College of Charleston Institutional Guidance Regarding International and Domestic Travel Due to Coronavirus (COVID-19) Outbreak:

In response to the worldwide outbreak of COVID-19, the College of Charleston is following the guidance and recommendations provided by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) as it relates to international travel. The following guidelines are designed to ensure the health, safety and welfare of the College of Charleston community, including students, faculty and staff.

Please be aware: additional travel restrictions may be imposed by foreign governments, airlines may cancel flights and the CDC may designate affected countries as Level 3. This volatile, rapidly evolving public health situation may lead to border closings, travel bans and the risk of travelers being forced to remain in a country/region. For those traveling internationally, access to adequate medical care may be restricted or not available in your host country, should you choose to remain.

INTERNATIONAL TRAVEL

- When the CDC issues a Level 3 Travel Advisory for a location, the College of Charleston will strongly recommend that all of its students, faculty and staff in impacted areas return to the United States. For the most up-to-date information from the CDC for travel advisories related to the Coronavirus, click [here](#).

- All College-sponsored international travel for faculty, staff, students and incoming visitors who have not yet departed has been cancelled for the remainder of the spring 2020 semester.* Exceptions to this institutional directive will be handled case by case, and an exemption must be approved by the appropriate division head in coordination with the President’s Office.

- College of Charleston students, faculty or staff returning from countries under a CDC Level 3 Travel Advisory must self-quarantine off-campus for 14 days before they can return to campus and could be subject to assessment by state health officials. The College will work with all returning students to attempt to maintain their academic progress.
Supervisors, working in conjunction with Office of Human Resources, will provide guidance to faculty and staff affected by these self-quarantining measures.

- Personal international travel to countries/regions under CDC Level 3 is strongly discouraged.

- All non-essential international travel by students, faculty and staff is strongly discouraged.

DOMESTIC AND PERSONAL SPRING BREAK TRAVEL/ACCOMMODATIONS
- As the COVID-19 outbreak has been reported in several U.S. states, the College encourages students, faculty and staff to find alternate means of conducting their studies and business associated with non-essential travel.

- At this time, the College has no plans to alter its academic calendar or cancel any spring events on campus.

- Students living on campus who wish to avoid travel over spring break may remain on campus.

- The College encourages all faculty, staff and students to consider their own health status and exercise caution and judgment in planning any travel. Check the CDC [here](https://www.cdc.gov) for the latest information as you plan a trip or before you embark.

*If students are advised to return and they choose to remain in that location, they must sign and submit an [Acknowledgment of Full Assumption of All Risks and Waiver of Liability form](https://www.example.com). Students who choose to remain in an overseas location after being asked by the College to return cannot be guaranteed support from the College.*