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## COVID-19 UPDATE

March 11, 2020

Dear University Stakeholders,

Saint Augustine's University is closely monitoring the ongoing Coronavirus Disease 2019 (COVID-19) outbreak. The University held a mandatory community informational session on March 9, 2020, for students, faculty, staff and the broader community to ensure that our campus is proactive and educated on this emerging crisis. As the situation continues to change rapidly, our top priority remains the health, safety, and well-being of our community, on and off campus. The University remains open and operational with appropriate measures to protect the health of the community. We are planning several contingency scenarios and taking decisive, informed action to prevent and limit the spread of COVID-19, while ensuring the continuity of our enduring mission. We have an active Emergency Response Team, co-led by Dr. Cindy Love, Interim Vice President for Student Affairs; Timothy Stevenson, Campus Nurse & Director of the Gordon Health Center; and Dr. Derrick Sauls, Assistant Professor in the Department of Public Health & Exercise Science.

With next week's break approaching, here are some resources to help prepare for a safe experience wherever your travels take you. Additionally, we would like to share an update regarding coronavirus disease (COVID-19), and the potential impact this outbreak might have on your travel plans.

Consistent with the travel warnings from the Center of Disease Control (CDC) Saint Augustine's University has expanded its travel restrictions outlined in the COVID-19 Response Plan (see attached). This plan includes a reporting requirement for students traveling to restricted and non-restricted areas over the break. Students must register their travel plans before leaving campus using the following link: **[Student Travel Documentation](#)**

We will continue to work closely with public health officials at the local state and national levels to monitor the spread of the virus. This is a rapidly changing situation. We will continue to update all stakeholders on a regular basis. Please check the University's website and utilize all the resources made available.

Students First,

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### **COVID-19 Response Plan**

Our COVID-19 Response Plan includes the implementation and deployment of the following resources and actions:

- Emergency Response Team
- Community Information System (RAVE emergency alert system, SMS text capability, e-mail, SAU App, and social media communication)
- Domestic and International Travel Restrictions
- Procedures for residential students and food services
- Routine and enhanced environmental cleaning procedures for campus sanitation
- Plan for potential campus closure, which includes shifting to on-line teaching and learning

This plan will take effect on March 11, 2020 and will remain in effect for 60 days. It will be re-assessed in 30 days.

### **ON-CAMPUS, RESIDENTIAL, AND TRAVEL POLICIES AND RESTRICTIONS:**

1. All students planning to travel in restricted and non-restricted areas in the United States or abroad, must notify the Dean of Students by registering by clicking **Student Travel Documentation**. The restricted areas will be posted as recommended and/or declared by the **Centers for Disease Control**.
2. Upon return to campus you must provide a medical clearance document from a physician at your own expense before returning to the residential community. This document must state that you are asymptomatic (i.e. not exhibiting symptoms) of the coronavirus or the flu.
3. If a faculty member, a staff member, or a student has signs or symptoms of the Influenza or COVID-19 they are not to return to the University. They need to seek medical attention and report the diagnostic results to the Joseph G. Gordon Health Center staff before returning.
4. If a student begins to have symptoms after returning to the University, we will follow the protocol recommended by Wake County Health Services.
5. All University-related international travel is prohibited.
6. All personal international travel is strongly discouraged.
7. All University-related non-essential out-of-state domestic travel is restricted and not permitted on a case-by-case basis.
8. We strongly urge extreme caution and judgment for your personal domestic travel.
9. We strongly discourage any non-essential meetings or events of 20 people or more.
10. Social distancing is strongly encouraged in all situations. As defined by the CDC, social distancing means avoiding mass gatherings and maintaining distance (approximately 6 feet) from others when possible.
11. Anyone who returns or arrives to campus from a location with a CDC level 3 travel warning for COVID-19, must completely be cleared for infection at their own expense at least 48 hours before your return/arrival to campus and self-isolate. Self-isolation means:
  - Remain at your residence
  - Do not attend class, work, and other group gatherings such as:
    - Social events
    - Meetings
    - Rehearsals
    - Team practices, etc.

If this presents logistical challenges, please contact the Dean of Students office. Most self-isolations will last 14 days.

We will continue to work closely with public health officials at the local state and national levels to monitor the spread of the virus. This is a rapidly changing situation. Please check the University's website and utilize all the resources made available below.

## RESOURCES

- [Coronavirus Information page](#)
- [CAPS](#)
- [Employee Assistance Program](#) (EAP)
- [Gordon Health Center](#)