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**PHILIPPINE CONSULATE GENERAL**

LOS ANGELES, CALIFORNIA



## 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

<https://www.philippineconsulatela.org/advisory-on-the-2019-novel-corona-virus;>

Philippine Bureau of Immigration <http://immigration.gov.ph/>

U.S. CDC: <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/travelers/index.html>

U.S. State Department:

<https://travel.state.gov/content/travel/en/traveladvisories/COVID-19-Country-Specific-Information.html>

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.

For details, please check this link:

<https://www.gov.sg/article/covid-19-travel-restrictions-for-foreign-visitors-entering-singapore>.

**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=IwAR201PqLRPcya0k\\_sMdmio-D-3T8mg7888A8Hfb2cHGjayLWRYgjpfjxGJE](https://www.info.gov.hk/gia/general/202003/24/P2020032400050.htm?fbclid=IwAR201PqLRPcya0k_sMdmio-D-3T8mg7888A8Hfb2cHGjayLWRYgjpfjxGJE)

**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>.



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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 details, please check this link:

<https://www.evaair.com/en-us/about-eva-air/news/travel-news/2020-03-22-covid-19-taiwan-transit-news.html?filter=Travel%20Advisory>.

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](mailto: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](http://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:

- a. Those with symptoms who are 65 and older;
- b. Those with symptoms who have underlying chronic health conditions; and
- c. 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. END.