Requirements and Guidance for UW International Travel Due to COVID-19

Dear UW Campus Members:

The reporting that 2019 Novel Coronavirus (COVID-19) is now present in numerous countries has understandably disrupted peace of mind regarding international travel. There have always been risks related to any travel – both domestic and abroad. The University of Wyoming has always been committed to minimizing these risks. **It is important to know that as of this date, no cases of coronavirus have been identified in Wyoming and that University of Wyoming remains vigilant about the health and safety of our campus.**

The university is working closely with local and state public health officials, and follows guidance from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) to address infectious disease and other public health concerns on campus. As a result, the guidance is provided below for our campus community:

**Students:** University travel to any country with a U.S. Department of State “Do Not Travel” warning (Level 4) or a CDC “Avoid Nonessential Travel” (Level 3) **due to COVID-19** is not permitted as of March 1. Thus, university travel to or via China, South Korea, Iran and Italy is prohibited. Summer term study-abroad programs to China and South Korea have been canceled. As this situation remains dynamic, all other faculty-directed summer programs should work with the Education Abroad Office for program approval. For more information regarding the impact of coronavirus (COVID-19) on Education Abroad programs, please contact uwyoabd@uwyo.edu.

**Faculty, Staff, and Scholars:** University travel to any country with a State Department “Do Not Travel” warning (Level 4) or a CDC “Avoid Nonessential Travel” (Level 3) **due to COVID-19** requires express pre-approval from the university president. This approval can be sought by completing the Heightened Risk Travel Request Form. Currently, approval is required for university travel to or via China, South Korea, Iran and Italy due to COVID-19.

The University of Wyoming is instructing all community members returning to the United States from mainland China, South Korea, Iran and Italy to self-isolate for 14 days. Any individual who may have been in contact with someone who has been infected by COVID-19 or who exhibits symptoms consistent with COVID-19 infection should also self-isolate. The university will work with students to minimize disruptions to their academic progress during the isolation period.

It is important to remember that COVID-19 appears to impact most seriously those over the age of 60, those who are chronically ill and those with respiratory diseases. So far, it has many fewer life-threatening consequences on young children, teens and young adults. This is an evolving situation, and we appreciate you using the provided resources to assess specific areas of travel.

A top prevention strategy is to keep your hands clean and limit touching your face. Take a moment to review these videos for helpful tips:

- [How to properly wash your hands with soap and water](#)
• **How to wash your hands with hand sanitizer.**

UW’s interdepartmental task force is diligently monitoring events worldwide to try to anticipate and prepare for potential changes. Here are some essential resources for global travel alerts and warnings to visit before you travel abroad:

• [U.S. Department of State](#)
• [European Centre for Disease Prevention and Control](#)
• [Centers for Disease Control and Prevention](#)
• [World Health Organization](#)

Thank you!

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