



ADVISORY 4 ON THE 2019 NOVEL CORONAVIRUS (2019 n-CoV)

The Philippine Consulate General in Los Angeles strongly advises Filipinos and Filipino-Americans within its consular jurisdiction to continue monitoring the following links for updates on the 2019 Novel Coronavirus, particularly on travel advisories, to wit:

Philippine Department of Health: www.doh.gov.ph

Philippine Department of Foreign Affairs: www.dfa.gov.ph

U.S. Department of State: www.state.gov

U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC): www.cdc.gov

L.A. County Department of Public Health: www.publichealth.lacounty.gov

The U.S. government has maintained its China Travel Advisory to Alert Level 4 – “Do Not Travel to China” since its pronouncement on 30 January 2020.

Currently, the California Department of Public Health (CDPH) confirms a total of six (6) 2019 n-CoV cases in California: two (2) in Santa Clara County, two (2) in San Benito County, one (1) in Los Angeles County and one (1) in Orange County.

According to the CDPH, even with this number of cases, the risk to the general public in California remains **LOW**. CDPH is also closely coordinating with the CDC and various local partners to address the issue.

Since there are still no specific treatments for coronavirus infection, the Consulate General strongly advises the public to take precautionary measures to prevent the spread of all respiratory viruses, such as:

- Washing hands with soap and water;
- Avoiding touching eyes, nose or mouth with unwashed hands;
- Avoiding close contact with people who are sick are all ways to reduce the risk of infection with a number of different viruses; and
- Staying away from work, school or other people if you become sick with respiratory symptoms like fever and cough.

The public may call 2-1-1, the central source for providing information and referrals for all health and human services, for emergency health assistance anywhere **within the United States of America**. Said phone line is open 24 hours, seven days a week, with trained Community Resource Advisors prepared to offer help with any situation, any time. END.