



CONSULATE GENERAL OF THE REPUBLIC OF THE PHILIPPINES CHICAGO

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TEMPORARY SUSPENSION OF VISA ISSUANCE AND VISA-FREE PRIVILEGES

In light of Proclamation No. 929 dated 16 March 2020 “Declaring a State of Calamity throughout the Philippines due to Corona Virus Disease 2019” and of Proclamation No. 922 “Declaring a State of Public Health Emergency throughout the Philippines” dated 08 March 2020, effective immediately, all Philippine Foreign Service Posts, including the Philippine Consulate General in Chicago, are temporarily suspending visa issuance.

Likewise, visa-free privileges provided to certain foreign nationals, including U.S. passport holders, are temporarily suspended effective 22 March 2020.

Foreign spouses and children of Filipino nationals are exempted from this temporary suspension.

Further, all visas previously issued by the Consulate and other Philippine Foreign Service Posts are deemed canceled. Foreign nationals with visas issued by Philippine Foreign Service Posts will not be allowed entry into the country starting 22 March 2020.

However, visas issued to Foreign Government and International Organization officials accredited to the Philippines and their dependents will remain valid and will be honored when entering the country even after said date. Visas previously issued to foreign spouses and children of Filipino nationals will also remain valid.

This temporary suspension has no impact on foreign nationals who are already in the country or on holders of visas issued by other Philippine government agencies.

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