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Hello GO Long students and emergency contacts,

We wanted to check in again regarding coronavirus (COVID-19). We know that most of you are also receiving updates from your host university/program provider. Please follow the advice of your host university/program provider, as well as any additional rules enacted. We have a dedicated section of our website that is being updated with FAQs and information from GO: <http://go.susqu.edu/?go=covid19> .

Weekend Travel

GO highly recommends that you do not travel on weekends due to the increased spread of the virus throughout Europe.

The coronavirus situation is extremely fluid, and we have no idea when additional countries will place additional border restrictions and/or quarantine requirements on travelers. This is up to each government individually and may impact you returning to your program site. The governments have already started updating their travel advisories frequently, and they can be quite restrictive.

Program Completion

We understand that you, and your family, may have differing thoughts regarding how you would like to proceed with the semester. We will support your decision.

Students can choose to return home from their GO program at any time. At this point in the semester, you have been there long enough to have fulfilled the GO requirement itself.

However, you must inform your program directly of your decision to leave the program and work with them on appropriate steps for departure. This is especially important since your program may be working on alternative options for you to receive credit. SU does not control the credits issued by the program. We can help facilitate conversations, but you need to initiate the decision to leave and inform program and GO of your decision. Additionally, you would also need to work directly with the airline or booking agency with whom you booked your flights to change your return date.

Reminders

We have included the following information in previous messages but wanted to include them again:

- EXERCISE INCREASED CAUTION as this is a quickly-changing situation
- If you do travel: BE PREPARED for possible delays – bring extra glasses/contacts, medicine, phone chargers, and clothing in case you get delayed on your travels or encounter possible delays.
- PRACTICE safe hygiene
 - WASH your hands frequently, use an alcohol-based HAND SANITIZER.
 - Cough/sneeze into your sleeve or a tissue, dispose of used tissues appropriately.
 - Clean surfaces with disinfectants regularly.
 - Avoid close contact with people who show flu-like symptoms.
- If you have flu symptoms (fever, cough, difficulty breathing), to contact local health authorities via phone and wait for information while self-quarantine. Please also contact your on-site director via phone.

While most of our communications lately have been in regards to coronavirus, I did want to also remind you of general safety at this time. Please travel together, remain vigilant of your surroundings and limit your use of alcohol. Additional reminders:

- Be aware of your surroundings
- Keep a low profile
- Pay attention to local news reports
- Stay alert (especially in locations frequented by tourists)
- Know the emergency numbers
- Know the location and emergency numbers for the US embassy
- Remember topics reviewed during Health and Safety:
 - Situational Awareness
 - Avoid wearing items identifying you as an American, college student, etc.
 - Risk reduction techniques and skills
- [Review country information](#) for your location
- Enroll in the US [Smart Traveler Enrollment Program](#)

If you have any questions or concerns, please let us know.

Best,

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