



# Berkeley International Office

Dear Students, Scholars, and Employees:

We have been closely following the coronavirus (COVID-19) outbreak and wanted to reach out to you with updates regarding current restrictions to international travel.

Effective Friday, March 13 at 11:59 p.m. eastern standard time, the entry into the United States of any foreign national (except immediate family members of U.S. citizens and lawful permanent residents and others excluded in [section 2 of the proclamation](#)) who was physically present within the Schengen Area during the 14-day period preceding their entry or attempted entry into the United States is suspended. For purposes of the proclamation, the Schengen Area comprises 26 European states: Austria, Belgium, Czech Republic, Denmark, Estonia, Finland, France, Germany, Greece, Hungary, Iceland, Italy, Latvia, Liechtenstein, Lithuania, Luxembourg, Malta, Netherlands, Norway, Poland, Portugal, Slovakia, Slovenia, Spain, Sweden, and Switzerland. The suspension does not apply to the United Kingdom, which is not considered a part of the Schengen Area.

In addition to this, the previously announced travel suspensions for any foreign national (except immediate family of U.S. citizens and permanent residents and others excluded in section 2 of the proclamations) who was physically present within [Iran](#) or [China](#) during the 14-day period preceding their entry or attempted entry into the United States continue to be implemented until further notice.

Also be aware that travelers returning from [CDC Risk Level 3](#) countries are required to follow [UC Berkeley campus guidance](#) following travel and re-entry which includes self-isolating for 14 days before coming to campus and following [CDC guidelines](#). This impacts travelers who have been physically present in South Korea since it is a level 3 country that does not presently have a travel ban in place. Please visit the [CDC website](#) for a current list as updates are made regularly and additional countries may appear on the list. More information is available on the [UC Berkeley COVID-19 campus website](#) and Berkeley International Office (BIO) also has a [Coronavirus FAQ page](#) that may answer your questions.

While these measures are temporary, we do not know how long the travel restrictions will remain in place.

We realize this may impact those of you who are currently traveling internationally, and also those of you with international travel plans. If you are currently overseas and are unable to return to the United States due to these travel restrictions, please [notify Berkeley International Office](#) to let us know about your situation. If you are a scholar or employee, please also notify your host faculty, human resources representative, and/or your department administrator.

BIO currently [does not recommend international travel](#) due to the changing nature of U.S. immigration policy, the rapidly evolving [COVID-19 outbreak](#) and its impacts to global travel. Should you have urgent, emergency travel needs to or from impacted regions, please [contact BIO for advising](#).

We realize the situation may understandably cause anxiety and stress, and you can refer to our [Coronavirus FAQ page](#) that includes resources for help. We at BIO are also here to provide support. Please [reach out to us](#) if we can be of assistance during this difficult time.

Sincerely,

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