



The State University
of New York

Student Name: _____

Student ID #: _____

Date: _____

**STATE UNIVERSITY OF NEW YORK
ACKNOWLEDGMENT FOR EARLY RETURN FROM STUDY ABROAD PROGRAM**

PROGRAM LOCATION(S):

CAMPUS PROGRAM:

HOME CAMPUS:

SUMMARY OF KEY INFORMATION:

- 1) The State University of New York (“SUNY”) has determined that it is necessary to cancel the study abroad program that you are currently participating in due to health and safety concerns related to the COVID-19 (coronavirus) outbreak. Therefore, SUNY is instructing all current program participants to return to New York State immediately. This action is being taken, in part, pursuant to the “Study Abroad Release” document that you signed prior to participation in the program. Specifically, that release authorized SUNY to cancel the program at any time and to require the return of all participants to the United States. A copy of your signed Agreement and Acceptance of Risk for Study Away form can be obtained upon request.
- 2) The State of New York has determined that the safest and most effective manner to get SUNY students home is to charter planes which will provide free transport back to New York State from countries currently designated as a Level 2 or Level 3 travel risk by the U.S. Centers for Disease Control. Currently those countries include China, Iran, South Korea, Italy, and Japan. All arrangements will be made by and costs borne by the State of New York.
Initials Requested:
- 3) Upon your return to the United States, you will be given a quarantine order from the NYS Department of Health or a county Department of Health, which will require you to be isolated. This means that you will most likely be housed in a SUNY residence life facility (which may be in a different part of New York from your home campus) or in a self-quarantine at your permanent residence. **If you desire to self-quarantine at your permanent residence, please indicate by inserting your initials here ____.** Final determination regarding whether you will be allowed to self-quarantine will be made after screening at the NY Airport. Isolation will last as long as deemed necessary by medical experts—currently, this is about two weeks. Screening and medical monitoring will be conducted by SUNY, State and/or local health officials. SUNY and New York State will bear the cost of this process.
- 4) While SUNY is strongly recommending that you return to the United States immediately as a precaution and because your SUNY program will not continue, you do not need to return now; **however**, be advised that if you choose to remain in your current location, it is at your own risk and without SUNY involvement. You must make separate arrangements for your stay there. Your home or administering SUNY campus will work with you to ensure appropriate transfer of academic credit, if any, upon completion of your experience.

Further, if you do not follow SUNY’s instructions to return at this time, you will not be able to request reimbursement for any claim for travel or financial assistance currently being offered by SUNY and New York State. In addition, upon your eventual return to New York State, if the COVID-19 remains prevalent and your country of origin remains Level 2 or Level 3, you will be required to be isolated at a State-selected location by order of the NYS Department of Health, as set forth above.

5) If you choose to remain abroad, you should contact your insurance carriers providing health and repatriation coverage to determine if you can continue the coverage.

WHAT CONDITIONS APPLY TO THESE CHANGES AND MY DECISION TO RETURN OR STAY?

The Agreement and Acceptance of Risk for Study Away that you executed prior to your participation in the program remains in effect. Therefore, you released SUNY, its officers, trustees, employees, and agents from any and all liability, damage or claim of damages to or loss of your property, personal illness or injury, or death while participating in this program. This would include any issues that may arise in connection with the COVID-19 outbreak, including the quarantine.

If you decline to return to New York State at this time, you are freely assuming any risk associated with or arising out of traveling, studying, conducting research, engaging in community service, participating in activities, and living abroad, including potential exposure to COVID-19.

WHY ARE THESE CHANGES TAKING PLACE?

First, this is a protocol we are adopting at the advice of public health officials with your welfare as our top priority. Also, SUNY study abroad programs in the countries most impacted by COVID-19 are being cancelled and arrangements are being made to transport all willing students and staff to New York State, where they will begin a period of quarantine, either at a SUNY residence life facility or at your home, in accordance with the determination to be made regarding the location of your quarantine. This process will allow for containment of those who may have been exposed from the SUNY campuses and communities, which have not been exposed.

HOW DO I AGREE TO PARTICIPATE IN THE RETURN?

Representatives from SUNY will be in touch directly in order to finalize return arrangements.

I ACKNOWLEDGE RECEIPT OF THIS NOTICE AND UNDERSTAND THE TERMS AND CONDITIONS ABOVE WHICH I ACCEPT:

Date/Time	Signature of Student	Print Name of Student
Date/Time	Signature of Parent or Legal Guardian ¹	Relationship to Student
Date/Time	Signature of Campus Designee	Print Name of Campus Designee

¹ Signature of custodial parent or legal guardian is required for minors.