



Dear Students,

As you are aware, the Institute for Global Studies continues to closely monitor the evolution of the novel (new) coronavirus, known as COVID-19. As always, your health and safety remain our top priorities.

**Here are a few important updates:**

1. **On March 11**, U.S. President Donald Trump issued an update to his [presidential proclamation](#) suspending the entry of immigrants and nonimmigrants who pose a risk of transmitting the 2019 novel coronavirus. *While this proclamation now extends to the Schengen Area (comprising 26 European states), it does not apply to U.S. citizens or permanent residents.* Please note that the situation remains fluid, and we anticipate that U.S. citizens and permanent residents returning to the U.S. may be subject to inspections or examinations.
2. **On March 11**, the U.S. State Department also issued a [Global Level 3 Health Advisory](#), advising all U.S. citizens to reconsider travel abroad.
3. Today, **March 12**, the Centers for Disease Control & Prevention (CDC) issued a [Level 3 Warning](#) for most of Europe, and advised all U.S. citizens to avoid all non-essential travel to affected countries.

IGS is working closely with our campus and international partners to assess the feasibility of UD Study Abroad programs on a case-by-case basis, including opportunities for online learning. If UD decides to cancel a study abroad program, we will communicate directly with affected students and their emergency contacts.

**The University [strongly discourages](#) free-time international travel.** If you do choose to travel outside of your host community, please register your planned trip in the [Drum-Cussac system](#).

In the meantime, you should remain cautious, [practice good health and hygiene](#) and monitor your UD email regularly for updates. You should also follow recommendations from your host institution and [sign up for email alerts for your host location\(s\)](#).

It is natural to experience some anxiety during this time, even if you are feeling physically healthy. Remember that UD's Helpline is available to you 24/7, even while you are abroad: 302-831-1001.

You are a valued member of our community, and we are here to support you. For updates on the University's response to COVID-19, please visit the [UD website](#). Should you have any questions, please do not hesitate to [contact our office](#).

Sincerely,

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