



## Emergency Message for U.S. Citizens: Lima (Peru), Health Alert for Lima and Northern Provinces

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Peru's Ministry of Health has released an alert recommending that all visitors and residents stay off the country's beaches from Lima to the northern border as they investigate the deaths of hundreds of pelicans and dolphins. The Directorate General of Environmental Health (DIGESA) is performing an inspection and requested the public refrain from going to the beaches until the alert is lifted. The Ministry also requested that any government personnel that are involved in the picking up of dead marine species take safety precautions, including the use of gloves and masks.

You can stay in touch and get Embassy updates by checking the Embassy Lima website. Up-to-date information on security can also be obtained by calling 1-888-407-4747 toll-free in the United States and Canada or, for callers outside the United States and Canada, by calling the regular toll line at 1-202-501-4444. These numbers are available from 8:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. Eastern Time, Monday through Friday (except U.S. federal holidays).

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The U.S. Consular Agency in Cusco, Peru, can be found at Avenida Pardo 845, Cusco. The office can be reached by phone at (51) 984-621-369 or (5184) 231-474, and is open Monday through Friday, excluding U.S. and Peruvian holidays, 8:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. For any emergencies involving U.S. citizens, please contact the American Citizens Services (ACS) Unit of the U.S. Embassy's Consular Section, located in Monterrico, a suburb of Lima, at Avenida La Encalada, Block Seventeen; telephone 51-1-618-2000 during business hours (8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.) or for after-hours emergencies; website at <http://lima.usembassy.gov/>. The Consular Section is open for emergency services, including registration, from 8:00 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. weekdays, excluding U.S. and Peruvian holidays. Non-emergency services are provided by appointment only.



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