ADVISORY 44 ON THE 2019 NOVEL CORONAVIRUS:
TARGETED SAFER AT HOME ORDER IN L.A. COUNTY

The Philippine Consulate General informs the Filipino / Filipino-American community residing or travelling to Los Angeles County, CA of the “Temporary Targeted Safer at Home Health Officer Order for Control of CoViD-19: Tier 1 Substantial Surge Response” issued by the L.A. County Department of Health on 28 November 2020 in response to the continued spike in CoViD-19 cases and hospitalizations in the County.

The order took effect on 30 November 2020 and will remain effective until 30 December 2020 with highlights as follows:

(1) L.A. County residents are urged to remain in their residences unless they have to engage to essential activities outside;

(2) Gatherings – all public and private, with members beyond their households are prohibited except for church services and protests;

(3) Permitted Outdoor Recreation for Individuals – beaches, trails and parks remain open for active recreation; running, biking, walking, swimming, playing outdoors are permitted with distancing, infection control and masking (except while swimming). Gatherings are prohibited with members outside of your household;

(4) Businesses that are allowed to operate must abide by modifications set by the Order while adhering to basic protocols for curbing the spread of the virus as follows:
   • Essential retail businesses at 35% max occupancy;
   • Non-essential retail businesses at 20% max occupancy (includes indoor malls);
   • Personal Care services at 20% max occupancy;
   • Restaurants, bars, breweries and wineries are closed for in-person dining/drinking, but are allowed for pick-up and delivery services. Breweries and wineries are open for retail at 20% max occupancy.

(5) Outdoor facilities and activities are ordered to observe the maximum occupancy in their facilities:
   • Fitness centers outdoors at 50% max occupancy;
   • Museums, galleries, zoos, aquariums, botanical gardens outdoors at 50% max occupancy;
   • Mini-golf, batting cages, go-cart racing outdoors at 50% max occupancy;
   • Drive-in movies/events/car parades permitted provided occupants of each car are members of one household;

(6) Following non-essential businesses/activities are closed:
   • Non-essential office-based businesses (minimum basic operations permitted);
• Playgrounds (exception for playgrounds at childcare and schools);
• Cardrooms;
• Bars, clubs, lounges;
• Theatres, spectator performances/sporting events/events, bowling alleys, arcades;

(7) Under the revised Health Officer Order, these are the permitted activities:
• Childcare/day care;
• K-12 Schools and Day Camps with new requirement for 14-day closure with any outbreak (3 cases or more over 14 days);
• Institutes for Higher Education;
• Libraries (20% max occupancy);
• Youth Sports (conditioning and skill building only);
• Pro-Sports (spectator free).

(8) All gatherings with members of other households and all activities conducted outside the residence with members of other households must cease between 10:00 p.m. and 5:00 a.m.

The L.A. County Order can be accessed at:
http://www.ph.lacounty.gov/media/Coronavirus/docs/HOO/HOO_SaferatHome_SurgeonResponse.pdf

The State of California’s “Limited Stay at Home Order,” and “Travel Advisory” remain in force.

The Limited Stay at Home Order can be accessed at:
https://www.cdph.ca.gov/Programs/CID/DCDC/Pages/COVID-19/limited-stay-at-home-order.aspx

California’s Travel Advisory remains in effect and can be viewed at:
https://www.cdph.ca.gov/Programs/CID/DCDC/Pages/COVID-19/Travel-Advisory.aspx

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