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## Consulate General Operations and Service Uninterrupted in LA despite CA CoViD-19 Surge



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03 September 2020, Los Angeles – Consul General Adelio Angelito S. Cruz was interviewed on 28 August 2020 by Ms. Janice Jimenez of Spotlight TV, a new Filipino community-led show that will premiere over LA18 KSCI on 04 September 2020 on the 5:30-6:30 p.m. (PST) time slot. LA18 KSCI is a virtual and UHF digital platform of Channel 18, an independent television station serving the L.A. region.

During the interview, Consul General Cruz informed the public that the Philippine Consulate General remains open and in operation despite L.A. being the epicenter of California’s coronavirus outbreak.

He further added that the Consulate General’s operations under the “new normal,” have to be compliant with the guidelines set by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention and the L.A. County Department of Public Health such as observing physical distancing and protocols for enabling contact tracing. Because of this, some of its consular services are either strictly by appointment or by mail only. He also encouraged clients to register at the lobby upon arrival at the building, have their body temperature checked and accomplish the online health declaration form for contact tracing.

At the onset of the CoViD-19 pandemic, Filipino-Americans and their families overseas, including in California have been concerned about being able to go home to the Philippines. Pertaining to their concerns, Consul General Cruz announced that the Philippine Government allows Filipinos, including dual citizens, to travel to the Philippines but prohibits foreigners from entering the country as part of its pandemic containment measures. Exceptions are given only to foreign spouses and children of Filipino nationals.

For more information on the new normal operations of the Consulate General, the public may visit the Consulate General’s website at <https://www.philippineconsulatela.org> or Facebook account at [www.facebook.com/PHLinLA](http://www.facebook.com/PHLinLA). END.