Do I need to return to Pittsburgh if my program abroad moves online?

Carnegie Mellon students should consult with their Study Abroad Advisor in OIE to review the specific details of the situation if their program abroad moves to online coursework. There may be academic and immigration implications for that type of program change. Per our normal protocols, should a U.S. State Department Travel advisory increase to Level 3 or 4 or should the CDC institute an elevated Travel Health Notice in the location where a student is studying, we would work with students in those locations, as well as with the study abroad program provider, to identify alternate plans.

How does CMU’s move to online classes affect my program abroad?

We are not seeking to ask Carnegie Mellon students to leave programs that are operating in locations where there is no CDC Travel Health Notice. Per our normal protocols, should a U.S. State Department Travel advisory increase to Level 3 or 4 or should the CDC institute an elevated Travel Health Notice, we would work with students in those locations, as well as with the study abroad program provider, to identify alternate plans.

We have been working with impacted students in study abroad programs in countries that are on the CDC Level 3 Travel Health Notice to identify alternative plans, as programs that were operating there have closed, or are closing, or are changing mode of instruction. We’re also working with students in CDC Level 1 and Level 2 locations to identify alternative plans in anticipation of a need for students to transition to another location.
Students who have questions or concerns should contact their CMU Study Abroad Advisor.

**How do I change my flights if I need to return home?**

If you purchased your ticket, contact your airline and request a flight change. If you booked your ticket through your program provider, work directly with your program provider to make itinerary changes.

**I do not want to come home; may I remain abroad?**

We are not seeking to ask Carnegie Mellon students to leave programs that are operating in locations where there is no CDC Travel Health Notice. We do not recommend students travel to countries with a U.S. State Department Travel advisory Level 3 or 4 or a Level 3 CDC Travel Health Notice. If a student is in a country whose travel advisory changes while they are there, we will work with the student/program to assess the situation and identify alternate plans. Students need to carefully consider a range of issues including academic program offerings and support, housing, health care, visa/immigration issues and insurance. Students in this situation are advised to work closely with their study abroad program/institution and their CMU Study Abroad Advisor.