**Los Cabos Tourism Board**

**COVID-19 Health & Security Update**

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**HEALTH & SECURITY UPDATE**

As the global COVID-19 situation continues to spread rapidly, Los Cabos’ state and local authorities continue to work jointly to strengthen the destination’s health and security protocols in order to contain the spread of the virus. **The health and safety of our community and visitors is our utmost priority.**

On Thursday, April 16th, 2020, Federal and State Authorities announced that it will be necessary to extend social distancing measures and continue the closure of all non-essential businesses until May 30th, 2020, including hotels, restaurants, bars, and all public beaches. On Tuesday, April 21st, 2020, the Ministry of Health announced that Mexico has entered Phase 3 of its emergency plan, which implements increased social distancing measures to help fight against the spread of the virus across the country. The private and public sectors encourage all national and international travelers to postpone their upcoming vacation trips to Los Cabos in an effort to avoid the spread of the virus across the state. On Friday, April 24th, 2020, the State of Baja California Sur announced those who do not comply with all measures in place will be subject to government action, such as fines and arrest.

The spread of the virus has impacted Los Cabos and all confirmed cases have been in quarantine and are under close medical supervision to avoid the spread of the virus. Real-time updates of COVID-19 in Baja California Sur can be found here: <https://coronavirus.bcs.gob.mx/english/>. To help contain and prevent the spread of the virus, the following are the current health and security measures being enforced in Los Cabos:

**Security Measures:**

* Suspension of non-essential activities starting March 30th, 2020 through May 30th, 2020.
* All restaurants, bars, gyms, movie theaters, stadiums, shopping malls, public beaches and other places of gathering, including classes at all educational levels are closed until further notice.
* Restriction of operations at hotels, resorts, time shares and online platforms, like Airbnb, through May 30th, 2020.
* Temporary suspension of all sporting, recreational, social, political, cultural, academic, public, private and all similar events that involve the concentration of people.
* Temporary suspension of activity in workplaces that present an active outbreak of the virus.
* Local residents are encouraged to use grocery and food delivery services to minimize exposure.
* Public transportation companies and drivers will be cleaning and disinfecting all vehicles frequently.
* The entire population is required to stay home other than for activities for essential purposes, such as grocery shopping or essential business. They must be alone while out of the home, including while driving, unless for an otherwise justified cause.

**Health Measures:**

* Health protocols and medical decisions to be made by the security committee that was previously assembled by state authorities to advise during this crisis.
* If necessary, the state health ministry will increase capacity by adapting additional care units outside hospitals and equipping them with respiratory equipment.
* Hospitals will expand their use of telemedicine, both within their facilities and to reach patients at home. People feeling sick should stay at home and call the state’s emergency line # 800-BCS-COVID (800-227-26843) to be evaluated by a doctor.
* The requirement to wear a mask for those who present COVID-19 symptoms and must leave their homes for medical attention.

**Economic Measures:**

* State authorities to launch a social program to provide food assistance to the most vulnerable populations.

The travel and tourism industry is the heartbeat of Los Cabos supporting 90% of the economy. As such, it is extremely important that public and private organizations continue working together to protect the health, safety, and economy of Los Cabos.

The new improved measures above complement the security protocols implemented previously in March, which include the following:

* Screening measures at the San José International Airport and ports throughout Baja California Sur to conduct passenger wellness checks, i.e. taking the temperatures of all arriving passengers.
* Containment measures in place should a passenger register an abnormally high temperature and exhibiting potential symptoms of the virus.
* Background checks for all passengers to confirm where they have traveled in the past 14 days.

These measures follow the Mexican Health Department announcement declaring a national health emergency on Monday, March 30th, 2020 and the governor declaring a state national health emergency in Baja California Sur on Wednesday, April 1st, 2020.

As of April 20th, 2020, the Los Cabos International Airport will coordinate all air traffic activity through its main terminal (terminal 1) due to lowered activity and demand at this time. The international terminal (terminal 2) will temporarily close and international flights will depart from terminal 1 and arrive at the General Aviation building (FBO). Flight activity will not be restricted. The international terminal is expected to re-open July 15th, 2020 or depending on increased flight traffic.

For any additional inquires, you can call **BCS COVID-19** hotline number at +52 612 199 53 86 for information in English or contact Los Cabos Tourism Board at [covid19@visitloscabos.travel](mailto:covid19@visitloscabos.travel). Additional information is available in our online toolkit which provides resources to help industry partners and stakeholders to be better equipped to respond to incoming inquiries from tourists: <https://industry.visitloscabos.travel/coronavirus/>. The toolkit is updated in a daily basis.