

Mexico Update

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U.S. Embassy and Consulates in Mexico Have Suspended Non-Essential Services and Mexican Courts and Tribunals Have Suspended Procedural Terms as a Measure to Control the Outbreak of Swine Flu

The U.S. Embassy and all U.S. Consulates in Mexico have suspended non-essential services until May 6th.

The multidisciplinary team created by the Mexican Federal Government to face the emergency of the swine flu is working round the clock appraising the situation, expediting the import of required material and equipment, the mobilization of experts in epidemiology and adopting strong measures to control the virus in Mexico.

As part of the decisions taken last week, all activities in public and private educational institutions at all levels, including nurseries, in Mexico City, the State of Mexico and the State of San Luis Potosí were suspended; normal activities will be resumed, in principle, on May 6th.

Also last week, the Federal Judicial Council (responsible for the administration, monitoring, discipline and judicial career of the Federal Judicial Power -except for the Supreme Court of Justice), determined that federal Courts and Tribunal will not interrupt their activities, but determined that the procedural terms (...term within which actions of a procedural nature should be taken during the prosecution of a lawsuit or appeal.), will not run from Monday April 27 to Thursday April 30, 2009. These measures were also to apply in the State of Mexico, San Luis Potosí, Oaxaca, Aguascalientes, Puebla, Tlaxcala and Baja California.

Additionally, on Monday April 27 the Federal Judicial Council made the above measures extensive to all the Circuit and District Courts in the country, determining also that from Monday 27 to Thursday 30 of April of this year procedural terms in all the federal Courts and Tribunals will not run.

The Council also authorized the suspension of May 4th as a working day at all judicial entities in the country.

The Plenary session of the Council of the Federal Judicature instructed the judicial entities across the territory to focus on urgent cases and reduce to the minimum the personnel and office staff, as well as the working schedules.

The Federal Judicial Council instructed that Courts and Tribunal will not interrupt their internal activities, but determined that the procedural terms will not run from Monday April 27 to Thursday April 30, 2009, in order to avoid contact with the public and reduce physical contact of the personnel, as part of the measures adopted by the judiciary to control the outbreak of swine flu in Mexico.

At the time of the drafting of this message, no foreign governments or governmental entities, nor any international agencies have declared a quarantine or unfavorable travel advisories for the purpose of visiting Mexico.

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