Dear Students, Faculty, and Staff,

COVID-19 remains a serious and growing concern across the globe. With spring break approaching, many of you may be unsure about proceeding with your travel plans, whether personal or College-sponsored. Below, we provide revised and important information regarding all College-sponsored travel, including information and resources that may help you make your personal travel decisions.

Students, faculty, and staff traveling to one of the restricted countries are now requested to advise the University Dean of Students, Dena Warren via <u>dwarren@keiseruniversity.edu</u>. We also strongly encourage students, faculty, and staff to submit basic information about their personal travel plans. This allows us to gather information, so we can be as responsive as possible to anyone who might need assistance as the situation evolves, or in the event Keiser University or health officials need to investigate a local outbreak. Please take a minute now to register your travel plans with <u>dwarren@keiseruniversity.edu</u>, both international and domestic.

The University is now also requiring and requesting the following:

Anyone who currently has College-sponsored travel plans of any kind to countries • that the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) have assigned a Level 3 Travel Health Notice must cancel those trips. (This designation means that the CDC recommends travelers avoid nonessential that all travel to those destinations.) Students, faculty, and staff who have travelled to or through any of the Level 3 countries for University-sponsored or personal reasons beginning Sunday, February 23, should remain at home and monitor their health for 14 days following their return. Students living in the dorm will need to make alternative living arrangements for the 14 day waiting period. Out of an abundance of caution, this practice covers more countries than the current guidance from the CDC (which only covers travel to or through China). We have begun to communicate and work with members of our community whose travel has included these countries during this time period. If affected by the above practice, faculty should contact the Dean of Academics, staff should contact their supervisor/department chair, and students should contact their Dean of Students, to discuss a plan for the 14-day period.

To our knowledge, no members of the University community have been diagnosed with COVID-19 at this time. The virus continues to spread, however, and we are committed to taking proactive steps with the goal of protecting and supporting our community.

By the end of today, March 3, we will launch a single webpage for information on COVID-19, including prevention tips, College resources, and all related campus communications: COVID-19 Updates | News. Please check the website regularly at <u>keiseruniversity.edu</u>. We will continue to send updates via email and post online and in Blackboard. Additionally, if you have questions that these resources do not address, you may send them to <u>dwarren@keiseruniversity.edu</u> Useful

external resources include the <u>CDC</u>, specifically its <u>FAQ for travelers</u>, and the <u>U.S. Department of</u> <u>State</u>.

Lastly, we ask that you remember that there are people in our community who, because of the COVID-19 outbreak, cannot go home for spring break, are worried about friends or family in affected areas, or are currently in those areas themselves. They need our collective support, understanding, and empathy. Let's do all we can to keep our community safe and well.

Sincerely,

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