University Travel Restriction on All Student International Travel due to COVID19

Restriction implemented: July 24, 2020

The University restricts all international student travel and activities for University-related purposes as a result of the COVID19 pandemic, according to its authority to issue a “University Travel Restriction” in the Policy on Student International Travel.

Rationale

As we continue to see worldwide infection, transportation instability, political and economic disruption and closures alongside severe constraint and uncertainty on Grounds, the University is issuing a blanket restriction on all international student travel and activities for University-related purposes, as defined by the Policy on Student International Travel, until further notice. Modifications to this restriction are dependent on continued monitoring of a range of variables, including US government advisories (CDC, Department of State, Border Security, Virginia Department of Health), international and host nation restrictions (WHO, United Nations), and the availability of adequate transportation, insurance, education, and public health system capacity.

Exemptions

Exemptions to the restriction may be requested by advanced graduate students who meet criteria for essential travel or essential work without travel. See “Petitioning for Exemptions” in Policy on Student International Travel and contact hoosabroad@virginia.edu for further information about eligibility.

University International Travel Risk Management Committee

The committee advise the vice provost for global affairs. Its members include representatives from the Office of University Counsel, Office of Property and Liability Risk Management, Office of the Executive Vice President and Chief Operating Officer, International Studies Office, Elson Student Health Center, Office of the Dean of Students, Office of the Vice President for Research, and at least three members of the faculty from schools with a particularly high level of student travel abroad programs, who each serve for three years.

University Travel Restrictions will be reviewed at least quarterly and sooner if there is a material change in health, safety and security conditions.

Resources

- U.S. Department of State International Travel Resources
- U.S. Department of State Travel Advisories
- Centers for Disease Control and Prevention
- World Health Organization

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