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For the Filipino Community in Berlin on the Restrictions Imposed by the Berlin Senate to Contain the Spread of the Novel Coronavirus SARS-CoV-2 /COVID-19

The Berlin Senate earlier passed measures to contain the spread of the novel coronavirus SARS-CoV-2 in the city, which took effect on March 18 and will expire on April 19, 2020.

The Berlin Senate further announced additional measures which will take effect on March 22, 2020.

Following are the major points of the Berlin Senate's current containment measures:

- **From 50 people last March 18, the maximum number of participants in events, meetings and gatherings have now been reduced to 10 individuals.** Exemptions continue to apply for previously identified public and private sectors such as the parliament, the courts and other state institutions, hospitals, and some key retail outlets (i.e. sales outlets that sell food and drinks, pharmacies, petrol stations, etc).
- Physical contact with other people, apart from members of their own household or partners, should be reduced to an absolutely necessary minimum. **Wherever possible, there must be a minimum distance of 1.5 meters between two people.**
- Pubs and shisha bars are closed. **Restaurants are closed to the public but may offer food and drinks for collection or delivery.**
- **Hotels and other accommodation establishments may not offer overnight stays for tourists.**
- **Schools and universities are closed.**

The above is not a complete list of the containment measures initiated by the Berlin Senate to prevent the spread of COVID-19. Complete and updated information on containment measures can be found in the City of Berlin's official website:

<https://www.berlin.de/rbmskzl/aktuelles/pressemitteilungen/>.

Additionally, the City of Berlin provides comprehensive information about the coronavirus via this website link: <https://www.berlin.de/corona/>

As the containment measures to prevent the spread of COVID-19 are under the purview of various state and local offices, those who are living outside of Berlin are requested to follow their state and/or city's websites for updated information.

We again reiterate our call for the public to follow the measures set forth by the federal, state and city governments to prevent the spread of COVID-19.

Thank you.

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