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NOTICE

California Stay Home Order

On March 19, 2020, the Governor of California, Gavin Newsom, issued a stay at home order to protect the health and well-being of all residents of California and to establish consistency across the state in order to slow the spread of COVID-19. A copy of Governor Newsom's order is available at <https://covid19.ca.gov/img/Executive-Order-N-33-20.pdf>.

How does this impact foreign missions and their members?

Foreign missions are free to continue their operations in California that your governments or organizations deem to be essential. However, we encourage all foreign missions to adopt strategies aimed at mitigating the spread of COVID-19, such as maximizing opportunities for their members to work from home (“telework”), limiting travel to those trips which are deemed to be mission critical, and applying social distancing practices when interacting with the public.

When not performing those functions, foreign mission personnel and their dependents are expected to fully comply with the requirements of Governor Newsom's order, as well as any other applicable orders issued by local or municipal authorities.

Questions or Issues

Inquiries concerning the impacts of COVID-19 and the associated responsive effort on the operation of foreign missions in the United States should be transmitted by electronic mail to OFM-EmergencyMgt@state.gov.

Resources

- Coronavirus in California: <https://covid19.ca.gov/>
- CDC's Coronavirus Website: <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-nCoV/index.html>
- CDC's Interim Guidance for Business and Employers: <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/community/guidance-business-response.html>
- Compilation of circular diplomatic notes and notices released by OFM concerning COVID-19: <https://www.state.gov/circular-notes-and-notices-covid-19/>
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