-19 pandemic, to wit:
"A special batch of around two hundred (200) Overseas Filipinos (OFs) from Milan, Italy shall be subjected to RT-PCR test upon arrival. Those who test negative shall be exempted from the requirement of facility-based quarantine, and shall be allowed to proceed to their respective destinations and undergo a mandatory fourteen-day home quarantine;

The NTF COVID-19 Chief Implementer is hereby authorized to exercise discretion in utilizing RT-PCR or rapid antibody test kits to facilitate the speedy management or processing of more or less sixteen thousand (16,000) OFWs who are currently in quarantine facilities, and arriving foreign nationals;

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;"

This Department Memorandum (DM) provides the guidelines pursuant to the foregoing mandates, to consolidate all interim quarantine and testing guidelines for all OFs, and to include in its coverage all foreign nationals arriving in the Philippines.

II. General Guidelines

A. Repatriated OFs shall include OFWs, whether documented or undocumented; Non-OFWs such as returning students, scholars, exchange visitors, diplomats, and tourists, among others; and, their dependents.

B. All OFs and foreign nationals arriving at an airport shall undergo quarantine and testing procedures illustrated in Annex A.

C. All OFs arriving at a seaport via vessels used as conveyance or transport vehicle shall undergo quarantine and testing procedures illustrated in Annex B.

D. All OFs arriving at a seaport via vessels used as quarantine facilities shall undergo quarantine and testing procedures illustrated in Annex C.

E. The interpretation and decision flow of all COVID-19 test results, whether RT-PCR or Rapid Antibody Test, shall follow the algorithm illustrated in Annex D.

F. Stringent Quarantine shall refer to quarantine protocols imposed upon the following:
   1. Sea-based OFs coming from a ship or vessel classified as high-risk by the DOH-Bureau of Quarantine (BOQ) Repatriation Core Group based on the presence of any or a combination of the following conditions:
      a. Ship or vessel with reported confirmed COVID-19 case;
      b. Ship or vessel with reported crew or passenger showing influenza-like signs and symptoms prior to departure and/or during voyage; and,
      c. Incomplete submission of pre-arrival evaluation documentary requirements, such as latest Maritime Declaration of Health, accomplished Repatriation Information Sheets 1 and 2 (see Annex E), among others.
2. Land-based OFs and foreign nationals who are 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,

3. Any individual OF or foreign national who has been assessed to have influenza-like signs and symptoms by a QMO upon arrival at a port of entry.

All OFs and foreign nationals classified for Stringent Quarantine shall be under the supervision of the BOQ for the duration of the quarantine period.

G. Mandatory Quarantine shall refer to quarantine protocols imposed upon all other OFs and foreign nationals who are not classified for Stringent Quarantine. All OFs and foreign nationals classified for Mandatory Quarantine shall be under the supervision of the Overseas Workers Welfare Administration (OWWA) and Philippine Coast Guard (PCG).

III. Specific Guidelines

A. All OFs and foreign nationals arriving at an airport shall be subject to the following procedures:

1. All sea-based OFs arriving at an airport shall be subject to pre-arrival evaluation for risk-assessment of the vessel of origin by the DOH-BOQ Repatriation Core Group and, upon arrival, individual thermal scanning and medical assessment by a Quarantine Medical Officer (QMO), which shall be the basis for classifying OFs as either for Stringent Quarantine or for Mandatory Quarantine.

2. All land-based OFs (i.e. returning OFWs, returning students, exchange visitors, tourists, etc.) and foreign nationals arriving at an airport shall be subject to evaluation upon arrival for cohort risk-assessment based on the latest issuance of the World Health Organization COVID-19 Situation Report and individual thermal scanning and medical assessment by a QMO, which shall be the basis for classifying OFs and foreign nationals as either for Stringent Quarantine or for Mandatory Quarantine.

