

2/28/2020 Email for Current Spring 2020 Semester Study Away Programs

Dear Study Away Spring Semester 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 U.S. Department of State, the Center for Disease Control, and on information from the institutions hosting our students, 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 any programs, we will reach out to students and parents at that time to offer support and options for returning to the United States.

At this time, we urge all students to closely monitor the U.S. Department of State website for each country to be visited to look for travel restrictions and general advice for travelers.

<https://travel.state.gov/content/travel/en/international-travel.html>

Please heed the advice of your Furman faculty directors, program directors, and the local government regarding restrictions and other measures to avoid the spread of the virus. Handwashing and avoiding touching your eyes, nose, and mouth are still considered the most effective measures to reduce risk of exposure to any virus.

If you begin to feel symptoms of a cold or virus, tell your program director and keep your distance from others. Your program director will help you seek medical attention. As a reminder, Furman's supplemental health insurance policy through EIIA will reimburse for emergency medical attention when students submit a claim. Students, parents, Furman's study away director, or the program director can place a call to the following hotline to request assistance locating a doctor or hospital.

Available 24/7 Toll free in the US or Canada: +1 (855) 901-6712

Collect outside of the US: +1 (240) 330-1551

Email: ops@europassistance-usa.com

Travel Risk Intelligence Portal Access: <https://eservices.europassistance-usa.com/sites/EIIA>

For first time activation, use this information for initial registration.

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<https://www.eiia.org/international-travel/>

Additionally, all Furman students who are U.S. citizens are enrolled in the Smart Traveler Enrollment Program (STEP) with the nearest U.S. Embassy or Consulate abroad who can help to arrange evacuation services if necessary. Furman's supplemental international insurance also has limited evacuation coverage.

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

Best wishes,

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