

## **COVID 19 - Latest Advisory for Indians in the Philippines**

**From : Embassy of India. Manila**

**The Philippines has announced Enhanced Community Quarantine effective immediately in the Island of Luzon that includes Metro Manila on account of COVID-19 and continuing till April 12 subject to periodic review. This implies the following:**

1. All are required to stay at home except for essential activities such as purchase of food, medicines and daily necessities. For this purpose, groceries, supermarkets, medical stores, food preparation and delivery establishments, banks and money transfer outlets will remain open. Availability of these essentials will be ensured.
2. There will be no public transport such as LRT, MRT, Buses and Jeepneys. Private vehicles will be permitted to operate for the purposes in 1 above.
3. In addition, those who wish to take international flights out of the Philippines will be permitted to travel to international airports in Manila and Clark for the next 72 hours.

For the rest of the Philippines, there are no such restrictions at this time. However, local government units may also follow similar measures in the future if warranted.

To date the number of COVID-19 infected persons throughout the Philippines is 140 and casualties are 12. The bulk of these are in the Metro Manila area. **These measures are therefore preventive only and there is no reason for panic.**

**Those Indians, especially students, desirous of leaving the Philippines from Manila or Clark International Airports are advised to avail of the 72 hour window beginning at 00:00 hrs on 17 March, 2020.**

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