



Coronavirus Update Before Spring Break

Ahead of spring break, please review the information below.

What the University is Doing:

- **Canceling Study Abroad Programs:** The CDC has recommended postponing or canceling all study abroad programs, to ensure the health and wellbeing of our students. There have been no decisions on any other programs beyond those occurring during spring break or this semester. More information is available on the university website. The Director for International Programs will work with students and staff to minimize the impact of these cancellations on students' programs of study.
- The university is leading a cross-divisional team that is monitoring the situation locally and around the world. They review information provided by the state and are tracking the information being released by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) and the World Health Organization (WHO).

What You Should Do:

- **Avoid Travel to the Affected Areas:** You should avoid all non-essential personal and business travel to the affected countries (China, South Korea, Japan and Northern Italy).
- If you must travel to areas where the virus has been identified, be aware of the latest advisories, protocols and re-entry requirements from the U.S. State Department.
- Anyone who must engage in personal travel to these areas should notify the Division of Student Affairs via email at StudentAffairs@hssu.edu .
- **Know the Facts:** There is misinformation about the virus circulating. Make sure you have the facts by visiting these resources from the CDC: Share the Facts, Stop the Fear and Stigma Related to COVID-19. [Click Here](#)
- **Always Practice Good Hygiene:** Wash your hands with soap and water for 20 seconds, cover coughs and sneezes, and avoid sharing food, cups or utensils. This also helps prevent the spread of cold, flu and other illnesses.
- **Know the Symptoms:** If you have traveled to any of the affected areas and believe you are exhibiting symptoms, please seek medical care as soon as possible and contact the University's Student Health Center at 314-340-5053.

The University will continue to monitor this situation and will provide updates as needed.