ADVISORY 14 ON THE 2019 NOVEL CORONAVIRUS DISEASE (COVID-19)

COVID-19 cases in Southern California, Southern Nevada, and Arizona (as of 24 March 2020)
- **Southern California** has 1,282 COVID-19 cases with 22 deaths.
- **Southern Nevada** has reported 249 COVID-19 cases with 6 deaths.
- **State of Arizona** has confirmed 326 COVID-19 cases with 5 deaths.

The Philippine Consulate General in Los Angeles wishes to remind Filipinos and Filipino-Americans in Southern California, Southern Nevada and Arizona that existing COVID-19 travel restrictions imposed by the Philippines and the United States remain in place. They can be accessed through the following links:

- Philippine Consulate General in Los Angeles

- Philippine Bureau of Immigration


The public is also informed of new travel restrictions imposed by the following governments:

- **Singapore**: From 23 March 2020, 2359 hours, all short-term visitors from anywhere in the world will not be allowed to enter or transit through Singapore. Exemptions are:
  a. Work Pass holders including their dependents; and
  b. Those providing essential services such as in healthcare and transport.


- **Hong Kong SAR**: All non-residents will not be allowed into Hong Kong, transit passengers included, for a two-week period starting from midnight of 24 March 2020 (0000H 24 March). Hong Kong exempts the following:
  a. Macao residents who are registered under the agreement between the Macao Special Administrative Region Government and the Hong Kong SAR;
  b. Crew members of aircraft and goods vessels on official duty;
  c. Government officials on official business including consular personnel;
  d. Spouses and minor children of Hong Kong residents; and
  e. Personnel engaged in anti-epidemic work endorsed by the HKSAR Government.

  For details, please check this link: [https://www.info.gov.hk/gia/general/202003/24/P2020032400050.htm?fbclid=IwAR201PqlRPyga0k_sMdDio-D-3T8mg788A8Hbf2cHGjayeL1WRYqipaFxGJE](https://www.info.gov.hk/gia/general/202003/24/P2020032400050.htm?fbclid=IwAR201PqlRPyga0k_sMdDio-D-3T8mg788A8Hbf2cHGjayeL1WRYqipaFxGJE)

- **Taiwan**: All foreign nationals are no longer allowed to enter into Taiwan, starting 19 March 2020. Taiwan exempts the following:
  a. Alien Resident Certificate holders;
  b. Personnel on diplomatic or official business;
  c. Persons who can prove they are fulfilling commercial and contractual obligations; and
  d. Persons requiring special permission.

  For details, please check this link: [https://www.boca.gov.tw/cp-220-5081-c06dc-2.html](https://www.boca.gov.tw/cp-220-5081-c06dc-2.html)
In addition, please take note of the recent changes in operations of the following airline companies related to the COVID-19 pandemic:

- **Philippine Airlines (PAL)** has suspended all international flights beginning 26 March 2020 until 14 April 2020. All domestic flights have been suspended since 17 March 2020.
  
  For details, please check this link: https://www.philippineairlines.com/AboutUs/newsandevents/advisory-covid19-24mar20-43; and

- **EVA Air** suspended all international transit services via Taiwan starting from 00:00 Taipei Standard Time (GMT+8) on March 24 (Tuesday) until April 7.
  

For adjustments in your flight schedules, kindly coordinate directly with said airline companies through their helpline desks, as follows:

- **PAL**: 1 (800) 435-9725 or email losangelessales@pal.com.ph;
- **EVA Air**: Reservation/Ticketing Hotline 1 (800) 695-1188 / 1 (310) 362-6600; Reservation Fax No. 1 (310) 362-6610; Ticketing Fax No. 1 (310) 362-6610.

The Consulate General reiterates its advice to all Filipinos and Filipino-Americans to avoid nonessential travel as advised by governments worldwide.

For Los Angeles City residents experiencing symptoms of COVID-19 infection, please visit the link: www.lacovidprod.service-now.com/rrs to find out if you qualify for testing. Testing is limited to residents of Los Angeles who are symptomatic and belong to the following categories:

- Those with symptoms who are 65 and older;
- Those with symptoms who have underlying chronic health conditions; and
- Those who are subject to a mandatory 14-day quarantine period due to a confirmed COVID-19 exposure (with more than seven days of quarantine remaining).

In the interest of public health and safety, and in compliance with COVID 19-related issuances of both the Philippine and U.S. Governments, **consular services of the Philippine Consulate General in Los Angeles remain temporarily suspended, until further notice**.

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.

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