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The Secretary presents his compliments to their Excellencies and Messieurs and Mesdames the Chiefs of Mission and wishes to refer their attention to the global efforts being made at this time focused on lessening the spread and impact of COVID-19. The federal government is working closely with state, local, and public health partners to respond to this public health matter. For the most updated information concerning COVID-19, please monitor the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention's (CDC) website: <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/index.html>.

In addition, the CDC advises that all travelers entering the United States from countries the CDC has identified as experiencing widespread sustained spread of COVID-19 stay home for 14 days after travel. For further guidance from the CDC on the 14-day self-isolation period, please see <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/travelers/after-travel-precautions.html>. Travelers entering the United States for a temporary period should remain in their hotel room or other place of temporary residence during that 14-day period. Due to the potential risk of transmission during the 14-day period,

travelers should stay in their home or hotel room, monitor their health, and practice social distancing by not going to group gatherings or meetings.

The Department's Office of Foreign Missions (OFM) remains committed to providing assistance and communication to foreign missions. Should OFM receive information regarding a foreign national impacted by COVID-19 in the United States, OFM will contact the respective foreign mission. Foreign missions are advised to update emergency contact information with the Department to ensure timely delivery of any such information. Foreign missions may contact the Department's Office of Foreign Missions concerning this matter by electronic mail at [OFM-EmergencyMgt@state.gov](mailto:OFM-EmergencyMgt@state.gov).

Department of State,

Washington, March 12, 2020.

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