



NATIONAL COVID-19 VACCINATION OPERATIONS CENTER
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Philippine COVID-19 Vaccine Deployment and Vaccination Campaign

Guidance on the COVID-19 Vaccination Roll-out to Outbound Overseas Filipino Workers

This Advisory is issued to provide guidance to all Regional and Local Vaccination Operations Centers (R/LVOCs), Implementing Units and Vaccination Sites on vaccination roll-out to Outbound Overseas Filipino Workers.

In reference to the Inter-Agency Task Force for the Management of Emerging Infectious Diseases Resolution No. 117 reclassifying Outbound Overseas Filipino Workers (OFWs) for deployment within the next four months as Priority Group A1, and to the Department of Health's Department Memorandum No. 2021-0259 entitled "Implementing Guidelines for Priority Groups A4, A5 and Further Clarification of the National Deployment and Vaccination Plan for COVID-19 Vaccines", the National Vaccination Operations Center (NVOC) provides the following operational directives:


1. Outbound OFWs for deployment within the next four (4) months shall be labeled as ***Priority Group A1.8: Outbound OFWs***.
 - a. Since the NVOC has already determined the final masterlist for Priority Group A1.1 to A1.7: Workers in Frontline Health Services through the "Last-Mile Masterlisting" as stated in NVOC Advisory No. 47, any additional Priority Group A1 shall not be added into the final Priority Group A1 masterlisting, but instead be tagged as "Expanded Priority Group A1".
2. To facilitate vaccination of Priority Group A1.8 individuals, masterlisting of eligible population is not required. However, pre-registration to the Local Government Unit's (LGU) data systems for scheduling purposes is highly recommended.
 - a. The manning agency/ies or Priority Group A1.8 individuals may directly register to the LGU's data systems or,
 - b. The manning agency/ies may coordinate closely with the LGU and carry out the pre-registration in behalf of the Priority Group A1.8 individuals under their care.
3. In the vaccination site, Priority Group A1.8 individuals may show proof of deployment issued by the manning agency or the latest verified employment contract:
 - a. Overseas Employment Contract or
 - b. Seaman's Book
4. As much as Priority Group A1.8 individuals are encouraged to get vaccinated with their 2nd doses in the same vaccination site, Priority Group A1.8 individuals may be vaccinated with their first and second doses in different health facilities and LGUs,

Provided that, he/she shall be administered with COVID-19 vaccine of the same brand and within the scheduled dosing interval. The NVOC recognizes that Priority Group A1.8 individuals may experience circumstances such as travel restrictions and may need to process travel documents and requirements in different provinces/cities.

5. COVID-19 vaccines from the COVAX Facility may be given to Priority A1.8 individuals.
6. In reporting of the line list forms, Priority Group A1.8 individuals shall be categorized under “Expanded Priority Group A1”.
7. Since Outbound OFWs are under Priority Group A1, the vaccination roll-out for this priority group may commence immediately nationwide upon the release of this Advisory.

ALL RVOCs are instructed to ensure the implementation of this Advisory. For any issues and concerns related to this Advisory, you may email to the NVOC at this email address, c19vaccineopcen@gmail.com.

For strict compliance.


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