



ADVISORY 11 ON THE 2019 NOVEL CORONAVIRUS DISEASE (COVID-19)

COVID-19 cases in Southern California, Southern Nevada, and Arizona

(as of 18 March 2020)

- **Southern California** has 314 COVID-19 cases with 4 deaths.
- **Southern Nevada** has reported 42 COVID-19 cases with 1 death.
- **State of Arizona** has confirmed 27 COVID-19 cases.

For updates on COVID 19-related travel restrictions in relation to the implementation of the Enhanced Community Quarantine over the entire Luzon announced by President Rodrigo Roa Duterte on 17 March 2020, kindly read the most recent press release by the Philippines' Bureau of Immigration (BI). Following are salient points of BI's most recent press releases dated 17 and 18 March 2020:

1. Philippine government agencies were directed to adopt the **enhanced quarantine scheme** over the **entire Luzon** effective **12:00 midnight of 17 March 2020** until **12:00 midnight of 13 April 2020** PST;
2. Foreign nationals may leave the country at any time during the community quarantine period, unless flights have been cancelled by the airlines or the Civil Aeronautics Board;
3. Balikbayans and OFWs are allowed to depart the Philippines;
4. Departing Filipino tourists are temporarily not allowed to depart from the Philippines;
5. Previously-imposed travel restrictions for passengers arriving in the Philippines remain in effect:
 - Foreign nationals are not allowed to enter the Philippines if they have a history of travel to China, Hong Kong, Macau, North Gyeongsang including Daegu and Cheongdo of South Korea within the last 14 days.
 - Passengers coming from Iran and Italy are required to present a medical certificate issued within the last 48 hours from arrival stating that they are COVID-19 free.
6. 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.

Existing COVID-19 travel restrictions issued by the **Philippine Government** may 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/>



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Filipinos and Filipino-Americans are likewise informed that U.S. President Donald J. Trump announced on 18 March 2020 that the **U.S. will temporarily close its borders with Canada for any nonessential travelers. Travel restrictions have also been imposed on Schengen Area, consisting of 26 countries, and on the United Kingdom and Ireland** following the issuance of the 3rd and 4th Presidential proclamations signed on 11 and 14 March, respectively.

The U.S. President's proclamations on COVID-19 may be accessed through the link below:

<https://travel.state.gov/content/travel/en/traveladvisories/ea/Presidential-Proclamation-Coronavirus.html>

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

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 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.