

To all Temple University Rome students:

I am writing with some very unfortunate news.

Yesterday, the [Centers for Disease Control and Prevention](https://www.cdc.gov) (CDC) and the [U.S. Department of State](https://www.state.gov) elevated their travel warnings to Level 3 for all of Italy. That means the CDC has advised against all non-essential travel to Italy. As a result, we regret to advise you that Temple University Rome will close its in-person academic operations for the remainder of the Spring 2020 semester.

For you, this means you will need to make arrangements to gather your belongings, leave Italy, and return home as soon as possible.

At this time, we need to know where you are, and how quickly you can return to Rome, so that we can assist you as needed. After you have notified us of your current whereabouts please fill out [Temple Rome Request for Remote Course Completion Form](#) so that we also know your plans once you return to your home country.

This situation requires your immediate attention, and we can help. Contact the AA Emergency Phone at +39 333 494 8391 or the TURome Emergency number at +39 069 670 1506, if you need anything. We know you will have many questions that are not covered here, and we continue to pursue the answers to help make this transition as easy as possible. Please see the FAQ's below and know that we will be on campus this Saturday until 6pm and tomorrow from 8am until 8 pm. From Monday-Friday, March 2-6 from 10am-10pm.

You should be aware that as you travel, you may encounter heightened screening at airports and borders. Please leave yourself extra time so that you don't miss your flights.

The Temple Rome faculty members will offer classes online beginning March 9, so students will not interrupt their academic progress. We will send you more details about how this will work in the coming days.

I realize many of you had hoped we could continue the spring semester together, but your safety and welfare are our highest priority. We look forward to hearing from you and helping you on your way home and the completion of your semester.

Sincerely,

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*Interim Director / Acting Dean, Temple University Rome*

## **FAQ: 29 February, 2020**

### **Will I still receive credit for the Spring 2020 semester?**

Yes, Temple University Rome will resume all courses ONLINE, beginning on March 9, 2020. Some adjustments to class meeting times will be made to account for the time difference. Check individual course canvas sites for updated content, assignments, and notices.

### **Will I be reimbursed for any fees including, but not limited to, airfare, housing, transportation to the airport, moving, etc.?**

As of now, you are responsible for all fees. However, in the case anything changes, please keep all receipts related to your travels.

### **What happens if I can't get a flight next week?**

Temple University is requesting that all students depart from Italy ASAP. If you are not able to schedule a flight before this time, please let us know. All classes, beginning March 9, will be held ONLINE ONLY, and you must attend them remotely.

### **How will I continue my internship course?**

All internships will be handled on a case-by-case basis. You may be asked to work remotely for your supervisor, or we may accommodate you with other academic material. Please reach out to Dr. Caen at [Barbara.caen@temple.edu](mailto:Barbara.caen@temple.edu) for questions.

### **Where can I live if I decide to move back to Main Campus?**

Temple University is accepting housing requests from students who need accommodations in Philadelphia.

If you plan to return to Main Campus in Philadelphia, we expect that you will let Student Health Services know prior to your departure or at your arrival via email at [shs@temple.edu](mailto:shs@temple.edu).

### **If I have a question and want to talk to someone in person, can I?**

Yes, we are here all day today, February 29, 2020 until 6pm and tomorrow from 10am until 10pm. We will also be here next week during your break Monday – Friday, 8am-8pm.

### **What if I need help shipping my things home from Rome?**

We have already alerted the Bliss Corporation, “Global Mobility Experts” in case you need them. Contact: Lori Hickey at +39 370 346 0217

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