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## **NEW PUBLIC ADVISORY REGARDING VISA ISSUANCES**

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The Philippine Consulate General in Agana issues the following guidelines to travelers (US passport holders and those with visa-free privileges) to the Philippines effective 01 August 2021:

- The Consulate may now issue 9(a) temporary visitor visas (single-entry, and valid for use within 90 days) to foreign spouse, parent/s and or children of <u>Filipino citizens</u> <u>WITHOUT</u> <u>NEED FOR THE ENTRY EXEMPTION DOCUMENT (EED)</u>, which was previously required. All visas issued for this purpose will have a notation, "EED not required per IATF Resolution No.: 128 (s. 2021)".
- 2. For general clarity, foreign spouse, parent/s and/or children of Filipino citizens shall refer to the following:
  - Foreign spouses of Filipino nationals, with proof of marriage (Marriage Certificate);
  - Foreign minor (below 18 years of age) children, and foreign children with special needs regardless of age, of Filipino nationals; and
  - Foreign parents of minor Filipino children, and foreign parents of Filipino children with special needs regardless of age.
- 3. If foreign nationals wish to travel on previously issued (issued before 1 August 2021) but still valid 9(a) visas, that do not contain the new notation, the traveler must still present the Letter to the Bureau of Immigration (LBI) issued by the Department of Foreign Affairs-Manila upon arrival in the country; Alternatively, the same foreign nationals may instead apply for new 9(a) visa to avail themselves of the new privilege (Rule 1).

In the meantime, the following rules shall remain in effect:

4. Mandatory 14-day guarantine for all arriving travelers.

The first 10 days shall be observed in a quarantine facility; with the remainder to be completed either in the hotel quarantine facility or under home quarantine in their respective local government units of destination.

5. Reverse Transcription Polymerase Chain Reaction (RT-PCR) Test

A test will be done on the seventh day (with Day 1 being the day of arrival). In case of a negative test result, the arriving traveler shall complete the facility-based quarantine period totaling 10 days.

6. US Citizens/Other Citizens traveling under the Medical Referral System (MRS)

The Medical Referral System provider on Guam will handle submission of required documents of patients travelling to the Philippines. A Visa and Entry Exemption Document will be issued by the Consulate to the applicant, through the MRS provider, upon receipt of

the same from the Department of Foreign Affairs-Manila. Further, a quarantine exemption document to be issued by the Philippine Bureau of Quarantine, if needed and applicable, will be handled by the MRS provider.

7. US Citizens/Other Citizens requiring Medical Services but not under the MRS (Personal Filing)

Please secure the full list of documentary requirements from the Consulate by sending an email indicating full name and number to <a href="mailto:pcgagana@gmail.com">pcgagana@gmail.com</a>.

The request for entry exemption and 9a visa may be referred to the designated email address of the Department of Health-Manila.

For questions regarding US Citizens Travelling to the Philippines with valid Special Investor's Resident Visa (SIRV) and Special Resident Retiree's Visa (SRRV), and/or 9(g) and 47(a)(2) visas, please send questions and clarifications to the Consulate through email address <a href="mailto:pcgagana@gmail.com">pcgagana@gmail.com</a>.

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