

Dear Washington Experience Study Away Students and Parents,

Furman's Study Away Safety and Compliance and Assessment of Risk Committee is monitoring the coronavirus developments closely. At this point, Furman is not cancelling any of its ongoing spring semester programs. This decision is based on travel advice published by the [Center for Disease Control and Prevention](#) and the [World Health Organization](#), as well as our national network of institutions of higher education. However, as you are aware, the situation is changing rapidly. If Furman decides to cancel the Washington Experience, we will reach out to students and parents at that time to offer support and options for returning home.

Please heed the advice of your Furman faculty directors, staff at The Washington Center, your workplace, and the local government regarding restrictions and other measures to avoid the spread of the virus should it affect Washington DC. Handwashing and avoiding touching your eyes, nose, and mouth are still considered the most effective measures to reduce risk of exposure to any virus including the seasonal flu. If you begin to feel symptoms of a cold or virus, tell your program director and keep your distance from others.