



EMBASSY OF THE REPUBLIC OF THE PHILIPPINES  
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**PUBLIC ADVISORY # 7**

**ON CONDITIONS IN SPAIN AND THE PHILIPPINES  
WITH REGARD TO THE CORONAVIRUS (COVID-19)**

**March 16, 2020**

The Government of Spain has declared a state of alarm on the coronavirus, a constitutional measure aimed at monitoring order in the country, which include limiting the movement of people and vehicles.

The Ministerio de Sanidad has reported that as of March 16, 2020 there are 9,191 confirmed cases in Spain, with 4,165 of these cases recorded in the community of Madrid.

So far, no Filipino has been reported as being under observation. The Embassy is in contact with Spanish authorities and will be notified if there are Filipinos among the confirmed cases.

With the declaration of the State of Alarm, Filipinos are advised of the following:

- Those who need to travel daily for employment purposes are encouraged to secure a letter from their employer explaining the nature of their work. This applies to Filipinos who are caretakers, housekeepers, grocery assistants, etc. A sample letter may be found in the Embassy Facebook account.
- Stay in your homes and do not travel unless absolutely necessary. You are requested to abide by the rules imposed on social distancing and are discouraged from travelling in groups.
- Respect the advisories of the national and regional governments and postpone social contact and group gatherings for the meantime.
- Those encountering job displacements as a result of the COVID-19 crisis are encouraged to report immediately their concerns to the Philippine Embassy thru the Philippine Overseas Labor Office. If your employment has been in any way affected by the declaration on COVID-19, please accomplish the questionnaire at this link: **OFW Job Displacement Monitor**
- The link **OFW Job Displacement Monitor** may also be accessed in the Embassy and POLO Facebook account. If there are any problems, please email polo2013.spain@gmail.com or contact 604 348 154.

If you feel you need to go to the Embassy in Madrid or the Consulate General in Barcelona, please contact us first at 616 491 861 (Philippine Embassy) or 645 675 098 (Philippine Consulate General in Barcelona) and state your concerns.

On the situation in the Philippines, a community quarantine has been introduced in Metro Manila. The community quarantine restricts land, domestic air, and domestic sea travel to and from Metro Manila from March 15 until April 14. Local governments in the Philippines are also implementing their own measures which may restrict movement of persons into or within their areas.

All Spanish nationals and foreign nationals from Spain who wish to travel to the Philippines for tourism, study or business purposes are recommended to **postpone travel** to the Philippines.

For other specific concerns of the Filipino community in Spain, please check the Philippine Embassy website, Embassy and POLO Facebook account and the E Filipinas APP regularly.

