

Dear students studying abroad outside of Europe,

Susquehanna students study abroad all over the world, and we recognize the current coronavirus situation has impacted various parts of the world differently.

Yesterday, the US State Department enacted a global travel advisory Level 3: Avoidance of Nonessential Travel, due to escalation in the number of COVID-19 cases. Additionally, they suggested that travel from Europe may become restricted in the very near future.

All of this may seem remote to you, depending on where you are, and we understand that most of your study abroad programs continue to operate as planned. However, since GO policy is that we do not permit travel to countries with a Level 3 travel advisories, we need to share this information with you and ask you to consider traveling home to the US.

Decision to Stay:

You may choose to stay. If you do, we have to ask you sign a waiver stating that you accept responsibility for this decision. If you do sign the waiver and stay, you will still continue to receive your financial aid and be able to transfer credit.

Please be in contact with your on-site staff to confirm that your program remains open.

We will continue to be in communication with you and to answer any questions we can. If you would like to discuss this further to understand what this means, please be in touch with us as soon as possible and we can talk about these options.

Decision to Leave:

If you do leave, 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. Some of your host institutions have options to complete coursework online. We can help facilitate conversations, but you need to initiate the decision to leave and inform program and GO of your decision.

You would also need to work directly with the airline or booking agency with whom you booked your flights to change your return date.

It is important that you do not leave without talking with your program on-site.

At this point you have been at your program long enough to have completed the cross-cultural experience requirement. We realize that some of you have only been at your program location for a few weeks.

We are disappointed by these events, and we are sure that you are as well. Please let us know what concerns you may have and what you would like to do.

Best,

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