

Dear Study Abroad Students,

Mercy College is following advisories published by the [U.S. Department of State](#) and the [Centers for Disease Control and Prevention \(CDC\)](#) regarding the outbreak of the coronavirus (COVID-19), first identified in Wuhan, Hubei Province, China. Our goal is to keep an open dialogue with everyone potentially impacted, and our staff is working closely with regional health authorities to stay abreast of ongoing changes. The health and safety of our community are our top priorities and we encourage our students studying or traveling abroad to be vigilant and to stay informed of the latest developments.

We will try to keep you up to date on information as it becomes available. Below is information as of today:

South Korea:

- For students currently studying in South Korea, the start of term has been delayed at Korea University and Yonsei University until March 16.
- The following organizations are updating their websites on an ongoing basis:
 - U.S. Department of State – <https://travel.state.gov/content/travel/en/international-travel/International-Travel-Country-Information-Pages/SouthKorea.html>
 - Centers for Disease Control and Prevention - <https://wwwnc.cdc.gov/travel/notices/warning/coronavirus-south-korea>

Italy:

- For students currently studying in Italy, classes have been suspended at Università Cattolica del Sacro Cuore in Italy, until March 2.
- The following organizations are updating their websites on an ongoing basis:
 - U.S. Department of State - <https://travel.state.gov/content/travel/en/international-travel/International-Travel-Country-Information-Pages/Italy.html#/>
 - Centers for Disease Control and Prevention - <https://wwwnc.cdc.gov/travel/notices/alert/coronavirus-italy>

Other Countries:

We understand that other countries could be impacted moving forward and we encourage all study abroad students planning to travel internationally to visit the U.S. Department of State and the Centers for Disease Control (CDC) websites for updates.

- <https://travel.state.gov/content/travel/en/international-travel/before-you-go/crisis-abroad--be-ready.html>
- <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/index.html>

If you have questions or concerns Bogdana Vladescu, Sr. Director of International Student Services, is available to answer questions and explore options. She can be reached at bvladescu@mercy.edu, or (914) 674-7697.

Sincerely,



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