3. All OFs and foreign nationals classified for Stringent Quarantine shall undergo the following:

   a. All OFs and foreign nationals for Stringent Quarantine shall undergo RT-PCR COVID-19 testing conducted by DOH-Licensed COVID-19 Testing Laboratory at the port of entry or designated quarantine facility;

   b. All OFs and foreign nationals shall stay in a BOQ-approved Stringent Quarantine Facility until the RT-PCR COVID-19 test results are released; Provided, That foreign nationals who are holders of 9(e) visas and their dependents, may be allowed to stay in a BOQ-approved hotel quarantine facility of their own choice and expense.

   c. OFs and foreign nationals who shall yield negative RT-PCR COVID-19 test results shall be allowed to discontinue facility-based Stringent Quarantine;
Provided, That they undergo 14-day home quarantine at their respective domicile, residence or appropriate local monitoring facilities.

d. OFs and foreign nationals who shall yield positive RT-PCR COVID-19 test results shall be extracted from the Stringent Quarantine Facility and transferred to a referral hospital or Temporary Treatment and Monitoring Facility (TTMF) coordinated by the DOH Health Emergency Management Bureau (HEMB) for further medical management in accordance with the COVID-19 protocol set by the DOH. Once cleared for discharge, the OFs or foreign nationals shall undergo 14-day home quarantine.

4. All OFs and foreign nationals classified for Mandatory Quarantine shall undergo Rapid Antibody COVID-19 testing upon arrival as baseline, and 14-day Mandatory Quarantine at an OWWA-designated Mandatory Quarantine Facility; Provided, That, if logistics and supplies permit or under the discretion of the NTF COVID-19 Chief Implementer, RT-PCR COVID-19 testing may be performed in accordance with Section III.A.3 of this DM.

5. All foreign nationals who are holders of 9(e) visas and their dependents and who are classified for Mandatory Quarantine, may undergo RT-PCR COVID-19 testing conducted by a DOH-Licensed COVID-19 facility at their own expense, at the port of entry, or at a BOQ-approved hotel quarantine facility of their own choice and expense; Provided, That if the RT-PCR COVID-19 test yields a negative result, he/she will be allowed to undergo 14-day home quarantine at his/her respective domicile, residence or lodging.

6. All OFs and foreign nationals classified for Mandatory Quarantine who have not been subjected to RT-PCR COVID-19 testing shall undergo Rapid Antibody Testing at the end of the 14-day Mandatory Quarantine and shall be managed in accordance with DOH DM No. 2020-0180 or the “Revised Interim Guidelines on Expanded Testing for COVID-19”, dated 16 April 2020, which provides:

“The results at the end of 14-day quarantine are to be interpreted as follows:
   a) If both IgM/IgG remain negative, release from quarantine
   b) If IgG-positive and asymptomatic, release from quarantine
   c) IgM-positive but IgG-negative, extend quarantine by seven-day increments and repeat testing. If persistently IgM-positive but IgG-negative for two consecutive retestings after the 1st 14-day period, consider potential false positives and confer with infectious disease specialists.
   d) If the patient becomes symptomatic anytime during quarantine, perform a nasal swab for RT-PCR.”

7. All OFs and foreign nationals who are financially capable to pay for their own food and accommodation may be allowed to stay in BOQ-approved or OWWA-designated hotel quarantine facility of their choice; Provided, That they have been properly endorsed by the BOQ or OWWA to the officer-in-charge of the quarantine facility, and that they shall strictly observe quarantine protocols.

8. The BOQ shall issue the Unified Quarantine Certificate to the OFs and foreign nationals upon discharge from Stringent or Mandatory Quarantine Facilities.
B. All OFs arriving at a seaport shall be subject to the following procedures:

1. All incoming sea vessels shall be subject to pre-arrival evaluation for risk-assessment of the vessel by the DOH-BOQ Repatriation Core Group, which shall be the basis for classifying the entire ship and its crew as either for Stringent Quarantine or for Mandatory Quarantine.

