This message just went out to all students:

Message to all students regarding COVID-19:

We have been monitoring this quickly evolving situation, and in order to avoid any possible travel-related risks, we are strongly recommending that you do not travel outside of Italy during your spring break. Further, we recommend (as per the US State Department) that you do not travel to the eleven Italian towns in quarantine and the most affected regions in Lombardy and Veneto (Northern Italy, Milan consular district).

We are also asking that you let us know about your travel plans and to please UPDATE Travel Tracker. We want to be able to reach you right away should circumstances change quickly.

We will follow up with lists of recommended places to visit in and around Rome.

If you have any questions or concerns, please come and speak with Dean Trachtenberg, Francesca Cuccovillo or Mary Conran.

FAQ Answers

Many students and families are concerned about what happens if the student is on Spring Break and is not allowed to return to Rome?
We have been monitoring this quickly-evolving situation and, in an abundance of caution, and in order to avoid this risk, we are strongly recommending to all students that they remain in Italy for their spring break.

This situation here is extremely fluid, and we have no idea if other countries, or even if Italy will place additional border restrictions and/or quarantine requirements on travelers coming into the country. We have already advised them to defer travel to Northern Italy, due to the Italian government mandate for imposed quarantine and travel restrictions in these affected areas. We are also asking students to register their travel with us for the week.

What is the likelihood that students are sent home?
Presently, our campus in Rome is operating as usual, and we are keeping in touch with all government and health organizations to assess this evolving situation. If anything should change that compromises
the health and safety of our students, we will immediately update students and their families and Temple Main Campus for appropriate response.

We are working closely with our colleagues on main campus including Education Abroad, International Risk Management and our Crisis Management Team, including the Office of the Provost.

We are following university protocols to manage major health and safety issues. We continue to closely monitor this situation with additional reliance the local partners in Italy including the local government and the U.S. Embassy in Rome.

We are also following the guidelines of the U.S. Department of State, the World Health Organization (WHO), the Centers for Disease Control, and our international insurance and assistance provider International SOS.

What supplies are you providing students so that they can best prevent contact with the disease (i.e. masks, hand sanitizer)?

- We have installed hand sanitizer dispensers all over campus
- We have our cleaning staff sanitizing the campus throughout the day.
- We have sent students information on proper hygiene during cold and flu season and have reminded them of these procedures with Signage, FB messaging, and Plasma Screen announcements.
- We have daily contact with our health services provider and International SOS to keep updated as to any new changes in protocol, which we will provide to the students.
- Students have been informed what to do and who to call if they have symptoms of the flu or a cold and our physicians will see them that day to discern what course of action is needed

What are you telling the students? What are you telling the parents?
Please visit our website under the “Students” tab – go to Health and Safety for all updates.

What happens if the student is on Spring Break and is not allowed to return to Rome?
At this point, there is no border restriction on people coming back into Rome though we have learned that the airport in Rome is taking the temperature of visitors flying in and then doing further testing if they are symptomatic.

We are advising our students to defer travel to Northern Italy, due to the Italian government mandate for imposed quarantine and travel restrictions in these affected areas. As we noted in earlier correspondence to the students, the Centers for Disease Control has issued a level two warning for Italy which means that if you are older and have a pre-existing condition you must practice enhanced precautions.

This situation is extremely fluid, and we have no idea if other countries, or even if Italy will place additional border restrictions and/or quarantine requirements on travelers.

We are encouraging our students to pack additional necessities (ie.:medication, clothing, money, phone chargers) in case they are detained during their travels. We have also mandated that our
students share their spring break travel itinerary with us and to keep in touch via the website so that we can share news and assist them in staying informed during this time period.

We will continue to monitor the situation and provide updates as soon as we get them.

**Will you help get my student home?**
Yes, in the case of this eventuality, we partner with International SOS our international insurance and assistance provider who has expertise when it comes to repatriation or emergency evacuation.

**What is the plan for academic continuity? Will the courses be continued online? Can my student return to main campus?**
Our Chief Academic Office is developing plans with our local faculty to maintain their courses through distance learning.

**What if the campus closes but the US places a travel ban on travelers from Italy? How will students get home?**

We continue to partner with ISOS and with the State Department to do whatever we can to ensure their safe return to the states however, during any interim period, the students can stay in their current housing and will be supported by our local staff and administration.

**What is the financial plan if students come home? Will they get their money back?**
If the students come home, we are planning on continuing their academic programming remotely online, so this should not be an issue.

**What if the program is not suspended, but I want my individual student to come home? How will you support my student in completing the semester remotely?**
We are currently working with families whose students are medically compromised and prefer to come home.

Families may determine they want to have their student leave this program but at this time, we cannot guarantee that these students can return to their home campus to complete their semester, nor can we guarantee that these students can complete the semester remotely if the TURome campus does not suspend operations.