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Marywood University's Response to Coronavirus and Travel

Scranton, PA (February 27, 2020) – The University continues to closely monitor the evolving situation related to the coronavirus (COVID-19) in order to evaluate the outbreak's impact on our programs overseas, other University international travel and operations here on campus.

As always, the health and safety of our Marywood students both at home and abroad is of paramount importance. Our administration is receiving constant updates regarding the situation and we are relying on the guidance of appropriate government authorities and consultants. Our protocols are in alignment with the guidance of these experts.

Given the rapid increase in the number of confirmed cases in Northern Italy, we have made the decision to bring home our students who are abroad in Italy, even though there is very low incidence in Florence, where our students are currently studying. The University will continue to monitor additional study abroad programs in which Marywood students are participating and will determine appropriate responses to additional disruptions caused by the coronavirus. Marywood students currently studying in Italy can contact Nancy Maloney from the Study Abroad Office, at maloney@marywood.edu, or call (570) 961-4581, to assist with travel.

Marywood has an emergency preparedness team consisting of leaders from across our campus who are meeting regularly and who are reviewing information from outside experts to assess how the virus may affect our campus and those who are overseas.

According to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) website, the epidemic has now spread to more than 40 countries around the world. Yesterday, the CDC alerted Americans to begin to prepare for the spread of the coronavirus in the United States. They also advised to prepare for the possibility of disruptions to daily life, suggesting that businesses, schools and families plan for its potential impact.

Members of the campus community who have traveled to China, Singapore, Japan and South Korea, and now also Italy, as well as those who have recently been in contact with anyone who

recently arrived from those countries, are advised to limit travel and monitor symptoms for a period of 14 days in accordance with recommendations from the CDC.

Students returning from Italy who are currently at the International Studies Institute (ISI) will be able to continue courses online, and will not need to return to campus. European travel prior to departure is not advised. We are in consultation with the Studio Arts College International (SACI) and will work with those students for academic accommodations. With the University's spring break approaching, we want to take this opportunity to reach out to all members of our campus community about the importance of staying informed about the spread of coronavirus. We are strongly recommending and encouraging our students, faculty and staff to be cautious about their travel choices during spring break and beyond.

For more information on the coronavirus, please visit the [Centers for Disease Control and Prevention](#) and the [World Health Organization](#). Information about Marywood's response can be found at marywood.edu.

We will continue to communicate with students, their families, faculty and staff about further developments regarding the coronavirus

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