

2/29/2020 Email for Mediterranean Religion and Classics Program participants and parents.

Dear Students and Parents:

Greetings from Furman's Study Away Safety and Compliance and Assessment of Risk Committee. We have been monitoring the coronavirus developments closely as they relate to your upcoming travel for the Mediterranean Religion and Classics study away program to Spain, Italy and Greece.

On February 28, 2020, the [U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention \(CDC\)](#) issued a "Warning Level 3: Avoid Nonessential Travel" for Italy, and the [U.S. Department of State](#) has also elevated its travel advisory to "Level 3: Reconsider Travel". At this time, Furman University is committed to running the portion of the study away program in Europe but we are requiring your program to avoid travel to and within Italy.

Drs. Teipen and Palladino have been working closely with the travel agency, WorldStrides, since earlier this week to revise the itinerary and avoid Italy. We ask for your patience as they solidify a new travel route within Europe.

Furman continues to monitor the rapidly evolving situation and will communicate any other decisions that impact the program as they are made.

My staff and I are available by email or phone if you have questions or concerns.

Best wishes,

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