To the Temple community:

We want to update the University Community on COVID-19 and its impact on Temple's students, faculty and staff who are abroad.

We want to remind you that no coronavirus cases have been reported at any of Temple’s domestic or international campuses.

On Friday evening, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention elevated their travel warnings for several countries. As a result, Temple University will require any students, faculty or staff who have traveled during the previous 14 days to countries designated by the CDC as having sustained transmission to self-monitor for 14 days from their arrival in the United States, before returning to classes or work on Main Campus. Faculty and staff members who are self-monitoring for this period should notify their chair or supervisor immediately and should also notify Student or Employee Health, as appropriate.

Self-monitoring for 14 days means staying at home and avoiding group gatherings and public spaces, including Temple’s campus. You should also monitor your own health carefully, taking your temperature at least once a day.

Most importantly, if you develop a fever, cough or have difficulty breathing, you should immediately contact health care professionals—your family physician, local health authorities, or Student or Employee Health. You should call before visiting your health care professional.

We have also made some recent decisions regarding international study and travel.

**Rome**

We have ended in-person teaching at Temple Rome and will begin online education starting March 9. The 283 students at Temple Rome have been advised to return home, and our dedicated teams in Rome and on Main Campus are coordinating their efforts to ensure as smooth a transition as possible. Many are opting to go to their homes; some hope to finish the semester on campus. As recommended above, these students will self-monitor for 14 days at home before entering campus life.

In keeping with previous travel decisions, Temple is also suspending student travel for the entire country and suspending faculty and staff travel to those areas with a Level 4 advisory from the U.S. State Department.
South Korea
Student travel is already suspended for the entire country. We are now suspending faculty and staff travel to the Level 4 areas.

This is a highly dynamic situation, and we continue to monitor and make plans for both our study abroad and domestic students. Maintaining our students’ education in a safe environment is our top priority. We want to thank everyone who has been part of our process so far. Your dedication to our students is in the finest tradition of *Perseverantia Vincit*.

Sincerely,

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