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Dear [individual student names deleted for post] ,

Greetings from the Office of Programs for Study Abroad. Purdue has been closely monitoring the situation worldwide regarding the COVID-19 outbreak. For you, as an exchange student at a university in Colombia, the multiple and changing aspects of uncertainty undoubtedly feel stressful.

We are aware that Colombian government officials, along with others across South America, are considering measures to reduce the spread. This may move toward a Colombia travel ban on travel by air, land and sea. If yes, we trust that while this ban would not prevent foreign nationals from leaving Colombia, it would nonetheless cause the halt of incoming flights to Colombia. Thus there would be a scarcity, if not temporary suspension, of available outgoing flights.

For these reasons, and in conjunction with the Dean of International Programs as well as the Provost of Purdue University, we are strongly encouraging you to depart Colombia and return home. We understand that your respective institutions are planning to move to on-line course delivery to the extent possible so that we are hopeful you will be able to continue your studies from the U.S.

Please let me know your decision in writing as soon as possible. Thank for your perseverance during these times.

Sincerely,
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