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Dear Bentley students abroad,

President Trump announced this evening March 11, 2020 that he has signed a Presidential Proclamation that puts travel restrictions on passengers from Europe to the US, which according to the [Department of Homeland Security](#), **suspends the entry of most foreign nationals** who have been in certain European countries at any point during the 14 days prior to their scheduled arrival to the United States.

We are gathering facts on this developing news tonight. While this is clearly a strict measure, early clarifications from Homeland Security are revealing this should not prove to be the all-encompassing suspension on travel portrayed in the President's speech tonight. **US citizens, US permanent residents, and immediate family members of US citizens should not be denied entry to the US.**

However, recognizing that many of you are already considering return travel in the very near future, we want to call your attention to a statement from the DHS acting Secretary which includes the following: "In the next 48 hours, in the interest of public health, I intend to issue a supplemental Notice of Arrivals Restriction **requiring U.S. passengers that have been in the Schengen Area to travel through select airports where the U.S. Government has implemented enhanced screening procedures.**" The Schengen Area is a group of 26 European countries with a common visa policy.

We are gathering facts as quickly as possible so that we can provide more guidance to you and your families. If you need to speak with us prior to 8:30am Eastern time on Thursday March 12, University Police is available 24/7 at 781-891-3131 and can reach International Education staff. We appreciate your patience as we navigate this difficult and rapidly changing situation. The health and safety of our students is Bentley's top priority.

Sincerely,

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