

**International Travel Oversight Committee**

January 29, 2020

To WashU International Travelers:

As of January 29, 2020, the International Travel Oversight Committee (ITOC) Executive Body is implementing a travel suspension condition for all travel to mainland China as a result of the Novel Coronavirus outbreak. This is in accordance with the [Centers for Disease Control Warning – Level 3, Avoid Nonessential Travel health notice](#) for mainland China, the [U.S. Department of State’s Level 3 Travel Advisory: Reconsider Travel](#) for mainland China, and the [university’s international travel policy](#).

This is an expansion of the travel suspension condition dated January 24, 2020, pertaining to the Hubei Province. This travel suspension condition will be re-evaluated by the ITOC Executive Body when the Centers for Disease Control and/ or U.S. Department of State change the level of their respective travel advisories.

Travel suspension conditions pertain to university-sponsored and university-supported travel. Per the university’s international travel policy, a travel suspension condition indicates the following:

- The university will not fund, award credit for, or otherwise sponsor or support travel by any student to or through any country or region for which a travel suspension condition applies, unless approved by the ITOC Executive Body.
- Faculty and staff are strongly cautioned against, but not prohibited from, traveling to or remaining in countries or regions for which a Travel Suspension Condition applies.
- Faculty or staff traveling with university funding to pursue research, study or other university-related business in a country for which a Travel Suspension Condition applies are required to (i) submit a Travel Proposal to the ITOC Executive Body seeking permission to travel to the country; (ii) notify their Dean (or designate), Chair, or supervisor; and (iii) provide all travel, lodging and contact information by entering their travel into the MyTrips International Travel Registry no less than 3 weeks prior to departure.

For additional details regarding these definitions and university travel suspension conditions please visit: <https://global.wustl.edu/resources/international-travel-policy/>

If you traveled to China in the last 14 days **and** feel sick with fever, cough, or difficulty breathing, you should:

- Seek medical care right away. Before you go to a doctor’s office or emergency room, call ahead and tell them about your recent travel and your symptoms.
  - While Abroad: International SOS,+1-215-942-8478
  - Students returning to campus: Habif Health and Wellness Center, 314-935-6677
  - Faculty and Staff returning to campus: Your primary care physician or the BJH Emergency Room, 314-362-9104
- Avoid contact with others.
- Do not travel while sick.



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- Cover your mouth and nose with a tissue or your sleeve (not your hands) when coughing or sneezing.
- Wash hands often with soap and water for at least 20 seconds. Use an alcohol-based hand sanitizer if soap and water are not available.

All travelers, domestic and international, should be aware that [precautions are being instituted](#) at major transportation hubs throughout Asia and in major U.S. cities. Be advised that traveling with a fever from an unrelated condition could result in increased screenings and other issues.

As always, all university-affiliated international travel must be registered with the university's travel registry, [MyTrips](#). Registering your itinerary will automatically subscribe you to alerts from International SOS with the most current information for your registered location.

This is a complex and evolving situation, which we will continue to monitor closely and actively. More information about the coronavirus can be found through the CDC [here](#). Updates to university international travel guidance will be provided as available. WashU places the highest priority on our travelers' safety and security. Please contact [itoc@wustl.edu](mailto:itoc@wustl.edu) with any additional questions about current or future travel. Questions related to health or healthcare should be directed to medical professionals.