

Status Update from the Office of International Affairs – March 9, 2020

(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.

On March 9, TTU cancelled all study abroad spring break programs. Impacted students and faculty leaders have been notified. This decision was made out of an abundance of caution for the well-being of TTU students and faculty.

On March 9, the Spanish Health Ministry announced that two regions of Spain (Madrid and País Vasco) have become areas of Coronavirus community transmission. Following this announcement, TTU altered the TTU Center in Sevilla program itinerary to cancel the excursion to Madrid previously set to take place March 17-21. All impacted parties have been notified of this change.

Because the Coronavirus outbreak is ever-evolving, we ask students currently abroad to remain local and cancel and/or postpone any upcoming travel. We ask all students and university travelers to remain vigilant and flexible with their travel plans.

We will continue to closely monitor the situation until the Coronavirus outbreak subsides. Thank you for your 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.