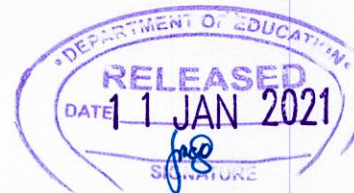




Republic of the Philippines
Department of Education
CARAGA REGION



January 11, 2021

REGIONAL MEMORANDUM

No. OR, s. 2021

To: **SCHOOLS DIVISION SUPERINTENDENTS**
This Region

**DISSEMINATION OF UPDATES ON NATIONAL MEASURES
TO ADDRESS THE NEW COVID-19 VIRUS VARIANT**

1. The Regional Task Force for COVID-19 One Caraga Shield issued a memorandum dated January 7, 2021 which provided updates on the new corona virus strain detected in the United Kingdom.
2. In view of the foregoing, all concerned are requested to disseminate the enclosed issuances to their respective divisions.
3. For information and guidance.

FRANCIS CESAR B. BRINGAS, CESO V
Regional Director

for the Regional Director:
LORENZO D. MACASOL

Encls.: RTF COVID-19 ONE SHIELD CARAGA MEMORANDUM

Reference: NONE

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COVID-19 NEW VARIANT UPDATES

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REPUBLIC OF THE PHILIPPINES

**REGIONAL TASK FORCE FOR CORONA VIRUS DISEASE 2019
(COVID-19) ONE CARAGA SHIELD**

MEMORANDUM

**FOR : REGIONAL TASK FORCE FOR COVID-19 ONE
CARAGA SHIELD (RTF-COCS) MEMBERS**

**SUBJECT : Updates on National Measures to Address the New COVID-19
Variant**

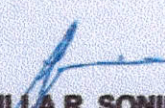
DATE : 07 January 2021

This is to apprise the good Task Force members on the following updates concerning the new COVID-19 strain detected in the United Kingdom (UK):

1. Issuance from Department of Foreign Affairs (DFA) dated 29 December 2020 on the temporary suspension on the processing of exemption requests of foreign nationals from countries with registered cases of the new COVID-19 variant (Annex A); and
2. Statement from Presidential Spokesperson Harry L. Roque dated 06 January 2021 regarding the additional measures on foreign passengers coming from or who have been to Portugal, India, Finland, Norway, Jordan and Brazil (Annex B).

For information and consideration.

Thank you and best regards.


PRISCILLA R. SONIDO, CESO IV
Head of Secretariat, RTF COVID-19 One Caraga Shield and
Regional Director, NEDA Caraga 

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2020-1229-L-591-BJD

URGENT

29 December 2020

Subject: Temporary Suspension of Processing of Exemption Requests of Foreign Nationals from Countries with New Variant of COVID-19

Dear Sirs/Mesdames:

In compliance with the Memorandum from the Office of the Executive Secretary of even date, effective immediately until 15 January 2021, the Department of Foreign Affairs (DFA) will temporarily stop accepting and processing exemption requests of foreign nationals coming from or applying for visa in the following countries/jurisdictions:

1. United Kingdom;
2. Denmark;
3. Ireland;
4. Japan;
5. Australia;
6. Israel;
7. The Netherlands;
8. Hong Kong SAR;
9. Switzerland;
10. France;
11. Germany;
12. Iceland;
13. Italy;
14. Lebanon;
15. Singapore;
16. Sweden;
17. South Korea;
18. South Africa;
19. Canada; and
20. Spain.

However, endorsed exemption requests with complete requirements received today, 29 December 2020, or earlier, may still be processed, but the concerned foreign nationals requiring visas may only be issued the same after 15 January 2021.

Additionally, the DFA notes that since no exemptions have been provided in the foregoing Memorandum, all previously issued exemptions from the temporary suspension of visa issuance as well as the mandatory airport testing and facility-quarantine protocols for foreign nationals coming from, transiting through or have travelled to the countries/jurisdictions listed in paragraphs 1 and 2 above in the last 14 days, are deemed suspended/invalidated effective 0001H of 30 December 2020 until 15 January 2021.

Thank you and best regards.

Very truly yours,

For the Secretary of Foreign Affairs:

BRIGIDO J. DULAY
Undersecretary

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STATEMENT

On the additional measures to address the COVID-19 new variant

January 6, 2021

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The Office of the President, upon the joint recommendation of the Department of Health and the Department of Foreign Affairs, included Portugal, India, Finland, Norway, Jordan, and Brazil as among the countries / jurisdictions subject to travel restrictions.

In this regard, foreign passengers coming from or who have been to Portugal, India, Finland, Norway, Jordan, and Brazil within 14 days immediately preceding arrival in the Philippines, shall be prohibited from entering the country effective January 8, 2021, 12:01AM, Manila time, until January 15, 2021.

On the other hand, effective immediately, foreign passengers coming from, or who have been to the abovementioned countries/jurisdictions within 14 days immediately preceding arrival in the Philippines, arriving before January 8, 2021, 12:01AM, Manila time, shall be allowed to enter the Philippines. However, they shall be required to undergo an absolute facility-based 14-day quarantine period, even if they obtain a negative RT-PCR test result.

Also, effective immediately, Filipino citizens coming from, or who have been to the abovementioned countries/jurisdictions, within 14 days immediately preceding arrival in the Philippines, including those arriving after January 8, 2021, 12:01AM, Manila time, shall be allowed to enter the Philippines. However, they shall be required to undergo an absolute facility-based 14-day quarantine period, even if they obtain a negative RT-PCR test result.

Filipino and foreign passengers merely transiting through the abovementioned/jurisdictions countries shall be covered by the rules as provided in the Memorandum from the Executive Secretary dated December 31, 2020.

Meanwhile, the Office of the President provided the following rules on incoming unaccompanied minor Filipino passengers.

A. Effective January 8, 2021, 12:01AM, all unaccompanied minor Filipino citizens coming from countries/jurisdictions where travel restrictions are in place on account of the new variant of COVID-19, shall not be allowed entry until January 15, 2021, except minors returning through the repatriation program of the national government. These repatriated minors shall be turned over to the Overseas Workers Welfare Administration house parent who, in coordination with the Department of Social Welfare and Development (DSWD), shall ensure the minors' safety and their observance of quarantine protocols.

B. All unaccompanied minor Filipino citizens who are not part of the repatriation program of the national government, arriving before January 8, 2021, 12:01AM, shall be turned over to an authorized DSWD officer who can ensure the minors' safety and their observance to quarantine protocols.

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