



REPUBLIC OF THE PHILIPPINES

PHILIPPINE CONSULATE GENERAL

LOS ANGELES, CALIFORNIA



ADVISORY 9 ON THE 2019 NOVEL CORONAVIRUS DISEASE (COVID-19)

COVID-19 cases in Southern California, Southern Nevada, and Arizona (as of 10 March 2020)

- **Southern California** has more than 30 COVID-19 cases. Los Angeles County Health Department reported the county's first community transmission of COVID-19 during a press conference held on 10 March 2020.
- **Southern Nevada** declared 1 positive COVID-19 case and 1 presumptive case.
- **State of Arizona** announced its 6th coronavirus case on 09 March 2020. Arizona Department of Health Services likewise declared that community spread is also taking place.

In the interest of public health and safety and in compliance with protocols of the U.S. Center for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), the Philippine Consulate General in Los Angeles has adopted the following **preventive measures starting 11 March 2020** until the COVID-19 situation has stabilized:

- 1) **Non-urgent transactions for consular services are discouraged.** Filipino citizens whose passports are expiring on 01 January 2021 onwards are advised to defer renewing their passports, unless they have a pressing emergency. Visa and civil registry applicants are advised to mail their applications instead of applying in person;
- 2) **Only applicants** (except those who need assistance such as senior citizens, children and persons with disability) **shall be allowed inside the consular area;**
- 3) Clients exhibiting flu-like symptoms (i.e. fever) will also not be allowed to enter the consular area. Body temperatures shall be taken by a non-contact thermometer before entry; and
- 4) Clients are encouraged to bring their own hand sanitizer or rubbing alcohol. They shall be required to sanitize their hands before entry.

The U.S. State Department's website has dedicated a country-specific information 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.
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