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To: CEOs, Texas A&M University System

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SUBJECT: Further Guidance Related to COVID-19

Texas A&M University will be announcing shortly further limitations on University-sponsored foreign travel beginning next Monday, March 16.

After consultation, we believe the same restrictions should apply to all System members, including both universities and agencies. The following guidance has been developed to help you implement this change.

International Travel: All university and agency-sponsored travel outside of the United States should be halted between March 16, 2020 – May 1, 2020, with limited exceptions. The previous guidance only applied to CDC-designated Levels 1-3 countries. This applies generally to all foreign travel.

Students, faculty and staff currently traveling abroad may continue to follow the same guidelines issued on March 3. Given the fluid nature of the situation, additional decisions about travel beyond May 1 may be forthcoming in the weeks to come.

Any mission-critical or health-critical exceptions must be approved in advance by senior administrators. Additionally, please strongly encourage faculty, staff and students to refrain from all international travel during this time.

Once classes resume after Spring Break, a few students may be required to be in self-isolation. You are encouraged to work with those students to find virtual or online options to accommodate their ability to stay up with their classes.

Thank you for your assistance in this matter. Likely other guidance will be forthcoming as the situation evolves.