



Dear Students and Families,

As you know from other recent correspondence, including [President Shirley M. Collado's Wednesday, March 11, message](#) to the entire campus community, Ithaca College continues to actively monitor the coronavirus (COVID-19) outbreak. We are reaching out to provide an update on the operating status of the London Center.

In our message to you on March 3, 2020, we noted that as a result of the CDC issuing a Warning Level 3 Travel Health Notice for Italy and the fact that some students may have traveled to Italy prior to that notice, we were providing all London Center students with the option to return to their family home and complete their academic coursework remotely.

Today's update considers additional developments since that message.

### **HEALTH AND TRAVEL INFORMATION**

At this time, the [U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention \(CDC\)](#) has provided the following travel health notice for **Europe**, specifically identifying 26 countries:

#### **Warning Level 3—Avoid Nonessential Travel – Widespread Sustained Transmission**

*The CDC recommends that travelers avoid all nonessential travel to the specified countries in Europe. Click on the link above for the full list.*

Additionally, U.S. President Donald Trump announced a travel ban from Europe for 30 days beginning this Friday, March 13, 2020. However, this ban will not apply to U.S. Citizens nor to travel from the United Kingdom and Ireland.

We encourage you to continue to regularly review the latest information from:

- the [CDC](#)
- the [U.S. Department of State](#) and
- the [World Health Organization](#)

Given this updated context, the fact that we realize some of our students may have independently traveled to any of the 26 European countries identified in the travel health notice prior to this heightened warning level, and the reality that significant travel between European countries and the U.K. occurs each day, we are making the prudent decision to close the London Center.

### **LONDON CENTER CLOSING**

For the safety of all students, faculty, and staff at the London Center, we are implementing the following protocols:

- **Effective Thursday March 12, in-person instruction at the London Center has ceased.**
- **The Center will be open to students through 5:00 pm on Thursday, March 19<sup>th</sup>, and thereafter will be closed.**
- Students are strongly encouraged to return to their permanent family home.
- Students will continue to complete their academic coursework remotely.
- Students who participated in the group flight will hear from the Director of Study Abroad regarding arrangements for their return to the States.

We have made these difficult decisions in the interests of the wellness of all faculty, staff, and students, including populations that might possess health vulnerabilities.

### **ACCESS TO ITHACA CAMPUS**

London Center students do not have on-campus housing in Ithaca during this spring 2020 semester, and their coursework will be completed remotely.

Consistent with President Collado's campus-wide message, students returning to the U.S. should not return to the Ithaca campus at least through April 3, 2020.

Additional information will be shared regarding the availability of the Ithaca facilities to the broader student body as the situation evolves.

### **SELF-QUARANTINE ENCOURAGED**

Students who have traveled to countries with a CDC Warning Level 3 Travel Health Notice, which includes Europe, are encouraged to self-quarantine as soon as possible for a minimum of 14 days after last having been in one of those countries.

Self-quarantine means remaining at home, not going to classes or work, limiting time outside of the home, and monitoring your health for at least 14 days after you were last in any CDC Warning Level 3 country. Additional guidance for self-quarantine includes:

- Work or study from home, as possible
- Avoid non-essential travel outside of the home
- Do not share cups, utensils, etc.
- Avoid shaking hands, hugging, kissing, etc.
- Avoid close contact (keep more than 6 feet between you and other people)
- Take your temperature twice a day, in the morning and evening, not within an hour of eating a meal
- Seek medical assistance if you have any symptoms, such as
  - A temperature reading of 100.4 F or higher
  - Cough
  - Difficulty breathing
  - Any flu-like symptoms

### **SUPPORT**

Please reach out to the following individuals as soon as possible:

- For any questions about completing your coursework remotely
  - Thorunn Lonsdale, Ph.D., Director of the Ithaca College London Center
  - [tlonsdale@ithaca.edu](mailto:tlonsdale@ithaca.edu) or +(011) (44) 207-244-4800
- To keep the College apprised of your travel plans
  - The Ithaca College staff in the Office of International Programs
  - [studyabroad@ithaca.edu](mailto:studyabroad@ithaca.edu) or +(1) 607-274-3306

The health and well-being of our students, staff, and faculty are of highest priority to us, and we wish to support you in any ways we reasonably can.

If you have any questions or need to talk, please reach out to your support team in the Office of International Programs (OIP) at [studyabroad@ithaca.edu](mailto:studyabroad@ithaca.edu) or +(1) 607-274-3306.

Sincerely,

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