



ADVISORY 27 ON THE 2019 NOVEL CORONAVIRUS DISEASE (COVID-19)

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

(as of 28 April 2020)

- **Southern California:** **34,321** cases with **1,475** deaths
- **Southern Nevada:** **3,793** cases with **186** deaths
- **State of Arizona:** **6,948** cases with **293** deaths

The Philippine Consulate General in Los Angeles informs Filipinos and Filipino-Americans in Southern California, Southern Nevada and Arizona of recent guidance from the U.S. Centers for Disease Control, confirming that **people with COVID-19 may also exhibit at least two** of the following symptoms in addition to cough and shortness of breath:

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| ✓ fever | ✓ headache |
| ✓ chills | ✓ sore throat |
| ✓ muscle pain | ✓ new loss of taste or smell |
| ✓ repeated shaking with chills | |

Above symptoms may appear in two to 14 days after exposure to the virus.

Further information on COVID-19 symptoms, how to take care of yourself and others when sick, as well as coronavirus “**Self-Checker**” could be accessed at:

<https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/symptoms-testing/symptoms.html>

DEVELOPMENTS IN THE PHILIPPINES

- 1) **All arriving Overseas Filipino Workers (OFWs)**, whether land-based or sea-based, shall be required to undergo a **mandatory 14-day facility-based quarantine, and shall be subject to rapid antibody testing for Covid-19** in accordance with Department of Health (DOH) Memorandum 2020-0180.

Quarantine facilities and program would be determined and facilitated by the DOH and Bureau of Quarantine.

- 2) **Local Manning Agencies of Sea-based OFWs** are mandated to abide by DOH Memorandum 2020-0181. Said Memorandum contains documentary requirements and guidelines on **pre-arrival and post arrival of Sea-based OFWs**. For the DOH Interim Guidelines, please monitor:

<http://www.doh.gov.ph/2019-nCov/interim-guidelines>

- 3) The following shall also be subject to the same mandatory 14-day quarantine and rapid antibody testing for COVID-19 upon arrival in the Philippines:

- a. **All Filipinos** arriving from overseas who are not OFWs (i.e. returning tourists, returning emigrants, students, J-1 visa holders and all others); and
- b. **Foreign nationals** who are exempted from existing travel bans.



Implementing guidelines shall be issued accordingly. For Resolution No. 30 Series of 2020 on the above subject issued by the Inter-Agency Task Force for the Management of Emerging Infectious Diseases (IATF), please monitor:

<https://www.doh.gov.ph/COVID-19/IATF-Resolutions>

- 4) The Department of Interior Local Government launched “**COVID-19 Response Portal**”, containing official pronouncements of the Philippine Government, including the complete set of Inter-Agency Task Force (IATF) Resolutions. The Portal’s link:

<https://www.lguvsocovid.ph>

All arriving passengers should expect significant delays in traveling to their final destinations outside Metro Manila in view of limited transportation options resulting from the Enhanced Community Quarantine currently in place in Metro Manila and in different regions of the Philippines.

Prospective travellers to the Philippines are advised to postpone or delay non-essential travel to the country.

NEW LOCAL PROGRAMS ON COVID-19

Southern California

Riverside County

County residents who lost their employment due to the pandemic may apply for **workforce assistance programs**. Eligible jobseekers may receive up to \$800 in financial support and will also receive comprehensive workforce services such as coaching, training, etc.

For more information on the program, call 951-955-9742 or contact the county via email at workforcehelp@rivco.org

State of Arizona

The State recently launched "the Arizona Testing Blitz," a program that aims to test 10,000 to 20,000 Arizona residents for COVID-19 for **three consecutive Saturdays**.

To check if you are qualified to get tested and register, access this link:

<https://www.azdhs.gov/preparedness/epidemiology-disease-control/infectious-disease-epidemiology/index.php#novel-coronavirus-testing-blitz>

Philippine Airlines (PAL) has recently announced availability of special flights for Los Angeles-Manila. This Announcement is available on PAL’s website:

<https://www.philippineairlines.com/en/ph/home/covid-19/FlightSchedules>

To book your flight, go to www.philippineairlines.com or call its toll-free number: 1-800-435-9725.

The Filipino-American community shall be informed of any developments in the Consulate General’s work schedule with adequate lead time through an Advisory to be posted on the Consulate General’s official website and Facebook page. END.