



ADVISORY 8 ON THE 2019 NOVEL CORONAVIRUS DISEASE (COVID-19)

The Philippine Consulate General in Los Angeles informs all Filipinos and Filipino-Americans within its consular jurisdiction that Los Angeles county officials **declared a local health emergency in response to COVID-19** in the morning of 04 March 2020.

While the risk of infection remains low, Chairwoman of the Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors, Kathryn Barger, said that the pronouncement would enable L.A. county to better marshal resources from the federal and state levels. The county also intends to intensify its preventive measures as well as manage confirmed and suspected cases should they occur.

In order to prevent community transmission of the virus, everyone is advised to observe the following:

- (1) Observe social distance from other people of about 6 feet apart;
- (2) Frequent hand washing;
- (3) Sick people should stay at home; and
- (4) Obtain accurate information on the virus from reliable sources.

Local government officials also **condemned reports of racial profiling because of COVID-19 and spread of false information**. For reliable sources of information, please visit the following links:

- L.A. County Public Health Office:
<http://publichealth.lacounty.gov/media/Coronavirus/>
- California Department of Public Health:
<https://www.cdph.ca.gov/Programs/CID/DCDC/Pages/Immunization/nCOV2019.aspx>
- Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC, National) <http://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/novel-coronavirus-2019.html>
- World Health Organization (WHO, International) <https://www.who.int/health-topics/coronavirus>
- U.S. Department of State: www.state.gov

The public is also being **warned against scams that sell fake medication for COVID-19**. There is currently no cure or vaccine available for the virus or the disease it causes.

The Consulate General further informs the public of the **Philippine Government's new travel restrictions on South Korea** contained in Resolutions No. 8 and 9 of the Inter-Agency Task Force for the Management of Emerging Infectious Diseases (IATF-EID) dated 26 February and 03 March 2020. For details, check this link: <https://www.dfa.gov.ph/dfa-news/statements-and-advisoriesupdate/26134-travel-advisory-restrictions-to-travelers-to-and-from-south-korea-due-to-covid-20>

All Advisories pertinent to COVID-19 issued by the Philippine Consulate General in Los Angeles may be viewed through this link: <https://www.philippineconsulatela.org/advisory-on-the-2019-novel-corona-virus>.

For **emergency health assistance** anywhere **within the United States at any given time**, the public may **call 2-1-1**. END.