

Dear Citizens of Switzerland and Liechtenstein,

It is safe to say these past few weeks have been some of the most tumultuous and emotional that any of us can remember. The impact of the novel coronavirus (Covid-19) outbreak has been felt by individuals, families, companies and communities across the United States, Switzerland and around the world.

The guidance provided by the Swiss Federal Council regarding Covid-19 remains the same for all Swiss citizens abroad. As a reminder:

- 1) Swiss citizens are strongly urged to cancel all non-urgent travel plans outside of the country.
- 2) All Swiss citizens and citizens of Liechtenstein who are on travel for business or leisure should return home in all cases where flight connections and other means of travel are still available to them. Waiting any longer will put visitors at risk of being unable to leave the country they are in, as numerous countries have introduced entry limits and airline companies have reduced flights. The restrictions vary from country to country.
- 3) Swiss citizens living in the United States of America are **NOT** mandated to return to Switzerland. The decision as to whether or not to travel to Switzerland is at your own discretion and your own personal responsibility. Dual citizens should be aware that U.S. citizens are required by law to enter and leave the United States with a U.S. passport <https://ch.usembassy.gov/u-s-citizen-services/passports/>.

In the United States, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention ([CDC](#)) and the World Health Organization ([WHO](#)) provide information, directives, and updates. The [FDFA Travel Advice](#) page offers travelers information about precautionary measures and possible risks.

The Consulate General of Switzerland in Atlanta is still operating at reduced capacity. Consular services will continue to be available for urgent and essential cases. In order to follow the recommended measures of social distancing, please limit your visits to the Consulate General to appointments that have been scheduled in advance. Please contact us by e-mail to schedule your appointment or visit our website at <https://www.eda.admin.ch/countries/usa/en/home/representations/embassy-washington/consulate-atlanta.html>.

Much remains unpredictable right now, but one thing is certain: this crisis will pass in due time. The United States and the other countries around the world will recover. Until then, please continue to follow all state and local authorities' recommendations and other measures to protect yourselves and others.

Stay safe!

Sincerely,

Peter Zimmerli
Consul General

Consulate General of Switzerland

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