




REPUBLIC OF THE PHILIPPINES  
**INTER-AGENCY TASK FORCE**  
FOR THE MANAGEMENT OF EMERGING INFECTIOUS DISEASES

**MEMORANDUM**

**TO: PRINCIPALS OF THE INTER-AGENCY TASK FORCE FOR THE MANAGEMENT OF EMERGING INFECTIOUS DISEASES (IATF)**

**FROM:**   
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**SUBJECT: UPDATED IATF GUIDELINES AND MINIMUM PUBLIC HEALTH STANDARDS**

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Following the lifting of the state of public health emergency throughout the Philippines by virtue of Proclamation No. 297 series of 2023, the following issuances were received by the IATF Secretariat:

- Department of Health (DOH) Department Circular No. 2023-0324, Updated Health Protocols following Lifting of the COVID-19 Public Health Emergency dated July 23, 2022
- Bureau of Quarantine (BOQ) Memorandum Circular No. 2023-06, the Interim Guidelines on BOQ Operations at Airport/Seaport dated July 22, 2023

In addition, we would like to respectfully inform you that the Bureau of Quarantine is implementing the following protocols on vaccination certificates:

**For International Arrivals:** Presentation of vaccination status and vaccination certificate for COVID-19 is NOT required. All arriving international travelers are accepted regardless of their vaccination status;



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**For Departing International Travelers:** The vaccination requirements depend on the destination country. It is highly recommended that travelers should check on the requirements of the country that they are going to; and

**For OFWs and Seafarers:** The issuance of the International Certificate of Vaccination for Prophylaxis for Yellow Fever Vaccine and other vaccination depends on the requirement of the agency/company.

Attached are the copies of the aforementioned issuances for your information and reference.

Thank you for your usual support and cooperation.