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Dear Washington University community,

With spring break quickly approaching, we know many of you likely have travel plans. As the outbreak of novel coronavirus (COVID-19) continues to develop, and with your health and safety as our highest priority, we would like to strongly encourage you to think carefully about the risks of traveling internationally and to other cities and states where there is widespread transmission of COVID-19 at this time. The situation is changing quickly, and while a number of countries have imposed restrictions on international travel as of today, the list of locations that are impacted could change at any time. Locations that are not included today, could very well have restrictions in place tomorrow, creating difficulties as you travel and ultimately return to St. Louis. Your ability to return to campus and complete your academic program could be impacted as well.

We’ll continue to share updates and new information on the university’s COVID-19 information page, and you also can check the CDC website for the latest developments.

Please carefully consider whether now is a good time to travel, in particular to international destinations and other locations where COVID-19 is widespread. Not only may there be a risk to your personal health, but we all need to do our part to help slow or contain the spread of this virus, especially for members of our community who are at an elevated risk of serious medical issues.

We appreciate your attention to this important matter.

Sincerely,

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