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The Philippine Embassy in Madrid wishes to share the following information with regard to issues and concerns relating to the new coronavirus (COVID-19):

The Philippine Embassy is monitoring closely the impact of COVID-19 to the population in Spain following media reports that as many as 30 active COVID-19 cases were reported across Spain. No Filipino has been reported as being under observation.

As of February 28, 2020, the Philippine Embassy will still continue with the consular mobile outreaches to various cities in Spain as indicated for the calendar year 2020.

For Filipinos in Spain who will be travelling overseas, be aware that some airports in some countries may be implementing health screening procedures. There is no recommendation to quarantine foreign travelers upon their arrival in Spain.

Filipinos are advised to be mindful of their health and take practical measures and avoid contact with people with flu-like illnesses. Observe basic hygiene, such as washing hands frequently, and covering your mouth and nose when coughing or sneezing, preferably using disposable tissues. Do not travel if you have fever, cough or difficulty breathing as travelers that show signs and symptoms of illness or respiratory problems may be required to undergo additional health assessment. If you develop symptoms of acute respiratory infection, stay at home and call 112 for medical service.

The Filipino community is advised that there is a mandatory 14-day quarantine period imposed on arriving from China. At the moment it is best to avoid transiting through COVID-19 hit areas when traveling to the Philippines.

Rest assured that all concerned Philippine government agencies are working closely to extend immediate assistance to Filipinos who are directly affected by COVID-19 related circumstances.

More information on COVID-19 may be found in <https://www.msrebs.gov.es/>

