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Dear MayX Study Away Students,

You learned on Wednesday in a campus-wide email that we are having to make difficult decisions regarding our international study away programs.

As we shared earlier, we have been continually monitoring the following sources:

- Travel advice published by the [U.S. Department of State](#)
- Information from the [U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention](#)
- Information from a national network of institutions of higher education

With information from these sources, and in consultation with epidemiologists on the Furman faculty, the medical director of Student Health Services and a Prisma Health infectious disease expert, **we have reached the difficult decision to cancel international MayX Programs.** We know this decision is disappointing for participating students, faculty and staff, but we also recognize that the coronavirus poses a global public health crisis, and your safety and welfare are always our top priority.

MayX students will receive a full refund for amounts already paid to Furman, and the university is already working to identify available options for affected students. We know you will have many questions and concerns, and we will continue to communicate with students after spring break.

Thank you for your understanding,

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