2. All OFs arriving via vessels used as conveyance or transport vehicle shall be subject to the following requirements and procedures:

   a. Requirements for Vessels from Foreign Ports Upon Entry in Any Philippine Port
      i. All arriving cruise ships shall be subjected to Republic Act (RA) no. 9271 or “The Quarantine Act of 2004.”
      ii. The ship captain shall report cases of influenza-like symptoms or COVID-19 cases prior to travel to the Philippines.
      iii. The ship captain shall submit the Notice of Arrival (NOA) one week before the estimated time of arrival. The NOA shall indicate the purpose of call and vessel activity.
      iv. The ship handling agency shall accomplish all facilitation requirements prior to the arrival of the vessel.
      v. The ship captain shall enforce segregation of Filipino repatriate crew and servicing crew upon departure from last port:
         (a) One Filipino repatriate crew per individual cabin;
         (b) Male and female shall be segregated per floor;
         (c) Filipino repatriate crew in the high-risk group (e.g. >60 years old, with co-morbidities, and pregnant) shall be billeted near the ship’s hospital/medical clinic;
         (d) Filipino repatriates with special needs (e.g. injured, PWD) shall be billeted near the ship’s hospital/medical clinic;
         (e) Only the service crew shall provide the basic needs of the OF repatriate crew, work their regular task, and function in ship keeping; and,
         (f) All Filipino repatriate crew shall be exempted from non-emergency duties.
      vi. The ship captain shall declare their health profile required by the BOQ as follows:
         (a) The ship captain shall provide duly accomplished documents such as date of departure from port of origin, ship’s particulars, quarantine protocols observed during the voyage, and COVID-19 testing done, if any; and,
         (b) The ship physician shall submit medical log of passengers and crew, hospital facility capacity, medical treatment protocol for COVID-19 and other respiratory illnesses.
      vii. The QMO shall conduct the Quarantine Inspection and Clearance at the quarantine anchorage; the ship handling agency shall provide water transport for the QMO.

   b. Procedure and Requirements for Disembarkation from Vessels from Foreign Ports Upon Arrival in Any Philippine Port
      i. Infection Prevention and Control Protocols shall be observed at all times on route to any Philippine Port:
(a) Documentation of Infection Prevention and Control protocols observed from the port of origin to the Philippine port shall be submitted to BOQ, signed by ship captain and ship physician.

(b) Day Zero of the 14-day quarantine period shall commence upon departure from last port of call, regardless of port call (i.e. technical stop). The Filipino repatriate crew shall stay in individual cabins upon departure from last port of call. The ship physician shall accomplish daily logs of temperature and reporting of signs and symptoms of the Filipino repatriate crew.

(c) Servicing Filipino crew shall not be interspersed with the Filipino repatriate crew. If the servicing Filipino crew shall sign off in the Philippines, their 14-day quarantine period shall commence upon cessation of service or, if the quarantine period falls short of 14 days, they shall undergo COVID-19 testing in accordance to existing guidelines prior to disembarkation and shall stay in individual cabins/hotel rooms in a designated quarantine facility.

ii. Routine Quarantine Inspection and Clearance

(a) Vessel quarantine arrival protocol shall be observed: the vessel anchor shall be dropped at quarantine anchorage, yellow flag shall be hoisted at its foremost, and lee shall be provided to QMO upon boarding.

(b) All repatriated Filipino crew and servicing crew shall undergo routine thermal screening and shall submit a fully-accomplished Health Declaration Card (HDC).

(c) The ship captain or ship physician shall provide the QMO with duly accomplished documents necessary to comply with Philippine health regulations (i.e. medical log, Maritime Declaration of Health, crew list, voyage memo, temperature monitoring and other pertinent documents).

(d) All repatriated Filipino crew shall be profiled through the Health Profile submissions.

