



# **COVID-19 ALERT**

## **UPDATED ADVISORY FOR MALAYSIAN CITIZENS IN THE UNITED STATES**

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The Embassy of Malaysia is closely monitoring the situation with regard to COVID-19 in the United States, as well as travel restrictions/advisory in and out of the country. As the number of cases is rapidly increasing globally, numerous countries are taking actions to stem the spread of COVID-19 that will limit travelers' mobility, including lockdowns, border restrictions and curfews. Furthermore, airlines are reducing connectivity to various countries, including to Malaysia, mainly due to travel restrictions imposed by transiting countries and the decrease in the number of passengers.

Recognizing the worsening situation in the United States, Malaysians are advised to remain calm and to strictly adhere to the advisories issued in respective states. At this juncture, the Embassy of Malaysia encourages Malaysian citizens to consider returning to Malaysia, while it is still possible. Of particular concern are those without sufficient means or support system to remain in the United States for an indefinite period, i.e., students without viable accommodation due to decisions by their respective universities to evacuate their dormitories, or Malaysian citizens without comprehensive medical insurance coverage in the United States. For sponsored Malaysian students in the United States, please consult with your respective sponsors to determine the best course of action.

Please contact your airline or travel agent to discuss your travel plans in view of the fluid situation relating to the operations/connectivity of airlines. In case of flight changes/cancellations and/or medical emergencies, all travelers are strongly advised to obtain travel and medical insurance for their travel back to Malaysia. With the implementation of the Movement Control Order (MCO) by the Malaysian Government effective from 18 to 31 March 2020, you will need to undergo a health check-up upon arrival in Malaysia and a 14-day self-quarantine. Kindly also be advised that returning to Malaysia is not without risks, as it is not guaranteed that flights are free of the COVID-19 virus and that transit points will remain open during your journey.

For Malaysian citizens who wish to remain in the United States, please refrain from non-essential movement, avoid large crowds, take all essential precautions, and adhere to the recommendations/restrictions set by the relevant local authorities. Given the current situation, be prepared to stay in the country for an extended period of time, and at your own expense.

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