

Subject: COVID-19 Update  
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To: Members of the campus community  
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Members of the University community,

As a precautionary measure the University has implemented a process for all travel or travel restrictions to areas where the Government of Canada has issued a level 2 or 3 travel advisory due to COVID-19, the disease caused by the novel (new) coronavirus.

No travel by faculty, researchers, staff and students that the University is funding or sponsoring is allowed for areas with a level 3 advisory. Areas with a level 2 advisory require the Dean's approval of the COVID-19 Travel Risk Assessment form, including a risk mitigation plan, which can be found at: <https://www.uregina.ca/hr/hsw/Coronavirus/index.html>.

Rather than issuing a new campus notification of each new level 2 or 3 travel advisory the University has added a listing of these advisories to the Health, Safety & Wellness (HS&W) web page at: <https://www.uregina.ca/hr/hsw/Coronavirus/index.html>. This list will be kept updated as required.

It is the responsibility of the person submitting a Travel Authorization Request Form for travel to check the HS&W page to confirm if they are travelling to a level 2 or 3 advisory area. The deans will also be responsible for ensuring travellers are complying with these requirements.

This new process will come into place today – Tuesday, March 3, 2020 – as this will be the last campus email specifically noting that new level 2 or 3 travel advisories have been issued:

The Government of Canada has issued **level 3** travel advisories for **Iran** and **northern Italy** recommending Canadians avoid non-essential travel to these areas due to the spread of COVID-19. China was previously identified and remains a level 3 travel advisory.

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 is cancelled/postponed until the advisories have been removed.

The Government of Canada has issued a **level 2** travel advisory for **Japan** recommending Canadians take special precautions due the spread of COVID-19. South Korea was previously identified and remains a level 2 travel advisory.

Effective immediately, all travel to Japan (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. This approval process will be in place until the travel advisory is lifted or updated.

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

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>.