University Travel Restriction on All Student International Travel and Activities due to COVID19

Restriction implemented: July 30, 2020
The University restricts all student travel to/from, and activities at, international destinations 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
Rapidly emerging and unpredictable COVID19 infection in the U.S. and worldwide and associated transportation instability, political and economic disruption, university closures, and the need to minimize travel to and from Grounds warrant a blanket restriction on all student travel to/from, and activities at, international destinations for University-related purposes, as defined by the Policy on Student International Travel, until further notice. Modifications to this restriction will depend 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 at an international destination 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 advises 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.

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Resources

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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