

OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT



SOUTHEAST MISSOURI STATE UNIVERSITY

Wednesday, March 04, 2020

Dear Southeast Community,

I am writing to update you with the latest travel developments as Southeast Missouri State University responds to the coronavirus (COVID-19) outbreak sweeping across the globe. While there are no cases at Southeast, this is a rapidly evolving issue.

Executive Staff and others have met over the past couple of weeks on this topic and these conversations will continue in the coming weeks. We continue to regularly monitor guidance from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), the World Health Organization and our state and local health officials.

Effective immediately until further notice, **all University-affiliated travel to China, Italy, Iran, and South Korea is suspended** in accordance with **CDC recommendations**. This applies to faculty, staff and students. This list could be expanded as the CDC updates its travel guidance. In accordance with CDC guidance, we also strongly recommend that all members of the Southeast community avoid any personal travel to these countries.

As spring break (March 16-20) approaches, please strongly consider the necessity of any upcoming, personal travel. If you plan to travel internationally, be mindful of the increased risk of exposure to the coronavirus. In addition to potential exposure, you could experience unexpected travel delays and cumbersome logistics upon returning to the United States, including the potential for missed work or classes due to self-quarantine. We urge all members of the Southeast community to consider these risks when deciding whether to continue with

your travel plans.

As indicated earlier, we will continue to monitor this issue. We appreciate the help of every member of our community as we journey through this public health issue.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Barlow".