(e) The ship captain or ship physician shall report influenza-like symptoms and COVID-19 cases, if any, onboard.

iii. Issuance of Free Pratique

(a) Free Pratique shall be issued to a vessel upon compliance with the following:
   (1) Non-existence of contagious disease onboard;
   (2) Valid Ship Sanitation Certificate; and,
   (3) Submission of Maritime Declaration of Health and other pertinent documents.

iv. Disembarkation of Repatriated Crew

(a) Only repatriated Filipino crew and signing-off Filipino service crew shall be allowed to disembark; *Provided*, That if the sea voyage from the last port of call is less than 14 days, the repatriates shall complete the 14-day Stringent Quarantine in a BOQ-approved quarantine facility, or in case of Mandatory Quarantine, in an OWWA-designated quarantine facility, counting from the day of departure from the last port of call; *Provided further*, That COVID-19 testing regulations and guidelines for all OFs arriving in the Philippines, as provided in this DM, shall apply.

(b) All other requirements of the Bureau of Immigration and the Bureau of Customs shall be observed.
c. Procedure for Vessel Departure
   i. All outgoing vessels shall secure issuance of Quarantine Outgoing Clearance; and,
   ii. All Clearances from other Port Authorities shall be secured.

3. All OFs arriving via vessels used as quarantine facilities shall be subject to the following requirements and procedures:

a. General Guidelines for Vessel Used as a Quarantine Facility
   i. The use of cruise ships as quarantine facility shall be subject to the pertinent provisions of RA no. 9271 or the “Quarantine Act of 2004.”
      (a) The cruise ship to be used as quarantine facility shall hoist the Lima Flag at all times.
      (b) Embarkation or disembarkation, vessel movement, and conduct of activities shall not be allowed without the clearance of the Director of the BOQ.
   ii. Infection Prevention and Control shall be observed at all times. Proper PPEs shall be worn by all personnel in the quarantine facility.
   iii. All Filipino repatriates shall undergo COVID-19 testing in accordance with the guidelines set forth by this DM prior to disembarkation.
   iv. The QMO shall enforce segregation of the servicing crew from the Filipino repatriates for the duration of the quarantine.
   v. The cruise ship and/or the LMA shall provide basic services to the Filipino repatriates.
   vi. The cruise ship and/or the LMA shall provide the Filipino repatriates the basic necessities for the duration of the 14-day quarantine (i.e. toiletries, beddings, trash bags, etc.) and shall be prepositioned for the 14-day consumption to minimize the frequent encounters between working crew and Filipino repatriates.
   vii. The cruise ship used as quarantine facility shall be safely moored at a designated berth for accessibility in case of emergencies and for routine monitoring.
   viii. The ship captain shall state the number of cabins available for quarantine holding rooms. Cabins shall be well-lit and well-ventilated. Windowless cabins shall have continuous air-conditioning.
   ix. The vessel air conditioning system’s filtration system shall be routinely cleaned and shall be capable of screening of particulate matter up to 0.3 microns (i.e. High Efficiency Particulate Air (HEPA) Filters, Ultraviolet Light Air Filtration, and Electrostatic Air Purifiers capable of trapping or killing viruses).
   x. The vessel’s medical staff shall record daily temperature monitoring, conduct checking for signs and symptoms as well as triaging and report to the BOQ.
   xi. The vessel security personnel shall coordinate with PCG and Philippine National Police-Maritime Group (PNP-MG), which shall provide seaside and landside security.
   xii. Provisions for the Filipino repatriates shall be provided by the cruise ship and/or the LMA.
xiii. All crew movement in and out of cruise ship area shall be cleared by the Bureau of Immigration. All cargo movement and provision resupply shall be cleared by the Bureau of Customs.

xiv. All repatriated Filipino crew, who have not completed the 14-day quarantine period and without official results of COVID-19 Testing, shall stay in individual rooms until release of the COVID-19 test result.

xv. Ambulance conduction and referral to the nearest referral hospital shall be provided by Bureau of Quarantine or DOH HEMB.

