

## Q&A: Coronavirus and UT Study Abroad

### What is coronavirus?

According to the [UT Health Science Center website](#) and the [Centers for Disease Control and Prevention](#), COVID-19, the novel coronavirus causing the outbreak, is a virus that causes mild to severe respiratory illness with fever, cough and difficulty breathing.

### Did coronavirus close our study abroad program in Rome, Italy?

On Friday, Feb. 28, 2020, all UT study abroad programs in Italy in spring 2020 were suspended after the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention issued a warning against non-essential travel to Italy. Our college had 10 students studying in Rome, who were asked to immediately book flights home. UT is covering the costs of the return flights. All students have now returned to the U.S. or are in the process of returning. Many UT offices and our college are working quickly and thoughtfully to ensure the students' financial and academic needs are addressed.

### What is the status of the college's spring 2020 programs in other countries?

As of March 4, 2020, no other spring 2020 study abroad program in our college has been suspended.

### Will there be changes to study abroad programs this summer or fall?

This is a rapidly evolving situation, and we are actively working with the UT Center for Global Engagement and others to closely monitor recommendations from the CDC. Should UT cancel additional programs, we will quickly share the information via e-mail, *sketchbook*, website or other appropriate means. Read [more details](#) about coronavirus and UT study abroad programs.

### What else has UT done to monitor or take action?

UT is actively working to monitor the situation and has taken the following additional actions:

- Suspended spring and summer education abroad programs in China and South Korea
- Implemented CDC recommendations for screenings at the Student Health Center
- Updated international travel procedures
- Established a [coronavirus information page on the Student Health Center website](#)

### What else should I know about coronavirus?

UT has received no reports of coronavirus cases. To stay healthy, follow these [tips from the CDC](#). Do not share rumors. Use reliable resources like these to stay up to date:

- [UT Coronavirus Information Page](#)
- [Centers for Disease Control and Prevention](#)
- [UT Health Science Center](#)
- [UT Student Health Center](#)
- [UT Center for Global Engagement](#)

If you or other members of the UT family need to speak with someone about the situation, UT can help:

- 865-974-HELP (students)
- 865-946-CARE (faculty and staff)