TO: Boston University Students, Faculty, and Staff

FROM: Jean Morrison, University Provost and Chief Academic Officer
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SUBJECT: Message to the BU Community Regarding Travel to China

In response to the US Department of State and Centers for Disease Control warnings on travel to China due to the coronavirus (COVID-19) outbreak, Boston University is discouraging all University-sponsored travel to China for members of the BU community, including faculty, staff and students, between now and the end of the spring 2020 academic term (May 9, 2020). The situation in China is being closely monitored by the Global Programs Health Safety and Security team, and any changes to the current travel guidance will be communicated.

Any BU-sponsored travel to China during this period should be assessed and reviewed by the University’s Global Travel Risk Assessment Committee (GTRAC). Travelers should write to globalhss@bu.edu with details of the proposed travel. For more information on travel risk and restrictions, please refer to the International Travel Risk Policy. For additional resources concerning international travel, such as insurance, please see the International Travel Support site.

For the many BU community members with family and loved ones facing this health crisis in China and in other areas, we know this is a very challenging time. Our hearts as a community are with you, as is our support through a variety of campus resources, including the Office of the Dean of Students, Student Health Services, and Occupational Health. We hope you will reach out to our faculty and staff if you have particular needs or questions that arise.

In the meantime, if you have any questions regarding BU's current travel policy, we ask that you please contact the Global Programs Health Safety and Security Team: Joe Finkhouse, Associate Director, Health, Safety, and Security (finkhous@bu.edu) and Sarah Vankirk, Health, Safety, and Security Analyst (svankirk@bu.edu).