

Members of the SDSU Community,

The U.S. Department of State has issued a <u>Level 3 Travel Advisory for</u> <u>China</u> because of the outbreak of coronavirus, first identified in Wuhan, in China's Hubei Province. Following this, the California State University's International Programs issued a memo today, Tuesday, indicating that it was suspending its program for the spring semester at Peking University. One student, who is not affiliated with SDSU, is in the program, and has returned home safely.

There is no immediate threat to our campus community, and SDSU does not have any students who are currently studying in Wuhan, or the Hubei Province. However, in alignment with the U.S. Department of State and the U.S. Centers for Disease Control (CDC) travel advisories, SDSU students studying or planning to study in China during Spring 2020 will return to the United States. One SDSU student is currently studying in an area of China not near the Wuhan region.

Also, we strongly advise that faculty or administrators with travel plans to the region consider rescheduling any nonessential travel to the country.

I was planning to study abroad in China. What should I do?

Study abroad plans to China beginning with the summer 2020 term will be reassessed. Applications for study abroad programs not already submitted will be delayed in the days and weeks ahead to ensure that students who want to engage in global learning in this area of the world are able to do so safely sometime in the future.

I am from China and need support. What should I do?

We are aware that Chinese students currently studying on our campus may be experiencing anxiety as a result of how the coronavirus is impacting their home country, and family and friends in China. Support to these students is available through the International Student Center by calling 619-594-1982 or SDSU Counseling and Psychological Services at 619-594-5220.

What should I do if I do not feel well?

If a student is feeling ill, or has health concerns, they should remain at home and call Student Health Services at 619-594-4325.

Faculty and staff are encouraged to seek support from their healthcare provider.

Campus Support Services

SDSU officials will continue to work closely with local health agencies to ensure all appropriate precautions are in place to keep SDSU safe.

As there is no immediate threat to our campus community, all students should continue to attend classes and activities. No person should be excluded from classes, activities, or support services based on race, country of origin, or recent travel.

If any student feels they are being excluded from activities based on their race or ethnicity, country of origin or recent travel, contact the International Student Center by calling 619-594-1982.

Faculty members, including research faculty and visiting scholars, may reach the Office of Faculty Advancement by calling 619-594-6111 or emailing <u>facultyadvancement@sdsu.edu</u>.

The Employee Assistance Program offers SDSU faculty and staff confidential support for a variety of concerns, including emotional, relationship, health, legal and workplace issues. Information, resources and tools are available by calling 1-800-342-8111 and visiting the <u>EAP</u> website. Also, the Center for Human Resources may be reached by calling 619-594-6404.

Next Steps

We will continue to update the campus community as needed on this issue. Our university, as a learning community focused on developing compassionate, globally-minded citizens, encourages all members of our community to lead with compassion, as well as educate themselves on the coronavirus by visiting reliable sources, like the <u>U.S. Centers for Disease Control information page</u>.

Sincerely,

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