



## CONSULATE GENERAL OF THE REPUBLIC OF THE PHILIPPINES CHICAGO

PUBLIC ADVISORY NO. 30 – 2020

### ADVISORY ON EXERCISING INCREASED CAUTION AND VIGILANCE IN THE AFTERMATH OF THE LOOTING IN CHICAGO

The Philippine Consulate General in Chicago urges the Filipino community in Chicago and those intending to travel to the city in the coming days to exercise increased caution and vigilance in order to ensure their safety and wellbeing in the aftermath of the widespread looting that occurred in the early morning of 10 August 2020.

The attached advisory from the Chicago Office of Emergency Management and Communications (OEMC) states that in response to multiple public safety incidents, looting and property damage that occurred on 10 August 2020, the city has deployed 100 infrastructure assets citywide and will be strategically positioned by the Chicago Police Department to protect neighborhood commercial corridors and critical businesses.

According to Chicago Mayor Lori Lightfoot, for the foreseeable future, there will be increased police presence and a restriction to access to the downtown area every night from 9:00 pm to 6:00 am. Lake Shore Drive will be closed from Fullerton Avenue to I-55. Expressway ramps from Roosevelt Road to Division Street will also be closed. Most bridges will be lifted up. CTA train services will also be halted in the area surrounding downtown, and bus routes may be rerouted.

Residents, essential workers and employees of area businesses will be provided access points, but will have to show identification or proof that they live or work in the area.

Applicants with confirmed appointments are advised to monitor the announcements by OEMC daily through its website (<https://www.chicago.gov/city/en/depts/oem.html>) and Twitter account (@ChicagoOEMC) to check whether downtown Chicago could be accessible on their date and time of appointment, and to stay up-to-date on traffic routes and commuting schedules. They are also advised to bring proper identification and a copy of the confirmation of their appointment.

Given the fluidity of the situation, the Consulate reserves the right to suspend operations anytime in line with the city's regulations, and will inform applicants with confirmed schedules immediately on that day if the Consulate suspends its operations on that day due to sudden civil disturbance or road closures in Chicago. You may also call or email the Consulate before coming for your appointment.

Please continue to monitor our website ([www.chicagopcq.com](http://www.chicagopcq.com)), Facebook page (Philippine Consulate General in Chicago (@PHinChicago)) and Twitter account (Philippine Consulate General in Chicago (@PHinChicago)) for updates and announcements. For questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to email us at [chicagopcq@att.net](mailto:chicagopcq@att.net). For emergencies or urgent requests for assistance, please call the Consulate Duty Officer at 312-800-3106. END

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The City of Chicago's Emergency Operations Center (EOC) has been activated to respond to the multiple public safety incidents, looting and property damage that occurred very early this morning. The EOC is coordinating efforts with various city department and sister agencies on the response.

The city will be deploying more than 100 infrastructure assets citywide that will be strategically positioned by the Chicago Police Department to protect neighborhood commercial corridors and critical businesses, such as grocery stores and pharmacies.

**In addition, access to the downtown area will be temporarily restricted beginning this evening from 8 p.m.–6 a.m.** The restricted access to the downtown area is **NOT** a curfew. All residents, essential workers and employees whose businesses are located downtown will have access at all times. As part of the restricted access, the following measures will be in place until further notice:

**Lake Shore Drive will be closed between:**

- Fullerton Avenue on the North and I-55 on the South

**Downtown Bridges:**

All Bridges will be up by 8 p.m. with the exception of the following:

- LaSalle Street
- Harrison Street
- Ida B. Wells / Congress Bridge (West Bound Open Only)
- Lake Shore Drive
- Columbus Avenue
- Kinzie Street
- Grand Avenue

**Access Points for residents and employees of area businesses:**

- Harrison Street
- Chicago Avenue and Halsted Street
- Roosevelt Road and Canal Street
- Kinzie Street and Halsted Street
- LaSalle Street

**Expressway Closures:**

- All Ramps from Roosevelt Road to Division Street will be closed in both directions.



**CTA:**

- Rail Service will be impacted at the following locations, with trains not entering the area surrounding downtown: Fullerton Avenue to 47<sup>th</sup> and east of Halsted Street
- Bus Service will remain open at this time. Some buses will see reroutes due to bridge and street closures.

**CDOT**

- Divvy Service will not be available from North Avenue to Ashland Avenue and Cermak Road between 8 p.m. and 6 a.m.

Access points are designated for residents, essential workers and employees whose businesses are located within the designated boundaries, individuals who reside in the surrounding area and residents engaged in essential activities.

Entrance into the perimeter will be manned by officers with the Chicago Police Department. When arriving at the access points, residents and employees should show identification or proof that they live in the area and/or work in the area.

**Weather Advisory from the EOC**

Please note, the National Weather Service issued a Severe Thunderstorm Watch in effect until 7 p.m. tonight. Developing storms with damaging wind gusts up to 70 mph will be possible. Warm and humid conditions with heat index values near 100 degrees are expected into the afternoon prior to the potential thunderstorms. OEMC will monitor conditions with the National Weather Service and provide alerts as needed.

To receive emergency alerts for updates on street closures and public transportation, subscribe to Chicago's text or email alert system at **NotifyChicago.org** or follow the Office of Emergency Management and Communications (OEMC) on Facebook and Twitter @ChicagoOEMC.

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