

UHS Faculty, Staff and Students,

We continue to follow closely the global spread of COVID-19 and its potential impact on our university communities. The international profile of our universities, which includes routine travel abroad in both official and personal capacities, means we must be especially vigilant in determining when anyone in our universities has become potentially exposed to the virus and take responsible actions to contain and prevent its spread.

The University of Houston System has issued a <u>COVID-19 Exposure Prevention</u> <u>Statement</u> It requires any students, faculty or staff returning from travel to countries under a Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) Level 2 or Level 3 Travel Warning related to coronavirus to self-quarantine for a period of 14 days away from campus. This ensures that anyone who has returned and develops symptoms of COVID-19 will not inadvertently spread the virus to others on our campuses.

As Spring Break approaches, it is important for anyone considering personal international travel especially to China, Iran, South Korea, Italy or Japan to clearly understand the implications on their return to the United States and to campus. As Chancellor, my number one priority is to ensure that our universities remain safe and healthy.

For a detailed explanation of this policy statement and additional information about COVID-19, please visit <u>this UHS website</u>.

Sincerely,

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Chancellor, University of Houston System

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