MEXICAN IMMIGRATION AND COVID-19

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• We have more than 175,000 confirmed cases of Covid-19 in Mexico.
• Unfortunately we have up to date 20,000 deceased.
• **February 7**  The Ministry of the Interior informed about a new virus, stating that there is not vaccine available and the symptoms of this disease.
• **February 27**  First case of Covid-19 confirmed by the Mexican Ministry of Health.
• **February 28**  Beginning of Phase 1 of the Pandemic.
• **March 18**  First victim of Covid-19.
• **March 19**  The Mexican Government invite us to stay home; there is NO mandatory Curfew.
• **March 20**   The Ministry of Education declared suspension of classes, the Ministry of the Health dictated measures to prevent the disease, Non–essential activities are suspended and Massive events were canceled.

• **March 21**   COVID-19 Related Travel Restrictions across the U.S. Borders with Canada and Mexico. Third time extended until July 21th.

• **March 26**   The Ministry of Foreign Affairs published in the Official Gazette of the Federation a suspension of terms regarding all immigration services. Mexican consulates are closed.

• **March 30**   The Mexican Government declared a Sanitary Emergency due to Force Majeure.
NATIONAL IMMIGRATION INSTITUTE (INM) AND RELATED PROCESSES

• **April 1th.** The Ministry of the Interior published in the official gazette of the federation a suspension of terms, regarding deadlines and expiration dates. This suspension is directed only to Temporary and Permanent Residents.

• **April 30th,** This suspension was extended to May 30th, and again extended on June 1st until today, we do not have an ending day. These days are going to be considered as no-working days.

• The INM is open and working, however they are working with less personnel, for this reason only a limited number of processes are accepted daily.

• Each local office of the INM is applying its own criteria in this regard.

• The INM is issuing visitors visas for Humanitarian Reasons due to Covid-19.
MINISTRY OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS

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Most Mexican consulates are closed and only giving services to urgent matters.

In the US, Mexican consulates are opening gradually.
TRAVEL RESTRICTIONS ACROSS THE U.S. BORDERS WITH CANADA AND MEXICO

• The United States limited inbound land border crossings from Canada and Mexico to “essential travel”.

• Effective March 21, 2020 there are travel restrictions between Mexico and the US. Only Essential Travels are allowed between these two countries.

• The restrictions will remain in effect through July 21, 2020. This action does not apply to air, rail, or sea travel at this time, but does apply to commuter rail and ferry travel.

• This action does not prevent U.S. citizens from returning home. Also lawful permanent residents returning to the US, those traveling for medical purposes, to attend educational institutions; to work within the US, for those traveling for emergency response and public health purposes, individuals engaged in lawful cross-border trade (e.g., truck drivers), individuals engaged in official government travel or diplomatic travel, individuals engaged in military-related travel or operations are allowed to enter.

• Individuals traveling for tourism purposes, or attending cultural events in the United States do not fall within essential travel.
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