

Communication to Purdue-WL Students (March 2, 2020 noon)

We are mindful that current news regarding the spread of the COVID-19 (coronavirus) is causing concern for Purdue students currently studying abroad in many different countries (plus those anticipating the same). As of this writing, Purdue-WL has suspended upcoming study abroad programs (through and including summer) in China, Italy, Japan, and South Korea. This is based, in part, on CDC and U.S. State Department elevated travel advisories related to COVID-19 (coronavirus).

As we continue to actively gather updated information, and in the absence of any specific change in conditions elsewhere, we will continue with programs as planned.

Student health and safety remains our very highest priority. As the overall situation continues to evolve, we urge students (in the US and around the world) to exercise optimal preventative measures including [precautions issued by the CDC](#) (similar to annual flu prevention measures). Likewise, students abroad should consider their own weekend and break travel plans with regards to the spread of the virus.

As always, students on study abroad programs are also urged to communicate with local leadership about additional advice relative to their particular program. Even as Senior Leadership at Purdue will announce periodic updates, we expect all students to continue to take advantage of their planned study abroad experiences.