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PHSU Students

TEMPORARY TRAVEL POLICY- CORONAVIRUS

Given the worldwide situation of the spread of the COVID-19 virus (Coronavirus) and avoiding the possibility of further dissemination of the virus, we have made the determination to continue with the prohibition of official national (within the United States) and international travel to the students of all our programs. This temporary policy also includes international students and visiting students.

This prohibition applies to travel related to the academic program that includes attending academic and scientific conferences, elective or required rotations, or others. This decision took effect on march $10^{\rm th}$, 2020 and will continue in effect until further notice.

In addition, all students taking a personal trip, or of any kind, whether within the United States or internationally, are required to notify the Office of Student Success, the country / state and city where they travel and the dates of travel to request travel authorization.

All students, faculty and staff must be in accordance with all travel restrictions or special accommodations regarding travel outside of Puerto Rico. Those who travel to Puerto Rico are subject to all local laws or ordinances set forth by the Office of the Governor's Executive Order.

Authorized students, including students returning from authorized rotations outside of Puerto Rico, after returning from said trip, will remain in a quarantine for a period for 10 consecutive days in their house and have a PCR Covid-19 test done 5 days after their return. They can continue studying remotely but may not enter campus until they complete their mandatory quarantine (10 days) and show evidence of negative PCR test to the Student Affairs' Student Health Office. During this quarantine, if the academic program allows it, and the student had been authorized, he may coordinate with the dean of his program, a study program to be carried out from home. If the nature of the academic experience does not allow working from home, the dean / director of your program will determine how to proceed.

Students who did not informed PHSU prior to traveling will not receive academic excuses and will be in non-compliance of the Professional and Ethical Behavior Policy.

These determinations are effective immediately, from the date of this communication until further notice.

These decisions are intended to protect students, employees, and the university community.

Cordially,

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Chancellor