

March 5, 2020

Dear College of Law Students, Staff and Faculty,

Based on evolving concerns over the virus worldwide, including its potential impact on freedom of movement and return travel to the United States, I have made the difficult and disappointing decision to cancel this year's International Tax Program in Switzerland over Spring Break and our LondonEx program this summer. Assistant Dean Andrew Horsfall has reached out to all students who had enrolled in these programs to discuss the implications of the cancellations.

As you know from Chancellor Syverud's message below, the University has initiated reasonable preparations to ensure academic and operational continuity in the event the institution is required to suspend residential operations for some period of time prior to the end of the spring semester.

For that same reason, Vice Dean Bybee and our faculty are working on distance learning measures to ensure classroom instruction continues uninterrupted in the unlikely event that our College of Law residential program is suspended. Although there is no indication that such a response will be required, I share our Chancellor's focus on our students and ensuring that they have every opportunity to complete the semester with minimal disruption should public health concerns disrupt our normal operations.

University Travel

As a reminder, anyone traveling abroad for University purposes should provide their itinerary and contact information to temptravelregistry@syr.edu, with copy to vaottman@syr.edu. The Office of Global Safety and Support is monitoring the outbreak and will alert travelers to developments that would affect their health and safety, and my office is keeping a travel log to help coordinate appropriate messages and responses across campus.

Personal Travel

Anyone with personal travel plans abroad at any time between now and the end of the spring semester, including over Spring Break, must fill out this [survey](#) [insert survey and embed link]. Out of an abundance of caution, anyone whose travels will take them through an affected area, including any portion of China, South Korea, Iran and Italy, and including any airport in any such areas, will not be able to return to Dineen Hall or campus for a period of 14 days to allow for self-monitoring for coronavirus symptoms.

I have convened a COVID-19 Planning and Operations Group to monitor and address all of the potential implications of the virus for the College of Law. Together, and in partnership with our SU leadership, we will continue to digest the news and official guidance on the Coronavirus and implement responsive measures as appropriate. In the meantime and as always, please keep in mind that it is critically important that all of us continue to exercise good health practices. **The**

CDC emphasizes the importance of staying home if you are sick. Please heed this guidance. To learn more about preventive health practices, please visit the [Barnes Center at The Arch website](#).

Best regards,

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