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Dear Student,

You are receiving this urgent email because of being on a Purdue Study Abroad program in New Zealand or Australia. In conjunction with the Purdue Dean of International Programs, and with recognition of how abrupt this message may feel, nonetheless all Purdue-WL students on study abroad programs based in Australia and New Zealand are hereby directed to depart. Because of quick and increasingly strict country-specific travel restrictions, coupled with anticipated time extensions and scarcity of available flights, Purdue senior leadership needs to exercise this instruction immediately.

Some of you have already begun making plans in the last 24 hours, yet my below request includes obtaining travel plans from all. For travel back to the United States, note the following important information from the US Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC). This includes [Travel Recommendations by Country](#) (particularly being mindful of the parallel Purdue self-quarantine requirement for those arriving from Level-3 destinations, as relevant) as well as the practice of social distancing as referenced in the [Global COVID-19 Outbreak Notice](#).

[1] ITINERARY: Regarding your travel plans (including confirmation of being completed), either [a] ONLINE please log into your [My Study Abroad page](#) and update the “**online travel itinerary form**” with final return travel plans. Ideally this would be updated per any ongoing changes. Alternatively, [b] EMAIL (particularly if you have difficulty with the above) directly to me or your ongoing [study abroad advisor](#) to provide your return information and status.

[2] ENROLLMENT Your enrollment status at Purdue remains with your being in spring semester registration. Specific instructions will be conveyed to students about options for remote continuance according to the specific semester program. Many programs and partner institutions have plans for remote learning and/or on-line course delivery. Hence we are hopeful that many will be able to continue studies from the U.S. or other home locations.

[3] FLIGHT REIMBURSEMENT DETAILS: Each student will receive forthcoming instructions about submitting a level of airfare travel expenses for review. For those on co-sponsored programs, the first instructions and possibilities should be pursued from your program staff. For those on two-way exchange programs directly through only Purdue, the key instruction that changing (not cancelling) an existing return ticket should first be pursued.

[4] IMMEDIACY: Most importantly, I would urge you to make travel plans soon, if you have not already. With possible forthcoming travel restrictions in several countries, coupled with flight scarcities and other uncertainty, you are directed to return home at your most immediate opportunity. Related reports suggest March 20 might be the last day for certain flights. Please act quickly.

Thank you for your perseverance during these urgent and stressful times.

Sincerely,

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