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TO: Chief Academic Officers and Senior International Officers
FROM: Tod Laursen, Provost and Senior Vice Chancellor
RE: Message to Students Returning Home from Study Abroad Programs

SUNY has determined that it is necessary to immediately cancel all remaining campus-administered study abroad programs for the 2020 spring semester in response to the ongoing spread of the novel coronavirus outbreak. This means that SUNY is instructing all program participants in all countries to return to New York or to their home in the US immediately.

Student returning from Center for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) defined, ***Level 1 countries will not be subject to a precautionary quarantine.***

As a reminder for countries with CDC Level 3 and Level 2 travel advisories, those returning students will be subject to a 14-day precautionary quarantine at home or at SUNY designated campuses.

These actions pertain to ongoing and planned programs taking place outside the United States. Students who elect to stay overseas in a locally administered and operated program must sign a release that will be forth coming.

Ensuring student safety and success is a priority for SUNY. Campuses and SUNY System Administration are actively working on course/credit recovery options for all students. SUNY is also working with Federal and State officials to understand their policy flexibilities to accommodate students with financial aid due to these exceptional circumstances.

Students should immediately contact their airline to rebook their return tickets home. Most international carriers have suspended change fees for rebooking of tickets.

All students should go to the URL below to provide information regarding their return. If a student needs assistance, please submit their request through this URL.

<https://www2.sysadm.suny.edu/studyabroadStudent/index.cfm>

If you have immediate questions, please email international.programs@suny.edu.