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COVID-19 Update: Public Health Alert Regarding Travel from Europe

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Dear Members of the Georgetown University Community,

I am writing today to provide an update regarding the coronavirus outbreak.

Following the release of [new federal guidance](#) for those who have recently traveled to the United States from Europe, “Travelers returning from the specified countries in Europe **must** stay home for 14 days after returning from travel, monitor their health, and practice social distancing.” **No one returning from any of these countries—including student, faculty, staff or visitor—should come to campus before completing at least a 14-day self quarantine in an off-campus residence.**

This guidance applies to all countries designated as Level 3 by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention due to COVID-19. Newly designated countries now include Austria, Belgium, Czech Republic, Denmark, Estonia, Finland, France, Germany, Greece, Hungary, Iceland, Italy, Latvia, Liechtenstein, Lithuania, Luxembourg, Malta, Netherlands, Norway, Poland, Portugal, Slovakia, Slovenia, Spain, Sweden, Switzerland, Monaco, San Marino, and Vatican City.

As a reminder, all university-sponsored travel has been suspended for faculty, staff and students until further notice, and beginning Monday, March 16, the university is moving to a virtual learning environment and, as a consequence, is also moving to an operating status of a telework flexible environment.

Please refer to Georgetown's [travel guidance on our website](#).

We know that we have many members of our community with friends and family members who may be impacted by the virus. We encourage anyone who might need support to reach out to university resources, including the [Office of Campus Ministry](#), [Counseling and Psychiatric Services \(CAPS\)](#) and [Faculty and Staff Assistance Program \(FSAP\)](#).

Thank you for your patience and cooperation as we work through this evolving public health emergency. You can find all university updates, [answers to frequently asked questions](#) and other resources related to coronavirus on the [Georgetown University website](#).

Sincerely,

Vince WinklerPrins, MD, FAAFP

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