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TO: Boston University Faculty, Staff, Students and Visiting Scholars

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SUBJECT: Policy for Individuals Returning or Arriving From Abroad

Boston University is closely monitoring the global spread of COVID-19. As such, we are writing to inform you of the policy regarding faculty, staff, students and visiting scholars who are returning after traveling abroad or who are arriving from abroad.

If you are arriving in the United States from the countries identified by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention as [Level 2 and Level 3 countries \(to date, these are Japan, China, South Korea, Italy and Iran\)](#), the University requires that you: 1) **do not return to campus**, and 2) **self-quarantine for 14 days** from your date of return to the United States, even if you do not feel ill. Self-quarantine means that you return to your **permanent residence**. For students who live on-campus, this means that you do not return to your dorm on-campus, but that you return to your home. If you are a student who lives off-campus and you have returned to Boston, you should self-quarantine at your off-campus residence. If you are a student and are unable to return to your permanent residence, please contact Student Health Services for assistance. For all, self-quarantine means that you do not attend class, work, or group gatherings, or have visitors into your home.

Staff who are self-quarantined and not able to work from home should report these absences as sick time. Staff may contact the Human Resources Service Center (617-353-2380) with any questions.

At both the beginning and the end of the period of self-quarantine, students must contact Student Health Services through <http://www.bu.edu/shs/coronavirus/>. Faculty and staff must call BU Occupational Health at 617-353-6630 at both the beginning and end of the period of self-quarantine.

This continues to be a dynamic situation, and when requirements change, the University will provide updates to keep you informed. We encourage all faculty and supervisors to be understanding and flexible in finding ways for any impacted students, staff, and faculty to meet their course and work requirements while in self-quarantine.

Cc: Robert A. Brown, President