

Re: Coronavirus/COVID-19 Travel Update

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Good morning Dr. Wutoh,

The council did not indicate a need for an emergency call meeting for a decision. However, apparent consensus views from the council are listed here. Please note these are not voted positions, but ideas voiced by multiple faculty on the council. In the short amount of time, this is the best I can do:

This should be a personal decision, we do not know the circumstances for why a particular person may choose to travel to those countries, however, if the faculty chooses to travel, they should let the University know. Since the virus is in the USA already, it seems we should follow the CDC and State Department recommendations and not our own.

Also, I will share this email with the council and faculty.

Thank you,

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Thank you Dr. Alfred. I agree that we will need to be cognizant of grant-funded travel and make accommodations, as circumstances continue to unfold. I have cc'ed Mr. Masch, in regard to your other questions regarding vendors.

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Good evening Dr. Wutoh,

Thank you for your email. Some replies are coming in from the council. I hope to be able to give you a summary of the main points tomorrow. There were a few concerns about funding. Some faculty grants require international travel within the next month or so. If the agencies haven't banned travel, should the university?

I've also two related questions for you. Are there written or unwritten policies to: (1) not put new vendors into HU's system for purchases? and (2) for vendors in the system that have provided/completed their goods/services for HU faculty grants or contracts, are only some of these vendors paid each month - even if bills are due?

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Dr. Alfred,

Good afternoon, and thank you for taking my call earlier today. As I mentioned, based upon feedback and input from the CDC and Department of State and other colleagues, we are making adjustments to the temporary travel ban for students to the countries most adversely impacted by the coronavirus emergency. The list now includes; China, South Korea, Japan, Iran, Italy. We have not yet banned University-sponsored faculty travel to these countries, and are considering on a case-by-case basis based upon the country, risk, rationale for the request, and other relevant factors.

As the outbreak continues to spread to impact entire regions, it may become necessary to expand the temporary ban, particularly in consideration of the safety to travelers, and also risks to the broader community as travelers return from "high-risk" countries. I welcome your thoughts, and will also provide any updates from other institutions in the consortium. I will also share ongoing planning regarding other

impacts to the University and other academic institutions, if the outbreak progresses in the US. Thank you.

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