



## Coronavirus (COVID-19) TRAVEL RESTRICTIONS AND ADVISORIES

### Overview

The spread of Coronavirus across the globe and in the United States is a growing public health concern. On the evening of Monday, March 2, 2020, Georgia's Governor Brian Kemp and other state officials confirmed Georgia's first two cases of COVID-19 in Fulton County.

You should know that the symptoms are similar to influenza and the common cold. However, in more serious cases, the virus has resulted in death. We encourage you to help prevent the spread of respiratory diseases like COVID-19 and the flu, by following federal and state guidelines from the [Centers for Disease Control and Prevention](#) and the [Georgia Department of Public Health](#).

### New Travel Policy

Effective Friday, March 6, 2020, all Morehouse School of Medicine (MSM)-sponsored travel to [Level 3 and 4 Travel Health Notice destinations](#)—including China, Iran, South Korea and Italy—is suspended until further notice. This includes participation in any form of study abroad that is organized, sponsored or supported by the MSM, any MSM-supported internship or practicum and any research or independent study undertaken by MSM faculty, students, and staff.

- Travel waivers are **required** for MSM students traveling to countries on [the U.S. Department of State Travel Advisory list](#), which includes China, Iran, South Korea and Italy.
- Given the COVID-19 outbreak and especially the fluidity of the situation, until further notice, MSM faculty, students, and staff must register all travel outside of the United States.
  - Please contact MSM Human Resources at (404) 752-1713 and email [dbritt@msm.edu](mailto:dbritt@msm.edu) to register your upcoming international travel.

**Waivers:** Request for waivers will be considered on a case-by-case basis by the MSM Office of Human Resources who will make a recommendation to the Vice President and Executive Vice Dean. The final decision on granting a waiver rests with Vice President and Executive Vice Dean.

### Without an official waiver:

- No MSM funds can be used to support any travel to China until further notice.
- MSM-sponsored travel insurance and emergency assistance will not be available.



### **Key Contacts:**

- MSM employees with questions about health, safety, or security before, during, or after overseas travel, call **MSM Human Resources at (404) 752-1713** and email [dbritt@msm.edu](mailto:dbritt@msm.edu).
- MSM Students with questions about health, call **Student Health and Wellness Center at (404) 756-1241** or the **MSM COVA-19 Hotline at (404) 756-1299**.
- In case of emergency or crisis that has occurred off campus, please call 911; for an emergency or crisis that has occurred on campus, call **MSM Public Safety at (404) 752-1794 or (404) 752-1795**.

### **Current travelers in Level 3 or 4 Travel Health Notice destinations:**

For any questions related to MSM community members currently in a Level 3 or 4 Travel Health Notice destination, please contact MSM Human Resources at (404) 752-1713 and email [dbritt@msm.edu](mailto:dbritt@msm.edu).

HR will require documentation of your travel dates and destination (e.g. flight itinerary confirmation) as well as a temperature log from a physician.

Please carefully weigh the risks and benefits of any other international travel, and review [CDC](#), [MSM](#) and <https://dph.georgia.gov/> information on COVID-19.

### **For more information, visit:**

- [Centers for Disease Control and Prevention \(CDC\): Level 3 – Avoid Nonessential Travel](#)
- [U.S. Department of State: Level 4 – Do Not Travel](#)
- [Georgia Department of Public Health](#)
- [MSM COVID-19 campus updates, resources and FAQs](#)