

Message from the Office of International Affairs

(This message will be updated as more information becomes available)

The well-being of faculty, staff and students is a top priority for Texas Tech University. At this time, there are no confirmed or suspected cases among the Texas Tech University community, including those who are currently studying and working outside the United States. Nonetheless, TTU is closely monitoring the Coronavirus (COVID-19) outbreak and is taking measures to ensure university travelers are kept informed and safe.

Study Abroad programming, as well as faculty and staff travel in selected countries are being closely monitored. A handful of study abroad program offerings have been cancelled or rerouted to ensure safety of our students. TTU has also taken actions to bring back students from study abroad programming in countries on the [Center for Disease Control's Travel Health Notice List](#) with a "Warning Level 3, Avoid Nonessential Travel"—only three TTU students have been impacted by this action. Future Study Abroad program cancellations are possible and impacted students and faculty will be kept informed as these decisions are made.

As a standing policy, we are not approving travel applications to countries on the CDC's Travel Health Notice List with a Warning "Level 3, Avoid Nonessential Travel" and/or Department of State Travel Advisory "Level 4: Do Not Travel". Travel applications on the CDC's Travel Health Notice List with a "Level 2, Practice Enhanced Precautions" and/or Department of State Travel Advisory "Level 3: Reconsider Travel" are being considered on a case by case basis. We are working closely with our international partners to stay abreast, as the situation is rapidly changing.

We will continue to closely monitor this situation until the Coronavirus outbreak subsides. We have a long history of anticipating and responding to world events as they unfold. At all times, safety of our faculty, staff, and students is our absolute number one priority. Thank you for your support and patience as we continually assess risk across all study abroad programs and international travels and make adjustments to safely connect Red Raiders with invaluable international experiences.