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### ATTENTION BENTLEY STUDENTS ABROAD IN AUSTRALIA, ARGENTINA, MOROCCO, SINGAPORE

Late on March 11, The Centers for Disease Control (CDC) updated their <u>travel notice for Europe</u>, increasing to warning level 3 "avoid all non-essential travel" for many European countries. As of this writing, your host country has not be elevated to a level 3 travel warning. However, due to the fluid nature of the situation, **Bentley University recommends that you consider a contingency plan in the event that circumstances change.** It is our assessment that it would not be prudent to require your departure if you and your family agree that you can complete your semester at your host institution.

For those of you who may consider returning home early, we will support you. We recommend that you communicate with your host institution, your study abroad advisor and your family to weigh your options. We are committed to working with your host institutions to determine specifics of what is possible for your academic continuity. We will continue to take these steps whether you return home immediately or not.

#### **Student Support over the Weekend**

Contact your program's onsite staff, local emergency contact, int'l insurance hotline, or Bentley University Police at +1.781.891.3131 whose dispatchers can reach the Cronin Office of International Education team. The International Education team is on standby to advise students throughout the weekend if you will have not yet departed.

#### **Show Solidarity**

Keep in mind that people of all nations will continue to work together to slow the impact of Coronavirus. Please show compassion and support from Bentley and the US as your hosts continue to deal with the challenges of COVID-19 in their communities. Help us thank them for their hospitality.

Please know that we are here to support you in cooperation with study abroad partners and affiliates, and we will continue to make every effort to support your academic continuation. We appreciate your patience, adaptability, and flexibility in these unprecedented times. As always, the health and safety of Bentley students is our top priority. Bentley updates for study abroad students will continue to be posted here <a href="https://www.bentley.edu/coronavirus">https://www.bentley.edu/coronavirus</a>, and you can find FAQs for all Bentley students here <a href="https://www.bentley.edu/news/covid-19-faqs-students">https://www.bentley.edu/news/covid-19-faqs-students</a>.

Sincerely,

### Natalie and the International Education Team

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