

Feb. 28, 2020 International Travel Update

Saint Mary's College of California continues to monitor developments related to Coronavirus (COVID-19). The health of SMC community members, on-campus and abroad, is the top priority for the College.

Saint Mary's has altered some study abroad programs and continues to check in with Saint Mary's students currently overseas to address their concerns, and to make arrangements if necessary to return them to the campus. Additionally, the College is consulting with students who are planning to study abroad to address academic schedule changes if necessary.

Campus offices are also checking in with our international students and supporting them regarding their concerns about conditions in their home countries. We are also following updates from the Centers for Disease Control, the World Health Organization, and other sources as we continually monitor the situation.

Saint Mary's College is closely tracking travel advisories from the CDC on countries of concern.

- The CDC has designated an Alert Level 3: Avoid Non-Essential Travel warning for Coronavirus in Italy, China, South Korea, and Venezuela (because of a failed health system). **Saint Mary's will not send students, faculty or staff to any Alert Level 3 areas.**
- The CDC has designated an Alert Level 2, Practice Enhanced Precautions warning for the Coronavirus in Iran, and Japan. **The College does have a study abroad partner in Japan and will continue to closely track travel advisories there. The College does not have a study abroad partner in Iran.**
- [Find more information at U.S. Travel Advisories](#)
- For more information about student, faculty, or staff travel to or from the United States, please contact Study Abroad Coordinator Vanessa Marquez, Saint Mary's College [Center for International Programs](#), at (925) 631-4107 or [vgm2@stmarys-ca.edu](mailto:vgm2@stmarys-ca.edu).
- Additional information about Saint Mary's sponsored travel can be found on the Center's [International Travel Guidelines](#) page.

For additional information about the current Coronavirus, please see:

- [CDC: About Coronavirus Disease 2019 \(COVID-19\)](#)
- [Globally Confirmed Cases can be viewed on the map below](#)
- [For information about cases in the United States](#)

Campus health updates are available at SMC's [Health and Wellness Center](#).