

Dear Students,

As you are likely aware, this week, the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) provided updated information and guidance about the novel coronavirus known as COVID-19. While the current risk to the general public both in Europe and in the U.S. is low, we want to be prepared for the potential of more widespread illness as the situation evolves rapidly.

University officials are meeting regularly to ensure that we have proper plans in place for all our students, including our campus in Tangier, Morocco, and our students who are studying abroad in other locations, should the COVID-19 threat increase or should one of our students become ill. We currently have no plans to bring students back to the U.S. from their Global Education programs. If student wish to return to the U.S., we will assist in making those arrangements including any academic arrangements.

If you do decide to travel during your time studying abroad, please pay close attention to travel alerts in the region you are visiting, and please be aware of the risks of being held in that country should it close its borders to avoid the spread of illness. You can find regularly updated information through the U.S. State Department and the CDC.

Regardless of where you are currently studying or traveling, we recommend common preventative measures to avoid the spread of illness, including the more common influenza virus and COVID-19:

- If you are ill, do not attend classes, work, or University events. You should stay home except when seeking medical care and should avoid contact with others.
- Cover your mouth or nose with a tissue or your shirtsleeves — not your hands — when coughing or sneezing.
- Wash your hands with soap and water for at least 20 seconds. Use an alcohol-based hand sanitizer if soap and water are not available.

If you need assistance or medical attention at any time, please contact your in-country program coordinator. If you have any questions, please reach out to me directly or Emily Dragon at her email address edragon@une.edu or at her phone number +1 (207) 602 2451.

Have a great semester and safe travels.

Sincerely,

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