b. Complete Compliance to the Quarantine Requirements for Repatriation

i. All repatriating Filipino crew shall undergo Rapid Antibody COVID-19 Testing upon arrival as baseline, and 14-day Mandatory Quarantine; Provided, That, if logistics and supplies permit or under the discretion of the NTF COVID-19 Chief Implementer, RT-PCR testing may be performed and shall follow Section III.A.3 of this DM.

ii. All repatriating Filipino crew who have not been subjected to RT-PCR testing shall undergo Rapid Antibody Testing at the end of the 14-day Mandatory Quarantine and shall be managed in accordance with pertinent provisions of DOH DM no. 2020-0180 or the “Revised Interim Guidelines on Expanded Testing for COVID-19”, dated 16 April 2020, as stated in Section III.A.5 of this DM.

iii. Daily temperature monitoring and checking for signs and symptoms shall be conducted and recorded by the medical personnel.

iv. Triaging of symptomatic patients shall be conducted in ship’s hospital/medical clinic.

c. Disembarkation of Foreign Servicing Crew

i. Advance Notice of Disembarking Foreign Crew shall be submitted to concerned authorities prior to departure from last port.

ii. All joining foreign crew at the last port shall not be allowed to disembark in any Philippine port.

iii. Only foreign servicing crew without signs and symptoms with confirmed outbound flights shall be allowed to disembark; Provided, That the outbound flight is within 4 hours from disembarkation.

iv. Overnight stay in local hotels shall not be allowed.

v. Upon disembarkation, the foreign crew shall wear a face mask in transit from vessel to airport of destination.

vi. Disembarkation of foreign servicing crew shall only apply to cruise ships to be used as a Quarantine Facility.

vii. All other requirements of the Bureau of Immigration and the Bureau of Customs shall be observed.

d. Servicing of Vessel

i. Bunkering and resupplying of provisions shall be accomplished without disrupting normal function of the vessel as a quarantine facility.

ii. All other servicing of the vessel shall be coordinated with the Medical Supervisor of the quarantine facility.
e. Waste Disposal
   Accredited waste collectors shall be allowed to collect waste stored in vessel waste repository; Provided, That waste collectors shall wear proper PPEs during waste collection.

IV. Repealing Clause

Provisions of DOH DM no. 2020-0181 or the “Revised Interim Guidelines on the Mass Repatriation and Mandatory Quarantine of Overseas Filipinos (OF) Working in Cruise Ships during the Coronavirus Disease 2019 (COVID-19) Pandemic” dated 16 April 2020; DOH DM no. 2020-0182 or the “Revised Interim Guidelines on the Mass Repatriation and Mandatory Quarantine of Land-based Overseas Filipinos (OFs) during the Coronavirus Disease 2019 (COVID-19) Pandemic” dated 16 April 2020; BOQ MC no. 2020-017 or the “Guidelines For Use Of Cruise Ship As Quarantine Facility” dated 16 April 2020; BOQ MC no. 2020-018 or the “Guidelines For Repatriation Via Cruise Ships And Other Maritime Vessels,” dated 16 April 2020; BOQ MC no. 2020-019 or the “Guidelines for the Quarantine and Testing Procedures of Repatriated Land-based and Sea-based Overseas Filipino Worker” dated 21 April 2020; and other related issuances inconsistent with or contrary to this DM are hereby repealed, amended, or modified accordingly. All other provisions of existing issuances, which are not affected by this DM shall remain valid and in effect.

For strict compliance of all concerned.

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ANNEX A: Unified Algorithm for OFs and Foreign Nationals Arriving at an Airport

**ARRIVAL AT AIRPORT**

**BOQ**
- Conducts thermal scanning and medical assessment
- Collects Health Declaration Card

**For sea-based OFs, ship or vessel classified as high-risk based on the evaluation of the DOH-BOQ Repatriation Core Group**
- For land-based OFs and Foreign Nationals, place of origin or lay-over classified as high-risk based on WHO COVID-19 Situation Report
- For any Individual OF and Foreign National, symptomatic upon arrival
  - at airport based on assessment by QMO

**YES**
- **Stringent Quarantine**

**NO**
- **Mandatory Quarantine**

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**QMO at the port of entry orient OFs and Foreign Nationals on Stringent Quarantine Protocol upon arrival**

**One Stop Shop OWWA/PGC/BOQ**
- Coordinates with other agencies in the airport (airport management, BI, transportation, etc.)

