

Members of the University community,

The Government of Canada has issued a level 2 travel advisory recommending Canadians take special precautions when traveling to South Korea and northern Italy due to the spread of COVID-19, which is the name the World Health Organization has given to the Novel coronavirus.

The Public Health Agency of Canada advises that COVID-19 can spread from person to person. In South Korea cases have been confirmed in all provinces and sustained community spread of the virus is being reported. In Italy cases have been confirmed in multiple regions in the north of the country. Sustained community spread of the virus is being reported. This means it is unknown how or where some people became infected, and the spread is ongoing.

- ***Practise Special Precautions when travelling to South Korea or northern Italy:*** If you travel to South Korea or northern Italy take precautions against respiratory and other illnesses, and seek medical attention if you become sick.

During your trip:

- Avoid spending time in large crowds or crowded areas.
- Avoid contact with sick people, especially if they have fever, cough, or difficulty breathing.
- Be aware of the local situation and follow local public health advice.
- Travellers are reminded to follow usual health precautions: wash hands often; cover your mouth when you sneeze; if you become sick avoid contact with others and see a health care professional.

As a precautionary measure the University is taking a proactive approach to ensure faculty, staff and students travelling to and from South Korea or northern Italy are aware of, and take steps to mitigate, their risk of contracting or spreading the virus.

Effective immediately, all travel to these areas (including previously approved travel that has not yet occurred) by faculty, researchers, staff and students that the University is funding or sponsoring will require the Dean's approval of the COVID-19 Travel Risk Assessment Form and must include a risk mitigation plan, which can be found at: <https://www.uregina.ca/hr/hsw/Coronavirus/index.html>, that addresses the precautions identified by the Government of Canada. These precautions can be found at: [https://travel.gc.ca/travelling/health-safety/travel-health-notice/212?\\_ga=2.221082776.1256641568.1582580528-2102501784.1554751267](https://travel.gc.ca/travelling/health-safety/travel-health-notice/212?_ga=2.221082776.1256641568.1582580528-2102501784.1554751267) . This approval process will be in place until the travel advisories are lifted or updated.

Personal travel is at the discretion of the individual, but you are strongly encouraged to pay attention to the travel advisories.

In addition, the Information Sheet for students, faculty, and staff arriving from China, South Korea, and Northern Italy on the Health, Safety and Wellness (HS&W) website has been updated and should be provided to anyone who is arriving from China, South Korea or northern Italy to the University. This document provides information on activities that may have increased travellers' risk of contracting the virus and steps they should take if they develop an illness. The updated information sheet is currently

available in English on the website. Mandarin and Korean versions will be posted to the website as soon as they become available.

We appreciate your cooperation in implementing these processes.

The travel advisories for China and Hubei province remain in place and all travel by faculty, researchers, staff and students to China sponsored or funded by the University, including research grants, is cancelled until these advisories are lifted.

The emergency operations group convened in response to this coronavirus outbreak continues to monitor the situation and will provide updates as required. All University of Regina communications regarding this matter – as well as links to related public health and government sites - are available at: <https://www.uregina.ca/hr/hsw/Coronavirus/index.html>

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