



U.S. Consulate General, Johannesburg

Warden Message – April 28, 2009

TRAVEL ALERT: MEXICO

The Department of State alerts U.S. citizens of the health risks of travel to Mexico at this time due to an outbreak of H1N1 "swine flu." The U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) has issued an April 27 notice recommending that American citizens avoid all nonessential travel to Mexico at this time. CDC's notice also suggests precautions that travelers and U.S. citizen residents in Mexico can take to reduce their risk of infection while in Mexico. CDC provides recommendations for those who must travel to an area that has reported cases of swine flu, and measures to take following return from an area that has reported cases of swine flu. The complete CDC notice can be found at the following link: <http://www.cdc.gov/travel/>. Please check this site frequently for updates. This Travel Alert expires on July 27, 2009.

The World Health Organization (WHO), the Global Alert and Response Network (GOARN) and Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) have sent experts to Mexico to work with health authorities.

On April 25, the Government of Mexico announced that as a precautionary measure, all schools from kindergarten through university level will remain closed until May 6 in the Federal District, State of Mexico, and San Luis Potosi. All government-sponsored events involving large crowds have also been canceled, and museums and most tourist attractions are closed.

Consular operations at all consular posts in Mexico will be affected by this flu outbreak. Please refer to Embassy Mexico's web page and that of individual posts for the latest information on closings and service reductions.

The U.S. Embassy reminds U.S. citizens in Mexico that most cases of influenza are not "swine flu." Specific questions or concerns about flu or other illnesses should be directed to a medical professional. Mexico City medical authorities urge people to avoid hospitals and clinics unless they have a medical emergency, since hospitals are centers of infection; instead, those with health concerns are encouraged to stay home and call their physicians to avoid potential exposure. Although the U.S. Embassy cannot give medical advice or provide medical services to the public, a list of hospitals and doctors can be found on our website at the following links:

http://mexico.usembassy.gov/sacs_medical_info.html (Spanish)

http://mexico.usembassy.gov/eng/eacs_medical_info.html (English)

For additional information, please consult the State Department's website at www.travel.state.gov, the CDC website at www.cdc.gov, or the website of the World Health Organization at www.who.int. The U.S.-based call center for U.S. citizens can be reached from 8:00 am - 8:00 pm Eastern Daylight Time, M-F, at 1-888-407-4747, or if calling from outside the U.S., at (202)-501-4444. The U.S. Embassy will also post additional information as it becomes

available at: www.usembassy-mexico.gov. American citizens traveling or residing overseas are encouraged to register with the appropriate U.S. Embassy or Consulate on the State Department's travel registration website at <https://travelregistration.state.gov/>.

For emergencies involving U.S. citizens in Mexico, please contact the closest U.S. Embassy or Consulate. The U.S. Embassy is located in Mexico City at Paseo de la Reforma 305, Colonia Cuauhtemoc, telephone from the United States: 011-52-55-5080-2000; telephone within Mexico City: 5080-2000; telephone long distance within Mexico 01-55-5080-2000. You may also contact the Embassy by e-mail at: ccs@usembassy.net.mx. The Embassy's internet address is <http://www.usembassy-mexico.gov/>.

Consulates in Mexico:

Ciudad Juarez:

Paseo de la Victoria 3650, tel:(52)(656) 227-3000 <http://ciudadjuarez.usconsulate.gov>.

Guadalajara:

Progreso 175, tel:(52)(333) 268-2100 <http://guadalajara.usconsulate.gov/>

Hermosillo:

Avenida Monterrey 141, tel:(52)(662) 289-3500 <http://hermosillo.usconsulate.gov>.

Matamoros:

Avenida Primera 2002, tel:(52)(868) 812-4402 <http://matamoros.usconsulate.gov>.

Merida:

Calle 60 no. 338 k, tel:(52)(999) 942-5700 <http://merida.usconsulate.gov>.

Monterrey:

Avenida Constitucion 411 Poniente, tel:(52)(818)047-3100

<http://monterrey.usconsulate.gov>

Nogales:

Calle San Jose, Nogales, Sonora, tel:(52)(631) 311-8150 <http://nogales.usconsulate.gov>

Nuevo Laredo:

Calle Allende 3330, col. Jardin, [tel:\(52\)\(867\)714-0512](tel:(52)(867)714-0512)

<http://nuevolaredo.usconsulate.gov>

Tijuana:

Tapachula 96, tel:(52)(664) 622-7400 <http://tijuana.usconsulate.gov/service.html>

Consular Agencies in Mexico:

Acapulco:

Hotel Continental Emporio, Costera Miguel Aleman 121 - local 14, tel:(52)(744) 484-0300 or (52)(744) 469-0556.

