Dear Members of the UNH Community,

We continue to monitor the global outbreak of the coronavirus (COVID-19) and to plan for a broad range of contingencies. This is a rapidly changing situation and university officials including our medical staff and emergency management professionals are in constant contact with state and federal authorities for the latest information. We want to share the following updates and information as we approach spring break and travel for the remainder of the semester.

The U.S. Department of State has just increased the travel advisory for Italy to Level 3: *Reconsider Travel*. We have 96 students studying in Italy and are working closely with them and their families to support their travel and study arrangements. UNH policy prohibits student travel and activities in countries and areas that the U.S. Department of State rates as Level 3: *Reconsider Travel* or Level 4: *Do Not Travel*. Accordingly, we have directed all students in Italy to depart by March 5. We are making arrangements for students to finish the semester online.

In addition to China, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) now recommends that travelers avoid all nonessential travel to South Korea, Italy and Iran. There is a *State Dept. Level 4: Do Not Travel* advisory for China. According to the CDC, travelers from China will undergo health screening upon arrival in the U.S. Travelers with signs and symptoms of illness (fever, cough or difficulty breathing) will have an additional health assessment. Travelers who have been in China during the past 14 days, including U.S. citizens or residents, will be required to enter through specific airports and participate in monitoring by health officials for 14 days. Some travelers could have their movement restricted or be asked to limit their contact with others until the 14-day period has ended.

As a reminder, UNH travelers going abroad on university-related activities *must* register their trip in the [International Travel Registry](https://internationaltravel.unh.edu). Registering ensures you are enrolled in the university’s international insurance program and automatically receive health and safety alerts for your destination. There are currently no recommended restrictions on travel within the U.S., but this is an emerging situation. For all travel we recommend reviewing information from the [U.S. State Department](https://travel.state.gov) and the [CDC](https://www.cdc.gov).

Regardless of your destination, you should not be traveling if you are sick. Many airports have health screenings. Travelers could run the risk of additional health assessments, health monitoring, restricted movements or limited contact with others. We encourage everyone to monitor the latest news from trusted health sources. These include the [Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC)](https://www.cdc.gov) and [UNH Health & Wellness](https://wellness.unh.edu).
The safety and well-being of every member of our campus community is our top priority. Have a restful and enjoyable break.

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