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ATTENTION BENTLEY STUDENTS ABROAD ON SEMESTER AT SEA

Late on March 11, The Centers for Disease Control (CDC) updated their [travel notice for Europe](#), increasing to warning level 3 “avoid all non-essential travel” for Europe. As of this writing, South Africa has not been elevated to a CDC Level 3 Warning, but the US State Department has issued a [Global Health Advisory](#) for all countries. As such, Bentley is supporting Semester at Sea’s decision and **STRONGLY ADVISING** all students to immediately return to your permanent home at the end of the Semester at Sea program.

Travel Plans

Once you have secured a departure, please report your departure date, departure city, arrival date and arrival city to Katie Shields kshields@bentley.edu. Monitor the [Department of Homeland Security](#), to ensure you have the most up to date information regarding President Trump’s March 11 Presidential Proclamation as you prepare to travel. All travelers returning to the United States from a country with a level 2 or 3 warning designation by the CDC may be subject to additional screening measures upon entry to the United States.

Academic Continuation

Follow guidance provided by your individual study abroad program regarding continuing your coursework online through Colorado State University. Save all coursework to date and save all contact information of your professors.

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

As you prepare to depart, 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 <https://www.bentley.edu/coronavirus> and you can find FAQs for all Bentley students here <https://www.bentley.edu/news/covid-19-faqs-students>

Sincerely,

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