



ADVISORY 10 ON THE 2019 NOVEL CORONAVIRUS DISEASE (COVID-19)

COVID-19 cases in Southern California, Southern Nevada, and Arizona (as of 13 March 2020)

- **Southern California** has 68 COVID-19 cases. Los Angeles County reported one coronavirus-related death on 11 March 2020.
- **Southern Nevada** has reported 8 COVID-19 cases.
- **State of Arizona** has confirmed 9 COVID-19 cases. Arizona Governor Doug Ducey declared a public health emergency on 11 March 2020.

The Philippine Consulate General in Los Angeles wishes to inform Filipinos and Filipino-Americans in Southern California, Southern Nevada and Arizona of the statement issued by Cabinet Secretary Karlo Nograles in relation to the implementation of a **Community Quarantine in Metro Manila**, as announced by President Rodrigo Roa Duterte on 11 March 2020:

1. International flights to and from Metro Manila are allowed subject to travel restrictions that are currently in place (for existing travel restrictions please visit this link: <https://www.philippineconsulatela.org/advisory-on-the-2019-novel-corona-virus>);
2. Filipino citizens, including their foreign spouses and children, holders of permanent visas and diplomatic visas issued by the Philippine Government are welcome to the Philippines. They will be subject to strict quarantine guidelines if coming from countries with localized (i.e. community) COVID-19 transmission;
3. Foreigners who want travel back to their own countries from Metro Manila will be allowed to do so;
4. Travelers flying into Metro Manila will have to stay in Metro Manila until the domestic travel restriction is lifted. If the traveler's ultimate destination is outside Metro Manila, it is recommended that the traveler fly in to the Philippines via airports outside Metro Manila (e.g. Clark International Airport or Mactan-Cebu International Airport);
5. The domestic travel restriction to and from Metro Manila will be in place beginning 15 March 2020 00:00HRS until 14 April 2020 23:59H (PHL Standard Time).

The Philippine Government will issue more detailed guidelines in the coming days. Kindly monitor the Consulate General's official website and social media account for updates.



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Meanwhile, following the statement of the World Health Organization on 11 March 2020 declaring COVID-19 a pandemic, the Philippine Consulate General strongly advises all Filipinos and Filipino-Americans within its jurisdiction to adhere to the following guidelines from the Center for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC):

- (1) **Avoid or cancel non-essential public gatherings with more than 50 people considering COVID-19 cases of community transmission;**
- (2) “All travelers entering the United States from countries the CDC has identified as experiencing widespread sustained spread of COVID-19 stay home for 14 days after travel” and;
- (3) “Travelers entering the United States for a temporary period should remain in their hotel room or other place of temporary residence during that 14-day period. Due to the potential risk of transmission during the 14-day period, travelers should stay in their home or hotel room, monitor their health, and practice social distancing;”

Filipinos and Filipino-Americans are recommended to take note of the travel restrictions for U.S.-bound flights from Europe announced by U.S. President Donald J. Trump on 12 and 13 March 2020. The official website of the White House also states that **“the restriction applies to those who have been in the Schengen Area, 26 countries in Europe with open-borders agreements, in the last 14 days.”** A proclamation will be issued later.

The U.S. State Department’s website has dedicated a country-specific information page on travel advisories related to COVID-19:

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

Other reliable sources of information on COVID-19 are the following:

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

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

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.