



A MESSAGE FROM

THE DIVISION OF STUDENT AFFAIRS

Dear Study Abroad Students,

I want to provide you with an update on the coronavirus and how it may impact your study abroad situation. Your safety is our highest priority. We have been monitoring the situation on an hour-by-hour basis and are now making the following recommendations:

For Students in South Korea and Italy

We strongly recommend that students studying in South Korea and Italy return home. The following Mercy staff are available 24-hours a day to assist you with the process of returning home and to address your questions and concerns:

- Bogdana Vladescu, Sr. Director of International Student Services by email (bvladescu@mercy.edu) and WHATSAPP (914-839-0082).
- Raj Kumar, Executive Director of Student Success by email (rkumar@mercy.edu) and WHATSAPP (914-400-3827).

For All Other Students Studying Abroad

We recommend that all other students studying abroad continue to monitor the situation. If you are studying abroad and want to return home or have any questions, please contact:

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Mercy College will continue to monitor the situation in all countries where students are studying abroad. We encourage you to be vigilant and to stay informed of the latest developments. The following websites may be resources for you:

- **U.S. Department of State:** <https://travel.state.gov/content/travel/en/international-travel/before-you-go/crisis-abroad--be-ready.html>
- **Centers for Disease Control (CDC):** <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/index.html>
- **World Health Organization:** <https://www.who.int/emergencies/diseases/novel-coronavirus-2019>

Sincerely,

Kevin Joyce -Vice President of Student Affairs