



Republic of the Philippines
AVIATION AUTHORITY OF THE PHILIPPINES

MEMORANDUM CIRCULAR NO. 06-2022

TO : ALL AIR OPERATORS CONDUCTING LOCAL AND INTERNATIONAL AIR OPERATIONS

SUBJECT : UPDATED PROTOCOLS FOR FLIGHT CREW MEMBERS

DATE : 07 FEBRUARY 2022

Consistent with the International Civil Aviation Organization's Council Aviation Recovery Task Force issuances, effective immediately, all air operators are directed to observe the following protocols for flight and cabin crew members:

- a.) All flight and cabin crew members returning to the Philippines and those with layovers in the Philippines are no longer required to undergo the mandatory facility-based quarantine, but shall self-monitor for any signs or symptoms of COVID-19.
- b.) For flight and cabin crew members who need to layover or transit at an outstation, air operator shall ensure compliance with the relevant public health regulations, policies, and established measures.
- c.) In order to safeguard the health and safety of the flight and cabin crew members, air operator shall implement the following measures:
 1. Commute arrangements (between airport and hotel, if needed):

The air operator shall arrange for the transportation of the flight and cabin crew member between the aircraft and the crew's individual hotel rooms while ensuring the hygiene measures and recommended physical distancing.
 2. At accommodation, the air operator shall ensure that:
 - i. The crew shall comply with the relevant public health regulations and policies of the governing State;
 - ii. There shall only be one crew member per hotel room;
 - iii. The hotel room of the crew member is sanitized prior to occupancy; and
 - iv. The crew shall take into consideration the following health and safety measures:
 - a. Avoid contact with the public and fellow crew members during layovers;

- b. Remain in the hotel room except to seek medical attention or essential activities;
 - c. Exercise physical distancing;
 - d. Flight and crew members shall avoid the use of common facilities in the hotel;
 - e. If room service is not available, food and drinks shall only be purchased for dine in-room, take-out or dine-in seated alone in a restaurant within the hotel;
 - f. Shall regularly monitor symptoms of COVID-19 including, but not limited to, fever, cough, colds, etc.; and
 - g. Observe good hand and respiratory hygiene, and physical distancing measures when leaving the hotel room.
3. For crew member experiencing COVID-19 symptoms during layover or in transit:
 - i. Immediately report to the air operator and seek medical assessment for possible COVID-19 infection; and
 - ii. Cooperate with the assessment and possible monitoring for COVID-19 infection, in accordance with the evaluation and procedure implemented by the Philippine government (e.g. assessment in the hotel room or isolation room within the hotel, or in an alternative location).
4. If a crew member has been evaluated in accordance with the procedures implemented by the Philippine government, and found not COVID-19 positive, the air operator may arrange the return of the crew member to their domicile.
5. If a crew member is suspected or confirmed COVID-19 positive by the Philippine government, the crew member shall be repatriated by appropriate mode of transport to their domicile.

All Orders/Memoranda in conflict herewith are hereby rescinded.

For strict compliance.



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