



EMBASSY ADVISORY

POLO Validation of Vaccination Card/Document of Fully Vaccinated Returning OFWs

The Philippine Inter-Agency Task Force for the Management of Emerging Infectious Diseases (IATF) has approved the implementation of shortened facility-based quarantine for inbound fully vaccinated overseas Filipino workers (OFWs) who stayed exclusively for the past 14 days in “Green” countries/jurisdictions including Singapore.

Fully vaccinated OFWs whose vaccination card/document has been validated by the Philippine Overseas Labor Office (POLO) shall be required to undergo a 7-day facility-based quarantine upon arrival in the Philippines, with the date of arrival being the first day.

In this regard, OFWs in Singapore who are traveling to the Philippines are advised of the following guidelines from the Department of Labor and Employment on POLO validation of vaccination card/document:

Coverage

1. Regular/Documented OFWs – those who possess a valid passport and appropriate visa or permit to stay and work in the receiving country and whose contracts of employment were processed by the POEA or the POLO.
2. Undocumented OFWs – those who possess a valid passport and whose contracts of employment were not processed by the POEA or the POLO.
3. Fully vaccinated OFWs, whether documented or undocumented who received any of the following:
 - a. More than or equal to two (2) weeks after having received the 2nd dose of COVID-19 vaccine in a 2-dose series; or
 - b. More than or equal to two (2) weeks after having received a single-dose vaccine.

Validation Process

1. Returning OFW shall submit his/her application for validation of vaccination card/document online by registering thru the ONEHEALTHPASS Portal accessible thru <https://www.onehealthpass.com.ph/e-HDC/>.

Returning OFW is advised to submit his/her application at least five days before his/her scheduled flight to the Philippines.

2. During the online registration, the returning OFW will be required to upload the following documents:

- a. Proof of full vaccination issued by Singapore authorities. POLO-Singapore will only accept documents with QR Code, which can be used to validate the vaccination status of the returning OFW. These documents include any of the following:
 - i. Vaccination Certificate with QR Code, which can be obtained through <https://www.notarise.gov.sg> using the Singpass app; or
 - ii. Front and back pages of Work Pass card with QR Code.

Note: The Ministry of Health of Singapore has declared that the physical vaccination card that is given to all vaccinated individuals in Singapore is not meant to be used for travel purposes/proof of vaccination. Hence, POLO Singapore will not accept this card as proof of vaccination.

Not all Work Pass card with QR Code when scanned show vaccination status. Work Permit card of Domestic Workers, for example, does not show vaccination status.

- b. Valid Passport or Travel Document; and
 - c. Proof of overseas employment such as a verified employment contract, Overseas Employment Certificate (OEC), proof of OWWA membership or other proofs of employment.
3. Returning OFWs who are unable to upload a Vaccination Certificate from Notarise (<https://www.notarise.gov.sg>) or whose Work Pass card does not show vaccination status when scanned shall be required to come to the Philippine Embassy (POLO) for face-to-face validation of their vaccination certificate/document. Before coming to the Philippine Embassy, they must first request for appointment by sending an email to polosgvaccinationverif@yahoo.com.
 4. Upon approval of the application for validation, POLO Singapore shall, through the ONEHEALTHPASS Portal, issue the POLO Vaccine Pass to the OFW. The POLO Vaccine Pass will be sent electronically to the email address of the returning OFW registered in the ONEHEALTHPASS Portal. It is, therefore, important for the returning OFW to provide his/her correct email address.

Additional Reminders

1. Submission/uploading of falsified information or documents shall be ground for denial of validation and disciplinary action against the returning OFW.
2. The POLO validation of vaccination card/document of returning OFWs starts on 5 July 2021 and will last until the issuance of new guidelines and regulations by the IATF or the DOLE.
3. POLO Validation of vaccination certificate/document is free-of-charge.