



UNIVERSITY OF
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INTERIM POLICY – COVID-19 Travel

To promote the health, safety, and well-being of the UST community during the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic, this interim policy provides guidance on travel and is applicable to faculty, staff, and students. Each individual's personal health is of primary concern in implementing this policy.

International Travel:

University of St. Thomas is suspending university sponsored international travel for business or study through December 31, 2020. The appropriate Vice President must approve exceptions in advance. Employees and students who must travel outside the United States for significant personal reasons such as family illness or death must inform their manager (employees) or Dean of Students (students) prior to leaving. .

Domestic Travel:

University of St. Thomas is prohibiting all non-essential university-related domestic travel through December 31, 2020. Essential trips should be reviewed with your supervisor, coordinated through the Office of Emergency Operations, and should not be scheduled prior to approval by the appropriate Vice President.

Personal Travel:

Students and employees are encouraged to avoid personal travel to countries with a CDC Level 2 or 3 Travel Health Notice related to COVID-19. Although the University cannot prohibit personal travel, University community members should be aware their personal travel could affect their ability to return to the University campus.

Arriving on Campus after Travel:

Employees and students who have traveled for any reason to countries with a CDC Level 2 or Level 3 Travel Health Notice related to COVID-19 (instituted before their departure or during their stay) will not be allowed to return to any part of the University campus, including locations other than the main campus, for 14 calendar days after leaving the aforementioned countries. Although the University will do what it can to be supportive, to reduce health risks to the entire community, these restrictions will be enforced. Students or employees who do not comply with these restrictions may face disciplinary action.

Once the student or employee has returned from travel outside the US, they must reach out to Office of Emergency Operations (UST PD) before returning to campus

14- Day Restriction from the University Campus:

Refer to the Interim Policy- Use of Accrued Sick Day Related to COVID-19 Illness

Those in Close Contact with Individuals who have traveled from Higher Risk Areas:

Individuals who have been in close contact with travelers who, in the last 14 calendar days, were in countries with CDC Level 2 or Level 3 Travel Health Alerts for COVID-19 are encouraged to contact healthycelt@stthom.edu. Additional guidance may be provided following a risk assessment.

Safety Guidelines:

Those traveling are expected to maintain appropriate safety measures including washing hands frequently, wearing cloth or disposable face coverings, and maintaining social distancing.

Effective: July 27, 2020*

*At the sole discretion of the University of St. Thomas and without notice, this interim policy may be altered in substance or application.