**PCG and BOQ in coordination with Licensed RT-PCR COVID Testing Laboratory**
- Conducts RT-PCR Swabbing on OFs and Foreign Nationals at port of entry or designated BOQ-approved Stringent Quarantine Facility

**LMA or OWWA/PRA**
- Provides accommodation for OFs under their responsibility in BOQ-approved Stringent Quarantine Facility until RT-PCR test results are released
- Assigns administrative coordinator in the Stringent Quarantine Facility to attend to other concerns of OFs and Foreign Nationals

**Endorses OFs or foreign nationals who are financially capable to pay for their own food and accommodation to the officer-in-charge of the BOQ-approved hotel quarantine facility of their choice.**

**Assigns QMO to the BOQ-approved Stringent Quarantine Facility**

**QMO monitors observance of quarantine protocols and health conditions of OFs and Foreign Nationals; Coordinates with HEMB regarding referral of OFs and Foreign Nationals for medical management**

**DILG/PNP**
- Provides security around vicinity of the BOQ-approved Stringent Quarantine Facility

**RT-PCR TEST RESULTS**
- See Annex D

**QMO at the port of entry orient OFs and Foreign Nationals on Mandatory Quarantine Protocol upon arrival**

**One Stop Shop OWWA/PGC/BOQ**
- Coordinates with other agencies in the airport (airport management, BI, transportation, etc.)

**PCG-designated Medical Team in cooperation with BOQ**
- Conducts Rapid Antibody Testing at the port of entry as baseline test

**LMA or OWWA/PRA**
- Provides accommodation for OFs under their responsibility in OWWA-designated Mandatory Quarantine Facility
- Assigns administrative coordinator in the Mandatory Quarantine Facility to attend to other concerns of OFs and Foreign Nationals

**Endorses OFs or foreign nationals who are financially capable to pay for their own food and accommodation to the officer-in-charge of the OWWA-designated hotel quarantine facility of their choice.**

**Assigns officer-in-charge/health officer to the Mandatory Quarantine Facility**

**Officer-in-charge/health officer monitors observance of quarantine protocols and health conditions of OFs and Foreign Nationals; Coordinates with HEMB regarding referral of OFs and Foreign Nationals for medical management**

**DILG/PNP**
- Provides security around vicinity of Mandatory Quarantine Facility

**PCG-designated Medical Team in coordination with BOQ**
- Conducts Rapid Antibody Testing at the end of the 14-day quarantine

**RAPID ANTIBODY TEST RESULTS**
- See Annex D

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*If logistics and supplies permit, or under the discretion of the NTF COVID-19 Chief Implementer, RT-PCR testing may be performed for OFs and Foreign Nationals under Mandatory Quarantine. Interpretation of RT-PCR Test results shall follow the corresponding flowchart in Annex D.*
ANNEX B: Algorithm for All OFs Arriving at a Seaport Via Vessels Used as Conveyance or Transport Vehicle

**Ship Captain and Ship Physician**
- Ensure the ship has no COVID-19 cases and other infectious diseases onboard upon leaving the last port.
- Segregate the repatriate crew into individual cabins, ensure room containment protocol, provide basic needs for repatriates, ensure male-and-female segregation, identify high risk groups and groups with special needs.
- Direct the servicing crew to provide basic needs to all the repatriate Filipino crew. The servicing crew and repatriate Filipino crew must not be mixed during the voyage.
- Secure all documents (e.g. Medical Results of COVID-19 Test, Port Clearance, Medical Discharge Summary, etc.) in the vessel.

