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Due to the expanding threat of Coronavirus Disease 2019 (COVID-19), and in adherence with [advisories issued by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention \(CDC\)](#) and the [Alabama Department of Public Health \(ADPH\)](#), UWA will cancel all upcoming international travel. No additional international travel arrangements will be approved until further notice.

Permissible UWA authorized travel within the U.S. will be approved on a case-by-case basis, primarily based upon three factors: 1) mode of travel, 2) destination, and 3) reason for travel. In these cases, decisions will be based on information according to the CDC and ADPH. UWA will follow the guidelines set forth by these agencies with the goal of protecting the health and safety of the entire University community.

As Spring Break approaches (March 23-27), every person is encouraged to follow all guidance set forth by CDC and ADPH, including any travel or interactions that may lead to the spread of COVID-19. If you recently traveled internationally to one of these [affected geographic areas](#) within the last 14 days, please visit [COVID-19 Resources for Travelers](#).

As is typical with this type of health-related situation, many reports from non-credible sources, particularly social media, surface and tend to spread quickly, which leads to misinformation and panic. Every person is urged to use discretion when reading news and reports related to the virus, relying on agencies like ADPH and CDC for the most accurate information. It is imperative to know that even though our health risk and exposure to COVID-19 is considered low, everyone should wash their hands for at least 20 seconds, cover their mouth when coughing, and use hand sanitizers with at least 60% alcohol or above. [Learn more about COVID-19](#)

Students, faculty, and staff who experience flu or flu-like symptoms should contact a healthcare provider immediately. Explain your symptoms and recent travel history to your medical care provider. For those with limited access to their current or preferred healthcare professional, UWA partners with Rush Medical Group of Livingston for basic health care services. Additional information on Rush Medical Group's services for the UWA community is available at <https://www.uwa.edu/campuslife/healthandsafety/rushmedicalgroup>.

Please know that UWA is working closely with local and state health departments to ensure the health and safety of all our students and staff. More in-depth guidance and up-to-date information will be forthcoming. Please monitor your UWA email and website closely.



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