

February 28 Message for International Scholars Regarding COVID-19

Dear International Scholars,

I am writing to bring your awareness to the many medical, health, safety, and campus resources that have been developed in response to COVID-19 (Coronavirus). As new information is shared, the International Center will continue to post announcements on our website. I also encourage you to reach out to the International Center with your questions about how restrictions related to COVID-19 may affect your immigration status or your ability to re-enter the United States after travelling abroad. We will do our best to address individual concerns and develop resources to share.

This COVID-19 situation is unpredictable, changing, and outside of our individual and collective locus of control. Thus, we fully recognize that this is causing much concern among our international community. Moreover, we sympathize with the many students and scholars who are worried about relatives and friends back home.

Next week, during Spring Break, join us for an **International Community Q & A** regarding COVID-19. Staff from the International Center, University Health Service (UHS), and Counseling and Psychological Services (CAPS) will be present to discuss the most recent updates and resources related to COVID-19, as well as to address concerns. Lunch will be provided, so [please register for the event here](#) [1].

International Community Q&A: COVID-19

Date: Wednesday, March 4, 2020

Time: 12PM - 1:30 PM

Location: Michigan Union, Kuenzel Room

Currently, U-M is discouraging non-essential travel to [China](#) [2] and [South Korea](#) [3]. If you have planned travel to these countries, please review the webpages carefully for details on the U-M restriction. To search the status of other countries as it pertains to U-M travel restrictions, please visit the main [webpage](#) [4]. The International Center also has additional [immigration](#) [5] and [travel](#) [6] related advice specific to the Coronavirus.

Please take some time to familiarize yourself with the following COVID-19 resources and be sure to follow the practical health advice provided by the U-M health officials:

- [U-M Public Affairs](#) [7] (Official U-M statements on COVID-19, FAQ, and links to relevant websites)
- [University Health Service](#) [8] (UHS)

- [Travel Registry](#) [9] (The registry can be used for both international and U.S.-based travel. It is the mechanism U-M uses to communicate with traveling students, scholars, faculty and staff in the case of an emergency.)
- International Center (Announcements and updates are posted on our homepage)

Remember that there are campus resources that can provide support. Support for U-M employees is available from [Faculty and Staff Counseling and Consultation Office](#) [10] (FASCCO) or for Michigan Medicine employees, from the [Michigan Medicine Office of Counseling and Workplace Resilience](#) [11]. International scholars can also speak with one of the International Center's [International Student and Scholar Advisors](#). [12]

We're glad you're here.

Sincerely,

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Links

- [1] <https://sessions.studentlife.umich.edu/track/event/session/23193>
- [2] <https://global.umich.edu/travel-resources/warnings-restrictions/china/>
- [3] <https://global.umich.edu/travel-resources/warnings-restrictions/south-korea/>
- [4] <https://global.umich.edu/travel-resources/warnings-restrictions/>
- [5] <https://internationalcenter.umich.edu/covid-19-travel-update#immigration>
- [6] <https://internationalcenter.umich.edu/covid-19-travel-update#springbreak>
- [7] <https://publicaffairs.vpcomm.umich.edu/2019-novel-coronavirus-2019-ncov/>
- [8] <https://uhs.umich.edu/2019-nCoV>
- [9] <https://global.umich.edu/travel-resources/register-your-travel/>
- [10] <https://hr.umich.edu/benefits-wellness/health-well-being/mental-health-counseling-consultation-services/faculty-staff-counseling-consultation-office-fascco>
- [11] <https://hr.umich.edu/benefits-wellness/health-well-being/mental-health-counseling-consultation-services/michigan-medicine-office-counseling-workplace-resilience>
- [12] <https://internationalcenter.umich.edu/advising-hours>