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Faculty and Staff,

The Center for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) has updated their Novel Coronavirus Travel Information where most countries in Europe have now been designated along with China, Iran, and South Korea at Level 3 (Warning, Avoid Nonessential Travel) and the rest of the world, including the United States, has now been designated at Level 2 (Practice Enhanced Precautions) as a Global Outbreak Notice.

Effective immediately:

All travelers that are returning from a Level 3 country must stay home for 14 days after returning from travel, monitor their health, and practice social distancing. The full guidance from the CDC is located at <https://wwwnc.cdc.gov/travel/notices/warning/coronavirus-europe>

Travelers returning from other countries or from domestic travel need to monitor their health and limit interactions with others for 14 days after returning from travel. Travelers that are sick with fever, cough, or have trouble breathing should stay home and call ahead before seeking medical care. The full guidance from the CDC is located at <https://wwwnc.cdc.gov/travel/notices/alert/coronavirus-global>

If you are an IFO faculty member that needs to self-quarantine or stay home to monitor your health after traveling, please notify your respective Dean at 507-537-6251 and Human Resources (HR) at 507-537-6544. You may also email your respective Dean at Aimee.Shouse@smsu.edu or Raphael.Onyeaghala@smsu.edu and HR at Nancy.Olson@smsu.edu.

If you are a staff or ASF member that needs to self-quarantine or stay home to monitor your health after traveling, please notify your supervisor and Human Resources (HR), at 507-537-6544 or email HR at Nancy.Olson@smsu.edu.

Faculty

- If a faculty member chooses to self-quarantine due to travel but is not ill, any days during the self-quarantine that are duty days are still considered duty days, and faculty should fulfill their work obligations during the self-quarantine.
- If a faculty member is ill during their self-quarantine, they should rest and recuperate, as well as report the day(s) as sick leave in [Time and Leave Reporting](#). This is in addition to the other recommended actions for people who are ill (see a health care provider, get rest, drink plenty of fluids, etc...).

Classified Staff and ASF members:

- If you choose to self-quarantine due to travel but are not ill, any days during the self-quarantine that are work days are still considered work days, and you should fulfill your work obligations at home during the self-quarantine if you are able. Please consult with your supervisor.

- If you are ill during your self-quarantine, you should rest and recuperate, as well as report the day(s) as sick leave in [Time and Leave Reporting](#). This is in addition to the other recommended actions for people who are ill (see a health care provider, get rest, drink plenty of fluids, etc...).

If you have questions regarding exposure as a result of travel, Minnesota Department of Health asks you to call 651-201-5414 or 877-676-5414 for guidance.

Here are some additional resources from Minnesota Management and

Budget: <https://mn.gov/mmb/be-ready-mn/infectious-diseases/covid-19.jsp>

This site also has a very good description of what actions make a self-quarantine effective at limiting the spread of disease. <https://medical.mit.edu/faqs/faq-COVID19-self-quarantine-issues>.

SMSU COVID-19 webpage

<https://www.smsu.edu/campuslife/healthservices/healthalerts/coronavirus.html>