

Dear Arts of Italy students and emergency contacts,

As you may have seen or heard, over the weekend the US Center for Disease Control (CDC) and the US State Department increased the travel advisory for Italy to Level 3, Avoidance of Nonessential Travel, due to escalation in the number of COVID-19 cases in that country.

With this rapidly evolving situation and the US State Department and CDC's new travel advisories, we have decided to postpone the Summer 2020 Arts of Italy program.

We are as disappointed about this situation as we are sure that many of you are - and we have made this difficult decision on the basis of what we feel is in the best interest of your personal health and wellbeing.

GO, the Arts of Italy program directors, and our on-site providers have worked together to able to offer this program over winter break (2020/2021), assuming the travel advisories are decreased below the current Level 3. As completion of the GO program is part of your academic requirements here at Susquehanna, our primary goal is to keep you on track for graduation while maintaining your health and safety.

Please reply to this message indicating your whether or not you would like to keep your spot on the program when it travels over winter break.

As the COVID-19 situation remains fluid, we understand that many of you, and your parents, are concerned about the impact as the virus continues to expand globally. We are actively monitoring information about travel restrictions and health policies in the countries where we operate, are evaluating response plans and engaging with institutional partners regarding protocols.

If you would like to meet with the GO office, you can set up an appointment via:
<http://go.susqu.edu/?go=shane>

Best,

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