Cabo San Lucas:

Blvd. Marina local c-4, Plaza Nautica, col. Centro, tel: (52)(624) 143-3566.

Cancn:

Plaza Caracol two, second level, no. 320-323, Boulevard Kukulcan, km. 8.5, Zona Hotelera, tel: (52)(998) 883-0272.

Ciudad Acua:

Ocampo # 305, col. Centro, tel: (52)(877) 772-8661

Cozumel:

Plaza Villa Mar en el Centro, Plaza Principal, (Parque Jurez between Melgar and 5th ave.) 2nd floor, locales #8 and 9, tel: (52)(987) 872-4574.

Ixtapa/Zihuatanejo:

Hotel Fontan, Blvd. Ixtapa, tel:(52)(755) 553-2100.

Mazatlán:

Hotel Playa Mazatlán, Playa Gaviotas #202, Zona Dorada, tel:(52)(669) 916-5889.

Oaxaca:

Macedonio Alcalá no. 407, interior 20, tel: (52)(951) 514-3054 (52)(951) 516-2853.

Piedras Negras:

Abasolo #211, Zona Centro, Piedras Negras, Coah., tel. (878) 782-5586.

Playa del Carmen:

"The Palapa," Calle 1 Sur, between Avenida 15 and Avenida 20, tel: (52)(984)873-0303.

Puerto Vallarta:

Paradise Plaza, Paseo de los Cocoteros #1, Local #4, Interior #17, Nuevo Vallarta, Nayarit, tel: (52)(322) 222-0069.

Reynosa:

Calle Monterrey #390, Esq. Sinaloa, Colonia Rodriguez, tel:(52)(899) 923 - 9331

San Luis Potosí:

Edificio "Las Terrazas", Avenida Venustiano Carranza 2076-41, Col. Polanco, tel: (52)(444) 811-7802/7803.

San Miguel de Allende:

Dr. Hernandez Macias #72, tel: (52)(415) 152-2357 or (52)(415) 152-0068.

All Americans in South Africa are urged to register online at <https://travelregistration.state.gov> or by phone or in person directly with the U.S. Embassy in Pretoria or the Consulates General in Johannesburg, Cape Town, or Durban. Registering gives U.S. citizens access to updated information on travel and security within South Africa and makes it easier for the Embassy to contact citizens in case of emergency.

As always, please do not hesitate to contact us if you have any questions:

The U.S. Embassy is located at 877 Pretorius Street, Arcadia in Pretoria, telephone (27-12) 431-4000 (from South Africa 012-431-4000), fax (27-12) 431-5504 (from South Africa 012-431-5504). The U.S. Embassy website is <http://usembassy.state.gov/pretoria/>.

The U.S. Consulate General in Johannesburg is located at 1 Sandton Drive, on the corner of Rivonia in Sandhurst, tel: (27) 11-290-3000 (from South Africa 011-290-3000). The Consulate General in Johannesburg provides consular services for Americans in Gauteng, Mpumalanga, Limpopo, North West, and Free State provinces. For after hours emergency contact: (27) 79-111-1684 (from South Africa 079-111-1684).

The Consulate General in Cape Town is located at the 2 Reddam Avenue, Westlake, Cape Town, telephone (27-21) 702-7300 (from South Africa 021-702-7300), fax (27-21) 702-7493 (from South Africa 021-702-7493), after hours emergency (27) 79-111-0391 (from South Africa 079-111-0391). Its consular jurisdiction includes Western Cape, Eastern Cape, and Northern Cape provinces.

The Consulate General in Durban is located at the Old Mutual Building, 31st floor, 303 West Street, telephone (27-31) 305-7600 (from South Africa 031-305-7600), fax (27-31) 305-7691 (from South Africa 031-305-7691), after hours emergency (27) 79-111-1445 (from South Africa 079-111-1445). Its consular jurisdiction is KwaZulu-Natal Province.

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