

Novel Coronavirus Advisory and Information (As of January 31st, 2020)

The Ministry of Foreign Affairs raised its Travel Advisory & Warning for all areas outside of Hubei Province, China, to a level 2 (the Hubei Province, at this point, is still classed as level 3). The World Health Organization (WHO) also issued a “Public Health Emergency of International Concern” due to the threat of a widespread outbreak of the virus in other countries.

In accordance with this Travel Advisory and Warning from the Ministry, all overseas exchange programs to China will be cancelled or postponed. Further details will be released from the offices in charge of exchange programs to China at a later date. Students, staff, and faculty are strongly encouraged to avoid any unnecessary travel to the Hubei Province of China.

Cases of this coronavirus have been confirmed not only in China, but in a growing number of cities and countries. Before traveling overseas, check sites like the Quarantine Information Office of Japan's Ministry of Health, Labour, and Welfare (FORTH) and the National Institute of Infectious Disease (NIID) for information on infectious diseases, and practice extreme caution while abroad. Avoid traveling to any country or region with a Ministry of Foreign Affairs Overseas Travel Advisory and Warning of level 2 or higher.

Exchange Programs to countries other than China will run as planned. In the event that the Ministry of Foreign Affairs also raises its Travel Advisory and Warning for countries other than China to level 2, exchange programs for those countries will also be cancelled. Further details will be released from the offices in charge of these respective exchange programs at a later date.

Given the rapid spread of this coronavirus to other parts of the world, those traveling overseas should take preventative measures such as wearing a face mask in public, frequently washing your hands or using hand sanitizer, and gargling. Individuals traveling to China should purchase face masks in Japan prior to departure as masks are currently sold out in China.

Please refer to information issued by the Japanese government, information on Japan's Ministry of Foreign Affairs' Overseas Safety website and the World Health Organization (WHO) website concerning travel to China and other countries as well as re-entry to Japan.

There is the possibility that travel to China during the spring break may impact spring semester classes in the case re-entry to Japan is restricted for individuals returning from China. APU will follow the policies and guidelines laid out by the Japanese government (Ministry of Health, Labour, and Welfare, and the Ministry of Foreign Affairs) and the World Health Organization. Students planning on traveling overseas during the break are encouraged to check Campus Terminal frequently for updates from the university.

If someone from APU becomes infected after traveling to China or another affected country and returns to the university, there is a possibility this could affect other students, staff, and faculty. Be aware of your health. If you have a fever, cough, or other symptoms, do not try to diagnose your condition. Wear a mask, avoid traveling to campus, and seek medical attention. Before going to the hospital, contact them, explain your situation, and follow their instructions. Follow the advice of your doctor, and remain at home until you have made a full recovery.

Any individuals who experience symptoms such as a high fever or coughing after returning to Japan from overseas should seek treatment from a medical clinic as soon as possible. Before going to the clinic, be sure to contact them, explain your situation, and follow their instructions.

-Quarantine Information Office of the Ministry of Health, Labour, and Welfare (FORTH)

Japanese: <https://www.forth.go.jp/topics/fragment1.html>

English: Change the language setting on the above website to English.

-National Institute of Infectious Disease (NIID)

Japanese: <https://www.niid.go.jp/niid/ja/>

English: <https://www.niid.go.jp/niid/en/>

-World Health Organization (WHO)

English: <https://www.who.int/>

-Centers for Disease Control (CDC): Novel Coronavirus in China

English: <https://wwwnc.cdc.gov/travel/notices/warning/novel-coronavirus-china>

Overseas Safety Website

-Ministry of Foreign Affairs (MOFA)-Japanese Only

<https://www.anzen.mofa.go.jp/>

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