

**Wednesday, March 11, 2020**  
**9:45 PM (CST)**

Dear Students:

This message is most relevant for an imminent decision students in **France, Ireland, Spain** and the **United Kingdom** must make, students in other locations are urged to watch the news closely and consider their own plans.

Just a few moments ago, President Donald Trump announced sweeping new travel restrictions on Europe. The new rules will go into effect at midnight on Friday, March 13, 2020. These restrictions include, among other things, the **suspension of all travel from Europe to the United States for 30 days**. He also announced that "**Americans who have undergone appropriate screenings**" and travelers from the **United Kingdom will be exempted** from this restriction.

This means that you have a **small window of opportunity to return before that 30 day restriction is in effect**.

If you choose to return before this European travel restriction is in place, we recommend you:

- call your airline (remain on hold - don't hang up if they tell you there is a long wait...).
- If at all possible, while you are waiting on the phone to speak with an agent, access the airline page online and log on to your account. Use your ticket number to see your flight reservation and then find the "Change Trip" link (most airlines use similar language, but there may be some variations). We have heard from other recent travelers that when you book online there isn't an option to request a ticket change fee waiver
- Depending on which method works quicker, book your change of flight and **don't hang up or log off until you have a confirmation number for your return flight**.
- Book your flight to return to your home city in case you are asked to self-quarantine by your home state health authorities. Nebraska has not confirmed that would be the case here.
- Once you have your flight confirmation, make sure you inform your host program that you are departing.
- Arrive to your departure flight **early**. Expect additional security and health screenings in your study abroad country as well as upon arrival in the United States.

Finally, please let us know your plans to return or to stay in your host city as soon as possible. Email [LizzyCurran@creighton.edu](mailto:LizzyCurran@creighton.edu) or [KellyOHanlon@creighton.edu](mailto:KellyOHanlon@creighton.edu).

**Before you return to campus**, please visit the GEO website at <http://www.creighton.edu/geo/coronavirus/> to see if there any additional requirements the Nebraska Department of Health and Human Services has asked us to put in place.

As I indicated in my message yesterday, your host institutions have indicated they are proceeding with plans and intend to operate as usual although with precautions. Your host institutions will no doubt be communicating with you shortly as well. At this time we do not have a sense of how they might assist with educational plans so we will continue to pursue this question with them.

We look forward to hearing from you as soon as you are able.

Dr. Padilla

PS: Student emergency contacts have been blind copied on this message

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