

March 12, 2020
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Dear Creighton Students Abroad:

This message is an update and requires **immediate action**. Please read it thoroughly.

On March 11, 2020, President Donald Trump announced broad travel restrictions from travelers from European countries within the Schengen Area. The [U.S. Department of Homeland Security](#) clarified the ban does not include U.S. citizens or permanent residents from returning to the United States.

Later, the U.S. Department of State announced a [Global Level 3 Health Advisory: Reconsider Travel](#). The U.S. Centers for Disease Control issued a [Warning Level 3: Avoid Nonessential Travel](#) alert for Europe.

ACTION:

Therefore, and in accordance with Creighton [University's Travel Policy](#), we have requested that all students currently studying abroad or participating in other curricular and non-curricular programs return to the United States immediately.

Students are asked to ***return to their home address*** rather than to the Omaha campus. Their home states may have implemented screening and monitoring procedures for COVID-19 disease, so they are advised to check with their home state's Department of Health. A list for all States is available [HERE](#).

Many of you have already contacted us with a request you be permitted to remain in your host country to complete your academic term. The unpredictability of the unfolding pandemic and of strategies various countries are instituting to contain the COVID-19 disease make it impossible for us to be reasonably reassured students will have the needed academic, personal and emergency services to complete their studies abroad.

WAIVER:

Therefore, **if you make the decision with your family that you wish to stay against our recommendation, we will accept the attached waiver**. The Global Engagement Office will continue working with you throughout your stay abroad, but cannot guarantee that your host institution will not request you depart sometime in the near future.

ACADEMIC PLAN COMPLETION:

We are in communication with your study abroad university and **will post their updated plans for completion on our centralized [website](#)**. Creighton University will seek to assist you in completing your studies in an alternative format at your host institution first. When that is not possible, Creighton University will work with each student to identify course options within Spring 2020 Term 2 or Summer 2020 **up** to 18 credit hours combined (total).

TRAVEL PLANS:

Finally, please let us know your plans to return or to stay in your host city as soon as possible. Email LizzyCurran@creighton.edu or 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.

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