**BOQ**
- Boards the vessel at the anchorage upon arrival of cruise ships.
- Observes Infection Prevention and Control in conducting the Quarantine Inspection and Clearance of vessel.
- Conducts thermal screening of crew, medical examination of any suspected patient, review of the medical logbook, sanitation inspection of vessel, review of medical-related protocols, and others.
- Reviews Maritime Declaration of Health and other pertinent documents.

**BOQ**
- No clearance is issued if there are existing contagion or undiagnosed infectious medical cases on board.

**BOQ**
- Provisional Pratique is issued if incomplete compliance to BOQ requirements.

**BOQ**
- Free Pratique is issued if complete compliance to BOQ requirement.

**BOQ**
- Supervises RT-PCR or Rapid Antibody Test, as the case may be, to all repatriates.
- Ensure that repatriates stay in their individual cabins and observe quarantine protocols while waiting for the test results.

**RT-PCR TEST RESULTS**
- See Annex D

**RAPID ANTIBODY TEST RESULTS**
- See Annex D

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ANNEX C: Algorithm for All OFs Arriving at a Seaport Via Vessels Used as Quarantine Facilities

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**BOQ**

| Conducts inspection of the Cruise Ship and designates containment areas, medical triaging areas, and dedicated routes for medical evacuation. |
| Upon approval, supervises segregation of the repatriates by area/floor based on gender, co-morbidities, and special needs. |

**PPA**

| Provides a dedicated berth for docking the ship for accessibility during routine monitoring and emergencies. |

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**RT-PCR TEST RESULTS**

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**OR**

| RAPID ANTIBODY TEST RESULTS |
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| BOQ |
| Ship Medical Team/PCG |
| Daily temperature monitoring and medical checkup |

| PCG/PNP-Maritime |
| Provide Seaside and Landside security for the ship |

| BI/BOC |
| Examine and clears of embarking and disembarking crew and loading and unloading of cargo. |

| BOQ |
| Provide ambulance and referral to dedicated hospital |

*If logistics and supplies permit, or under the discretion of the NTF COVID-19 Chief Implementer, RT-PCR testing may be performed for OFs and Foreign Nationals under Mandatory Quarantine. Interpretation of RT-PCR Test results shall follow the corresponding flowchart in Annex D.*
ANNEX D: Algorithm for the Interpretation and Decision Flow of COVID-19 Test Results

IF RT-PCR TEST WAS CONDUCTED

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<td>Provide certification of RT-PCR Test results</td>
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<td>Extract OF or Foreign National from Stringent Quarantine Facility</td>
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<td>Refer OF or Foreign National to HEMB-identified referral facility for further management according to DOH protocol</td>
<td>Discontinue stringent quarantine</td>
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<td><strong>Referral Hospital or TTMF</strong></td>
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<td>Provides clinical care to OF or Foreign National</td>
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<td>Facilitate transportation of OF or Foreign National to LGU of residence</td>
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IF RAPID ANTIBODY TEST WAS CONDUCTED ON THE 14TH DAY OF QUARANTINE

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<th>RAPID ANTIBODY TEST RESULTS</th>
<th>Release from Mandatory Quarantine if any of the following are met:</th>
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<td>IgM- and IgG-negative, and asymptomatic</td>
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<td><strong>BOQ</strong></td>
<td>Issues Unified Quarantine Certificate</td>
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<td><strong>LMA or OWWA/PRA in coordination with DOTr</strong></td>
<td>Facilitate transportation of OF or Foreign National to LGU of residence</td>
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<td><strong>Extend Mandatory Quarantine by seven-day increments and repeat testing if:</strong></td>
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<td>IgM-positive but IgG-negative</td>
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<td><strong>Repeat testing at the end of 7-day Mandatory Quarantine extension</strong></td>
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<td>If persistently IgM-positive and IgG-negative for two consecutive repeat testing, consider potential false negatives and coordinate with HEMB for medical referral</td>
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ANNEX E: Repatriation Information Sheet 1 and 2  
Repatriation Information Sheet 1

