Announcement Regarding Ebola and Student Travel Abroad for University-Related Purposes:

The University of Virginia is monitoring events related to the outbreak of Ebola Virus Disease (EVD) in parts of West Africa. Due to this outbreak, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) has issued the following Travel Warning: “Nonessential travel to Guinea, Liberia and Sierra Leone should be avoided”. The U.S. Department of State has also issued a Travel Alert on Potential Implications for Travel Because of Ebola in Parts of West Africa.

Given the severity of Ebola in West Africa, the CDC and U.S. Department of State Travel Warnings for several countries in West Africa, and the University’s policy on student travel to countries under a Travel Warning, UVa students are not allowed to travel for study abroad, research, internships, service, conferences, presentations, teaching, performances, recruiting or athletic competitions in the West African nations under the CDC and/or U.S. Department of State Travel Warnings.

Any exception to this restriction on student travel will require an application for an exemption per the guidelines in the University’s Policy on Student Travel.

UVa students who are contemplating travel to one of the affected countries for personal reasons should consult with staff at the Elson Student Health Center, +1 (434) 924 5362. Additionally, any students who have recently traveled to any of the affected countries should consult staff at the Elson Student Health Center.

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