

Dear Rome spring semester students,

Your safety and welfare are very important to us here at the University, and that is what prompted us to make the difficult decision to cancel your spring study abroad program in Rome.

As you return to the United States, we want to make you aware that the University has released guidance and requirements from Student Health Services. This process affects all travelers who are returning from countries with elevated [travel health notices](#) from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention due to COVID-19 (novel coronavirus). Please know that these actions are being taken in an abundance of caution to protect the health of the UD community and to assist in preventing the spread of the COVID-19 on and near our campuses.

University of Delaware requirements

While you will not be physically returning to campus for courses, if you plan to return to campus for any reason (to visit friends, attend RSO meetings, utilize the library, etc.) you must complete a 14-day quarantine period before doing so.

Students returning from John Cabot University in Rome should plan to return to their family's home and isolate themselves from others while monitoring for signs and symptoms of illness as described below. You should take these actions even if you feel healthy.

Student Health Services guidance for home quarantine

- Separate yourself from other people and animals in your home.
- Wear a facemask when you are around other people or pets.
- Cover your mouth and nose with a tissue when you cough or sneeze; wash your hands afterward with soap and water or use an alcohol-based sanitizer.
- Clean your hands often with soap and water or with an alcohol-based sanitizer; use soap and water preferentially if your hands are visibly dirty.
- Avoid sharing personal household items.
- Clean “high-touch” surfaces daily with a household cleaning spray or wipe.
- Monitor your health and if you develop a fever, cough or feel short of breath, call your health care provider **BEFORE** seeking in-person care.

Guidance for household members during quarantine

- Help your student with basic needs in terms of food, medications, and other personal items.
- Stay in another room or be separated from the patient as much as possible; use a separate bedroom and bathroom if possible.
- Prohibit visitors without an *essential* need from coming into the home.
- Household members should care for any pets.
- Clean your hands often with soap and water or with an alcohol-based sanitizer; use soap and water preferentially if your hands are visibly dirty.
- Avoid touching eyes, nose and mouth with unwashed hands.
- The student and household members should wear disposable facemasks when in the same room; throw masks away after using them.
- Avoid sharing household items with the student.
- Clean “high-touch” surfaces with a cleaning spray or wipe.
- Wash laundry thoroughly: use disposable gloves while handling; wash hands with soap and water or an alcohol-based sanitizer after removing gloves.

In addition, it is important that UD know your whereabouts during this evolving situation. If you have already arrived back in the U.S. and have not yet contacted us, please confirm your arrival by emailing studyabroad@udel.edu.

If you are still abroad, please take the following steps:

1. Rebook your flight to return to the U.S. as soon as possible. For assistance with travel arrangements, students may contact Concur World Travel at 800-221-4730.
2. Let us know your travel plans by emailing studyabroad@udel.edu.
3. KEEP YOUR REBOOKING RECEIPT for later reimbursement by UD. *UD will reimburse for a standard economy ticket.* We will be in touch at a later time with instructions for how reimbursement will take place.

All students must also complete the “Temporary Leave Form” found in your MyJCU portal.

Once the 14-day period of self-monitoring lapses, you are welcome to return to campus if you would like. Housing options can be made available. Please contact 302-831-HOME for details.

Thank you for your anticipated cooperation with the University’s expectations during this time, and we will alert you if there are any updates to this information.

Sincerely,

Lisa Chieffo
Interim Director
Institute for Global Studies

Timothy Dowling, D.O
Director/ Physician
Student Health Services