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The Philippine Embassy in Madrid wishes to provide the following update on the conditions in Spain with regard to the coronavirus (COVID-19):

The active confirmed cases in Spain as of March 4, 2020 is 260 with three confirmed deaths.

Sixteen autonomous communities in Spain have reported positive cases of COVID-19. The geographical distribution is as follows: Madrid (89); Valencia (22); Catalonia (32); Andalusia (13); Basque Country (30); Cantabria (10); Castile and León (11); Canary Islands (7); Castilla-La Mancha (13); Extremadura (6); Balearic Islands (6); Navarra (3); Asturias (5); Roja (11); Galicia (1); Aragon (1).

Some of those with COVID-19 were reportedly in good health and in certain cases are provided treatment in their homes. Spanish health authorities, particularly the centers for the elderly, have noted they have the necessary information and training to implement preventive and response measures in any case.

No Filipino has been reported as being under observation.

As of to date, the Philippine Embassy will still continue with the consular mobile outreaches to various cities in Spain as indicated for the calendar year 2020.

The Filipino community is advised to set aside travel plans if they feel unwell or have developed respiratory symptoms. If you develop symptoms of acute respiratory infection, it is advised to stay at home and call 112 for medical service. When planning a trip to the Philippines, it is best to avoid transiting through COVID-19 hit areas.

Filipinos are advised to be mindful of their health and strengthen their immune system, while taking practical hygiene measures and avoid contact with people with flu-like illnesses. Observe basic hygiene, such as washing hands with soap and water frequently, and covering your mouth and nose when coughing or sneezing, preferably using disposable tissues.

More information on COVID-19 may be found in https://www.mscbs.gob.es/