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## Información general

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## ESTADOS UNIDOS

### WEST VIRGINIA UNIVERSITY

Dear Partners,

In light of the global circumstances surrounding COVID-19, West Virginia University is taking precautions for the health and safety of our students and campus community. While there are NO confirmed cases of COVID-19 in West Virginia, these steps are part of an effort to keep our University as safe as possible.

- Last night President Gee emailed students with the following actions being taken:
- WVU will suspend classes the week of March 23-27.
- **Beginning Monday, March 30, class instruction will be delivered remotely, but WILL NOT be considered an online course.**
- All other online only classes will continue as originally scheduled.
- Students will receive instructions from their faculty on how to access instruction remotely.
- Our campuses will remain open and operational at this time.
- University-related international travel has been suspended. Domestic travel is also suspended for all non-essential University-related business. For further information on travel instructions, visit the [travel section of coronavirus.wvu.edu](#).
- If students must travel for personal reasons, we ask that they voluntarily [register your trip](#) so that we may monitor our travel footprint and share critical information with them upon your return.
- If students currently live in a residence hall and would like to remain in Morgantown through spring break and beyond, we ask that you fill out the [residence hall break housing form](#).

The Department of Homeland Security's Student Exchange Visitor Program (SEVP) has issued guidance, and intends to be flexible with temporary class adaptations; ergo, these decisions will **not** impact a student's visa status in the United States. WVU Education Abroad will be in communication with all exchange students. We will be available to answer questions and provide support where needed.

If there are any questions related to these changes please contact our office for help.

**You can also find all the latest information at [coronavirus.wvu.edu](#). If you have a specific question regarding general University procedures moving forward, please direct it to [educationabroad@mail.wvu.edu](mailto:educationabroad@mail.wvu.edu).**

### KENT STATE UNIVERSITY

Dear Colleagues,



We wanted to share with you the Kent State response to the situation and summarize some key points. As the situation is rapidly developing and changing, please access up-to-date information from Kent State at: [www.kent.edu/coronavirus](http://www.kent.edu/coronavirus). Additionally, I have attached two recent emails that international students received from our office explaining what to do if they decide to leave and how to remain in the residence halls if needed.

In summary:

- All Kent State classes can now be completed remotely and classes resumed on Monday, March 16. Students are able to access their Flashline account and Blackboard to complete their coursework from anywhere in the world. They have been given information about how to use these tools remotely and how to access the Kent State VPN. Therefore, they should plan to continue their semester regardless of what decision they make.
- Kent State residence halls will be closing on March 20. However, international students currently living on-campus and wishing to remain in the U.S. to complete their semester may request an exception through Residence Services. There will be housing, dining, and health services available for any students who remain on-campus. Student wishing to remain on-campus must submit a request via this form: [Permission to Stay Request](#). For more information see the attached email dated March 16, 2020.
- Although most offices will be closed to in person meetings, all student service offices will remain open and accessible to students by phone and video meetings. Students needing to meet with their International Student & Scholar advisor can schedule an appointment at [Office and Advising Hours page](#)
- For information about student visas and what to do if they decide to return home, see the attached email dated March 13, 2020.
- Students should be prepared to complete all of the coursework remotely as if this were a normal semester. Official transcripts will be available to students at the conclusion of the semester without interruption.

Please contact me with any questions or concerns you may have.

Sincerely,

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## ISEP

Dear ISEP Students,

During this rapidly evolving global pandemic, the health, safety and well-being of our students is our highest priority. **Given recent developments, ISEP strongly advises students to return to their home country, unless they feel that it is not safe and appropriate to do so.** We ask that all students consider guidance from their home institution, family, and local health officials when making this decision. For some students, we understand there may be greater risk at home or underlying health conditions that make it safer to remain in place.

As the United States and nations around the world limit inbound and outbound travel, and airlines reduce their flight schedules, we recognize that travel may be difficult at this time. If approved by their home institution, students may choose to remain on site. Students and their families should be aware that it may be more challenging to return home in the future as flights may become more limited and governments may institute new travel restrictions. We also recommend following guidance from your host institution to determine what support structures are in place should you remain in your host location.

**We ask that all students, regardless of current location, complete the following survey to help ISEP understand where you currently are and what your potential travel plans are. Please complete the following survey within 48 hours (no later than 5 pm U.S. Eastern Standard Time on March 18th).**

**Follow this link to the Survey:**

[Take the Survey](#)

Or copy and paste the URL below into your internet browser:

[https://isep.iad1.qualtrics.com/jfe/preview/SV\\_eEsHWEGFIKvYk3P?Q\\_CHL=preview](https://isep.iad1.qualtrics.com/jfe/preview/SV_eEsHWEGFIKvYk3P?Q_CHL=preview)

We are continuing to work with our member universities worldwide to provide academic continuity for as many of our students as possible. At this time, most of our member universities have implemented or are in the process of implementing opportunities for students to complete their courses remotely with the goal of providing as much academic credit as possible.

ISEP and your host universities will continue to keep you informed as the situation develops and please respond to this email should you have any questions. Thank you for your understanding during these unprecedented times.

Best regards,

ISEP Member Relations Department