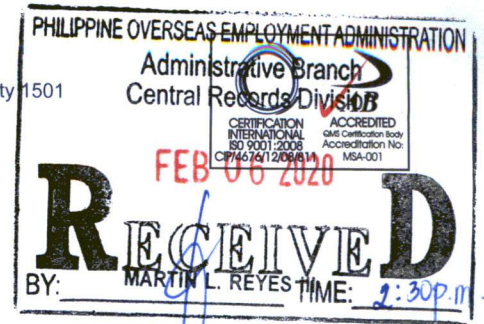




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## United States Information and Advice on the Novel Coronavirus (2019-nCoV) Outbreak originating from Wuhan, China

On 27 January 2020, the United States Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) issued travel advisory level warnings: Level 4- Do not travel to Wuhan, Hubei province of China and Level 3- Avoid all non-essential travel to China. The warnings are in view of the Novel Coronavirus (2019-nCoV), first identified in Wuhan, China that causes respiratory illness. The travel advisory also stated that Chinese authorities have suspended air and rail travel in the area around Wuhan. The level warnings enumerated health and administrative recommendations, which are also being recommended to Filipinos in the United States, as follows:

### If you must travel to China:

- Avoid contact with sick people.
- Discuss travel to China with your healthcare provider. Older adults and travelers with underlying health issues may be at risk for more severe disease.
- Avoid animals (alive or dead), animal markets, and products that come from animals (such as uncooked meat).
- Wash hands often with soap and water for at least 20 seconds. Use an alcohol-based hand sanitizer if soap and water are not available.

### If you traveled to China in the last 14 days and feel sick with fever, cough, or difficulty breathing, you should:

- Seek medical care right away. Before you go to a doctor's office or emergency room, call ahead and tell them about your recent travel and your symptoms.
- Avoid contact with others.
- Not travel while sick.
- Cover your mouth and nose with a tissue or your sleeve (not your hands) when coughing or sneezing.
- Wash hands often with soap and water for at least 20 seconds. Use an alcohol-based hand sanitizer if soap and water are not available.

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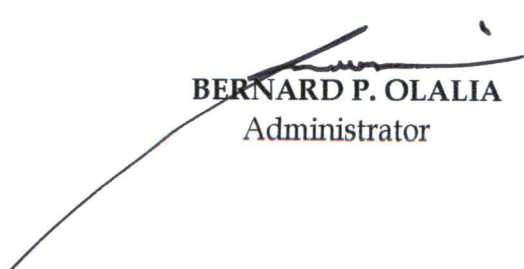
**If you decide to travel to China:**

- Enter China on your U.S. passport with a valid Chinese visa and keep it with you.
- If you are arrested or detained, ask police or prison officials to notify the U.S. Embassy or the nearest consulate immediately.
- Enroll in the Smart Traveler Enrollment Program (STEP) to receive Alerts and make it easier to locate you in an emergency.
- Follow the Department of State on Facebook and Twitter. Follow the U.S. Embassy on Twitter, WeChat, and Weibo.
- Review the Crime and Safety Reports for China.
- Prepare a contingency plan for emergency situations. Review the Traveler's Checklist.

For further updates please see:

- <https://wwwnc.cdc.gov/travel/notices/watch/novel-coronavirus-china> and
- <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/novel-coronavirus-2019.html>.

For the guidance and information of all concerned.

  
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