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 with any additional questions about current or future travel. Questions related to health or healthcare should be directed to medical professionals.