

Dear LIU Students,

The safety and health of our students, faculty, and staff is extremely important to us. Long Island University continues to monitor the Coronavirus disease (COVID-19) that originated in Wuhan, China. Travel guidelines from the U.S. Centers for Disease Control (CDC) are continually evolving, and we will update our travel policies accordingly. The U.S. government has issued new warnings against travel to Iran and Italy, as well as new screening protocols for travelers returning to the United States from affected areas (CDC Level 3 – Avoid Nonessential Travel) currently in mainland China, South Korea, Italy and Iran.

We know that are planning to travel over spring break. We urge you to keep in mind that travel restrictions can change rapidly with little notice. Depending on where you go, you may encounter challenges when entering or leaving another country, or face difficulties when you try to return to your current country of residence.

As stated in our previous communication, the University recommends that all students planning international travel be mindful of the potential associated risk of disruptions to your ability to reenter the United States. We advise you to consult travel guidance from the CDC prior to and during your trip and make every effort to stay up to date regarding often fast-changing governmental regulations (<https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/travelers/index.html>). We urge you to exercise caution when traveling to countries with Level 2 travel advisories, and strongly reconsider any travel to countries with Level 3 travel advisories. Please be aware that anyone returning from a CDC Warning Level 3 country will be subject to screening and quarantine guidelines in place at the time, which may include a 14-day quarantine upon return to the U.S.

Our goal is to avoid having members of our community abroad if further travel restrictions are put in place. Those who do decide to travel abroad could be subject to quarantine for at least 14 days upon their return to the U.S. Over the past few weeks, we have witnessed that countries can make quick and unexpected decisions that can affect one's ability to travel.

As you may be aware as of March 4<sup>th</sup>, there are 11 confirmed cases of COVID-19 in New York. The best way to prevent illness is to avoid being exposed to this virus. However, as a reminder, the CDC recommends daily preventive actions to help prevent the spread of respiratory diseases, including:

- Avoid close contact with people who are sick.
- Avoid touching your eyes, nose, and mouth.
- Stay home when you are sick.
- Cover your cough or sneeze with a tissue, then throw the tissue in the trash.
- Clean and disinfect frequently touched objects and surfaces using a regular household cleaning spray or wipe.
- Wash your hands often with soap and water for at least 20 seconds, especially after going to the bathroom; before eating; and after blowing your nose, coughing, or sneezing.
  - If soap and water are not readily available, use an alcohol-based hand sanitizer with at least 60% alcohol. Always wash hands with soap and water if hands are visibly dirty.

Below are additional resources to find updated information about the symptoms and current recommendations for the Coronavirus disease (COVID-19).

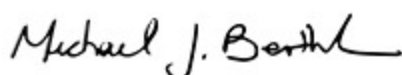
- [CDC: Coronavirus](#)
- [World Health Organization: Coronavirus](#)
- [New York State Health Department](#)
- [Local NYS County Health Departments](#)

What to do if you have traveled abroad and become sick?

Post Campus	Brooklyn Campus
Public Safety 516-299-2222	Public Safety 718-488-1078
Center for Healthy Living 516-299-3468	Office of Student Affairs 718-488-1007

For any student seeking support, please contact us with any questions or concerns, and if you have not already done so, take this opportunity to sign up for [LIU Emergency Alerts](#).

Sincerely,



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Executive Dean of Students