



MEMORANDUM

To: University Community

From: Kenneth G. Furton, Provost & Executive Vice President
Pablo Ortiz, VP for Regional & World Locations

Date: May 20, 2020

Re: Global Student Mobility Fall 2020

Our International Travel Committee (ITC) has been actively monitoring the developments of the COVID-19 virus and is taking into consideration information from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), U.S. Department of State, World Health Organization (WHO) and our own experts as it has advised on international travel for the upcoming months. Based on the committee's recommendations and in preparation for the Fall 2020 semester, please be advised of the following as it pertains to in- and outbound global mobility and international students:

- FIU has suspended all Education Abroad programs (including faculty-led, third-party, inbound and outbound exchanges, service learning, alternative breaks and internships) until December 1, 2020. In addition, any educational programs on cruise ships are suspended until the time that the University deems it safe to resume such programs. A decision concerning Education Abroad programs after December 1, 2020 will be rendered at the beginning of the Fall semester.
- Individual international travel on university-sponsored programs by FIU students (i.e. for field work or conference attendance) remains suspended for the duration of the Summer semester.
- International degree-seeking students are invited to enroll for Fall 2020 and, should they be permitted to travel to the United States to pursue their studies, will be advised that they must be prepared to follow the regulations and guidelines of health and state/local government officials as well as institutional restrictions that will be enforced to ensure a safe learning environment.

Please note that international travel restrictions for faculty and staff remain in place until July 1, 2020. The University will provide an update on future international travel in alignment with institutional directives for June 1, 2020 and beyond.

Should conditions improve significantly in the meantime, we will re-evaluate the risks and may modify these policy decisions, if considered safe, to alleviate the burden on our educational community. For any questions on global travel, please feel free to reach out to the Interim Chair of the International Travel Committee, Ms. Gitta Montoto, at intltravel@fiu.edu.

Please continue consulting the [FIU Coronavirus webpage](#) for the latest information as well as instructions on how to self-quarantine and other useful links on how to prevent the spread of coronavirus. Our [frequently asked questions page](#) is updated daily with the latest information on university operations and other important news.