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<th>II. NUMBER OF FILIPINO OVERSEAS AND FLIGHT INFORMATION</th>
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<td>No. of Repatriates:</td>
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<td>Flight type:</td>
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<td>Commercial</td>
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<td>Chartered</td>
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<td>Flight no.</td>
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<td>Airport of Origin:</td>
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<td>Airport of Destination:</td>
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<td>Turn Around Flight:</td>
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<td>Layover Flight:</td>
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<td>Hotel:</td>
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<td>Days of stay:</td>
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<td>Expected Date and Time of Departure: Date: Time:</td>
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<td>Expected Date and Time of Arrival: Date: Time:</td>
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<td>Name of LMA point person in the airport of destination at the time of arrival:</td>
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<th>III. QUARANTINE FACILITY/HOTEL ACCOMMODATION</th>
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<td>Name of Quarantine Facility/Hotel Accommodation:</td>
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<td>Address and Contact Details:</td>
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<td>Name of contact person/manager in the Quarantine Facility/Hotel Accommodation:</td>
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<td>Contact Details: Cellphone:</td>
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<td>Name of LMA point person in the Quarantine Facility/Hotel Accommodation:</td>
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<td>Contact Details: Cellphone:</td>
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I hereby certify that the above statements are true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

Signature over printed name  
Position in the agency  
Date
Repatriation Information Sheet 2

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<td>Name of Vessel:</td>
<td>Licensed Manning Agency:</td>
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<td>Originating Country:</td>
<td>No. of Repatriates(1):</td>
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<td>Name of LMA representative in the Philippines:</td>
<td>Contact Details:</td>
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<th>II. HEALTH AND MEDICAL INFORMATION</th>
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<td>A. Did the vessel/facility of origin have a confirmed COVID-19 case?</td>
<td>_Yes _No(2)</td>
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<td>B. Did any of the repatriates show signs and symptoms of COVID-19 (i.e. fever, sore throat, cough, colds, difficulty of breathing, etc.) at the time of departure?</td>
<td>_Yes _No(3)</td>
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<td>C. Did the repatriates undergo COVID-19 testing?</td>
<td><strong>Yes(4)</strong> _No</td>
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<td>If yes, what type?</td>
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<td>RT-PCR</td>
<td>Rapid Antibody</td>
<td>Others (Please specify: ____)</td>
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<td>Date tested: ______________</td>
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<td>Did any of the repatriates test positive with COVID-19?</td>
<td>_Yes _No(4)</td>
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<td>If yes, how many?</td>
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<td>D. Did the repatriates complete 14 days of quarantine at the point of origin?</td>
<td>_Yes(5) _No</td>
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<td>If yes, please provide these information:</td>
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<td>Date started: ______________</td>
<td>Date completed: _______</td>
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<td>Place of quarantine:</td>
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<td>E. Were any of the repatriates disembarked/segregated based on conditions in “B” and/or “C” above?</td>
<td>__Yes _No</td>
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<td>If yes, how many repatriates were disembarked/segregated? ______</td>
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<td>When was the last disembarkation/segregation conducted?</td>
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Signature over printed name _                            _  Position in the agency _                            _  Date _

Please attach the following documents, preferably in electronic format, upon completion of this form:

(1) List of Repatriates with the following information, among others: Name; Age; Sex; and, Contact Details (i.e. Cellular number and address in the Philippines);
(2) Certificate of No Occurrence of COVID-19 in Vessel issued by the authorized certifying officer/agency;
(3) Medical Certificate or Certificate of Good Health that no repatriate being sent is showing any sign and symptom of COVID-19, signed by the local health authority at the place of origin;
(4) If done at the place of origin, certification that COVID-19 test (RT-PCR or Rapid Antibody) has been done and results are negative, signed by the local health authority; and,
(5) If done at the place of origin, certification that the cohort of repatriates has completed 14-day quarantine, signed by the local health authority.

Note: All certifying authority shall state his/her position, agency affiliation, address of agency, contact number, and e-mail address.